

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
TWIN OAKS CITY HALL
CITY OF TWIN OAKS BOARD OF ALDERMEN
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021**

The Work Session was called to order by Mayor Fortune at 6:15 p.m. pursuant to public notice and agenda. Roll Call was taken:

Mayor Russ Fortune-yea

Aldermen Lisa Eisenhauer –yea
 Tim Stoeckl-yea
 April Milne – yea
 Dennis Whitmore – yea

Also Present: Frank Johnson, City Clerk
 Paul Rost, Attorney
 Tiffany Campbell, BFA Engineering

SIDEWALK PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

Tiffany Campbell of BFA Engineering reviewed existing sidewalk projects the City has considered within the last few years. The first project was presented in 2012 laid out a potential trail system within the City. The trails would have created a connection between the two ends of the City. This plan also addressed a larger stormwater issue within the City as well.

The second plan, developed in 2015, sketched a route along Boly Lane and Autumn Leaf from Big Bend to Birnamwood Trails. In 2019, the Board considered a third plan with a reduced scope that would have involved widening the Boly Lane entrance and put a sidewalk along the west side of Boly Lane.

In 2020, Weiss Engineering developed a sidewalk plan which ran along the north side of Crescent Avenue from Crescent Road to Meramec Station Road. This was developed as part of a Grant application which was submitted, however the City did not receive any funds from this application.

Alderman Stoeckl asked if these plans had been tabled to be addressed in the future. Mayor Fortune stated that the idea was to develop a Master Plan for the City to make the City more walkable. The cost of the Master Plan is out of reach for the City. Mayor Fortune continued stating that he has been in contact with State Representative Trish Gunby and she is looking into any monies which may be available at the State level for Public Safety. He also has been in contact with Councilman Tim Fitch to see if there are

any funds at the County level. Mayor Fortune stated that the goal is to do something within the City's reach.

Alderman Stoeckl brought up the safety of Robert Hartzog Lane which is the road that leads to the Park off Crescent Avenue. He stated that several years ago the Board had discussed adding a sidewalk along the east side of the road so that Mothers with small children and strollers would have a level of safety while unloading their children from the car. Alderman Stoeckl feels that if the Board is concerned with the safety along Crescent Avenue they also need to be concerned with the safety of families parking along Robert Hartzog Lane.

Discussion ensued. Denise Deckert, a resident of Golden Oak Ct. who will have the proposed sidewalk running along the side of her house, asked why the Board did not proceed with any of these other projects. Mayor Fortune stated that money was an issue. The City had several other Capital projects that needed to be addressed, the lake dredging in the Park being the most costly and took a large chunk of the City's money. Ms. Deckert asked if other projects are being put aside at this time for the Crescent Avenue sidewalk project. Mayor Fortune stated that other projects are not being put aside.

Alderman Milne stated that the Crescent Avenue project was prioritized to address a safety concern. She further stated that no improvements had been made in this area and the Board felt that this would be a project that would address the safety concern along Crescent Avenue.

Ms. Campbell reviewed the natural water flow on Crescent Avenue. The stormwater repairs that will be made during the construction of the sidewalks will address this issue in front of 90 Crescent Avenue. The corrections will direct the water onto Crescent Road and it will flow down to the storm drain.

Alderman Milne asked the Board if they felt that one of these projects took priority over the Crescent Avenue sidewalk. Alderman Whitmore stated that both the Crescent Avenue sidewalk and the sidewalk along Robert Hartzog Lane address safety concerns. He felt that the Board could incorporate the two projects together and possibly begin with the sidewalk along Robert Hartzog Lane first since the preliminary estimate on this project was \$60,000. This would give more time to put funds away for the Crescent Avenue project.

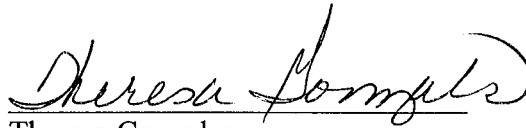
Mayor Fortune stated that he would like to see any monies left at the end of 2021 from the Capital Projects budget be put into the "sinking fund". The Board was in agreement.

Ms. Deckert stated that she is not happy that the Board will be going ahead with the Crescent Avenue project. She stated that two of the three residents affected by the

sidewalk are not in favor of the project. She feels that the residents did not have a say in the decision.

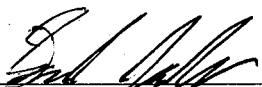
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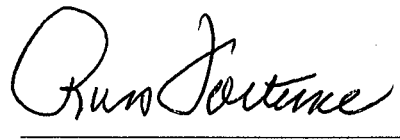
Alderman Milne motioned to adjourn the Work Session Meeting at 6:58 p.m., seconded by Alderman Eisenhower and motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board of those present.

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Date of Approval: 5-19-2021

ATTEST:


Frank Johnson,
City Clerk


Russ Fortune,
Mayor, Board of Aldermen