

## **Adopted Minutes Special Council Meeting January 10, 2006**

Mayor Johnson called a Special Meeting of the Plymouth City Council to order at 5:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 2, of the Plymouth Creek Center, 14800 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, on January 10, 2006.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Councilmembers Hewitt, Slavik, Stein, Willis, Bildsoe (6:40 p.m.), and Black.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ahrens, Finance Director Hahn, Financial Analyst Kohn, Public Works Director Cote, and City Clerk Paulson.

### **Street Reconstruction Assessment Policy**

Financial Analyst Kohn discussed the current Street Reconstruction Assessment Policy that would be assessing 40% of the construction costs. In order to phase this in, the policy was amended to increase the assessments from the previous rate of 30% of project costs, to 35% in 2006, and 40% in 2007. While these assessment changes were taking place, staff went through its annual process of selecting and prioritizing street reconstruction projects. These prioritizations were based upon the analysis of condition by City staff and in some cases by petitions of residents in particular neighborhoods. He noted that in June 2004, staff received a petition signed by approximately 70% of the residents in the Hawthorne Ponds neighborhood requesting that their streets be reconstructed in 2005. Since other projects located in different areas of the City were already programmed into the 2004-2008 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for 2005 and 2006, and Hawthorne Ponds is immediately adjacent to the area scheduled for 2007, the Hawthorne Ponds project was included in the 2005-2009 CIP for 2007. Some residents of the Hawthorne Ponds area feel strongly that their street reconstruction project should have been included in 2005 or 2006. In addition, they also feel that even if their project is completed at a later date, they should be given the benefit of the assessment rates that were in effect for 2005. This would require an exemption from the newly adopted Street Reconstruction Assessment Policy and would impact the City's ability to fund its street reconstruction activities.

Public Works Director Cote stated the streets that are programmed for reconstruction in 2006 are rated just as high as the Hawthorne Ponds area. Financial Analyst Kohn added the goal is to reconstruct the streets based on the street ratings. He explained how the staff rates the streets, and he added that the condition of the infrastructure underneath the streets is also reviewed.

The Council noted that the petition process becomes problematic for the City at times as neighborhoods have certain expectations that their streets would be reconstructed in the near future. Just because a petition is submitted doesn't guarantee a project during a certain year or moving a project ahead of other scheduled projects.

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The Council stated that at no time did staff or the Council communicate to the Hawthorne Ponds neighborhood what the percentage amount they would be paying in assessments.

The Council noted that if they received additional State aid funds in 2006, they would prefer to allocate those funds to reconstructing additional roads versus providing assessment relief on the policy.

Motion was made by Councilmember Stein, and seconded by Councilmember Willis to leave the Street Reconstruction Policy as it currently is. With all members voting in favor, the motion carried.

**Council Coordinating Representatives**

The Council discussed the Council Coordinating Representatives for 2006 and noted that these appointments would be made at the Regular meeting following this meeting. In addition, it was noted that Councilmember Slavik would be appointed as the Deputy Mayor for 2006.

**Future Study Sessions**

Motion was made by Councilmember Bildsoe, and seconded by Councilmember Slavik, to schedule a Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission on the Land Use Plan for Northwest Plymouth on March 9 at 7:00 p.m. In addition, the Council would conduct a meeting on the same subject on March 21 at 7:00 p.m. With all members voting in favor, the motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:58 p.m.

  
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Sandra R. Paulson, City Clerk