

STREET RESTORATION WORK SESSION

DECEMBER 4, 2007

A Work Session Meeting of the Arcadia City Council was held on December 4, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. in the Margaret Way Building at 23 North Polk Avenue. Council members attending were Goodman, Fazzone, Heine, Johnson, and Dixon. Also in attendance were Administrator Strube, Attorney Holloman, and Recorder Baumann.

Mayor Goodman called the work session to order and stated that the purpose of the meeting is to review the proposed Street Restoration Plan for Year 2007-2008.

Administrator Strube addressed the Council to review the proposed street restoration plan noting that the roads on the list represent the ones which are most ready for reconstruction or overlay. Some of the streets on the current list will require additional work on the water/sewer lines before paving can begin. It was noted that over the last twenty (20) years the streets that were re-paved were the ones needing the least amount of work either on the surface or underneath with the utility lines. The cost to repair the storm drains is very expensive and ten (10) years ago the Orange Avenue Storm Drain Project cost \$400,000.00 which was funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

At the last Council meeting the Council specifically requested that Monroe Avenue be considered for repair work. A major storm drain runs under Monroe Avenue and currently the area has drainage problems with heavy rains. There is the possibility that the drainage could be diverted to go south and meet up on Pine Street. Administrator Strube stated that he is attempting to get the TV video contractor to scope out the storm drain and he should have a better idea what will need to be done within the next couple of weeks. If there is no problem with the storm drain then it would be a much easier job to re-surface Monroe Avenue, if not then the City may want to seek grant funds. Administrator Strube noted that CDBG Funds could be requested to do storm drainage as was the case with Orange Avenue; however the down side is that it diverts funds from housing to infrastructure. It was noted that the current cost for a new home is about \$100,000.00 and that the City usually qualifies for \$700,000.00 so it would mean that 8-10 new homes would not be built.

Johnson asked Administrator Strube if he was able to find out anything about the rail road crossing to which he replied that the crossing belongs to the rail road company who grants the City an easement at the company's pleasure. Although they might not object to the paving over of the tracks, they would not say that they might not want to re-open them in the future. Administrator Strube recommends that the paving be smoothed out and leave the tracks open to be use by the rail road company.

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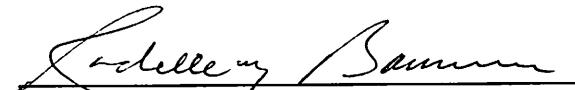
Administrator Strube then review the packet noting that the first page shows streets that need TV video work and the second page is a list of streets recommended for restoration. The City will need to go out for bid; however we must make sure that everything is biddable. It is very important to put as many streets into the bid as possible in order to get a better price from the contractor. Until the underground issues are known and taken care of no bids will be taken, it is estimated that this would be two (2) to three (3) months.

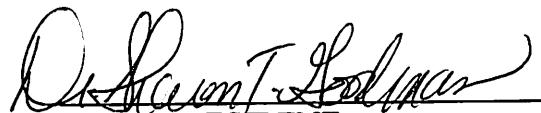
Dixon wants to move forward with the list as presented; however he would like to see South Monroe Avenue worked on if the underground pipes are ok.

Administrator Strube noted that the oldest and deepest underground pipes are what are left to repair or replace. He then stated that infrastructure is the largest expense that society has never put aside the funds for replacement, now the City must replace not fifty (50) year old pipes but one hundred (100) year old pipes with current dollars and bringing them up to current codes.

Administrator Strube stated that the City puts aside about \$100,000.00 each year in order to build up enough funds to do a road program noting that there is about \$300,000.00 currently available to work with. He then noted that the City did receive \$1,000,000.00 from the State and FEMA which has helped to pay for much of the needed underground repairs which is now allowing the City to pave more streets than we could have.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.


CITY RECORDER


PRESIDENT