

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
TWIN OAKS CITY HALL
CITY OF TWIN OAKS BOARD OF ALDERMEN
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021**

The Work Session was called to order by Mayor Russ Fortune at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to public notice and agenda. Roll Call was taken:

Mayor Russ Fortune-yea

Aldermen Lisa Eisenhower –absent
Tim Stoeckl-yea
April Milne – yea
Dennis Whitmore – yea

Also Present: Paul Rost, City Attorney
Jeff Blume, Financial Consultant via Zoom

CRESCENT AVENUE SIDEWALK PROJECT

City Clerk/Administrator Johnson reviewed the cost estimate provided by Tiffany Campbell of BFA Engineering for the curb less option for the Crescent Avenue Sidewalk project requested by the Board. Eliminating the curbing did not drastically reduce the cost of the project. The cost estimate was reduced by approximately \$19,000.00. Discussion ensued by the Board including the cost savings if the utility companies would move the utilities. Contingency and inflation costs will still need to be estimated in the final cost of the project.

Stormwater is still an issue which will need to be dealt with. Attorney Rost stated that whatever version of the project the City would go with, BFA will need to sign off on the stormwater portion or the project that indeed it has been addressed/corrected.

The cost savings of the revised sidewalk project without curbs will be eaten up by additional work by BFA for development of new plans.

Alderman Milne had learned that Valley Park had recently received a Grant from East/West Gateway. Her concern was this could have an impact on the City partnering with Valley Park on a possible Grant application for the sidewalk along Crescent Avenue.

Mayor Fortune had a phone conversation with Councilman Tim Fitch of St. Louis County concerning the proposed sidewalk project. Councilman Fitch was aware of the City's previous Grant application to East/West Gateway. They talk about any grants that may

be available for the City regarding roads and sidewalks. Councilman Fitch will keep this in mind and be in touch with the Mayor.

Mayor Fortune also spoke with Rose LaGrand, Deputy City Clerk at Valley Park about partnering on a sidewalk project. She was open to the idea, however she cannot speak for the Board.

Mayor Fortune stated that contained in the revised BFA plans are still all the grading, retaining walls, etc. Eliminating the curbing did not reduce the cost significantly. City Clerk/Administrator Johnson stated that all of these are needed since the sidewalk is not being constructed on a flat surface.

Mayor Fortune then proposed to the Board that this project will still have unexpected cost that arise, how will the City pay for this project. He does not see any path where the City can pay for this project.

Jeff Blume, Financial Consultant, proposed an option to contact Enterprise Bank and refinance the loan on City Hall now. This would also provide an idea of where Enterprise Bank is on the City's financial situation. Mr. Blume stated that the loan cost the City is paying combined with the money being put away in the sinking fund for the balloon payment is considered a Capital expenditure. This is why the City does not have as much available funds for large Capital projects at this time.

Alderman Stoeckl stated that no matter what the decision on the sidewalk, at some point the condition of Crescent Avenue will need to be addressed. City Clerk/Administrator Johnson stated when the City begins looking into improving the condition of Crescent Avenue, putting in a sidewalk would not as large or costly of a project as it is now.

Aldermen Milne asked if the City postpones the sidewalk project how the City will address the safety issue. Discussion ensued. In the previous sidewalk grant proposal regarding Public Safety, the data did not indicate that there is a safety concern on Crescent Avenue.

Mayor Fortune does not feel that it is wise to tax the City's budget to do a project that is not a complete project. The City does have other maintenance projects which need to be addressed.

2022 BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

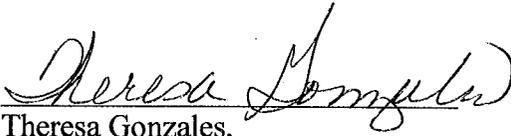
City Clerk/Administrator Johnson asked the Board what projects they would like to be addressed in 2022. Mr. Blume makes an estimate of what the City's income will be. He looks at the City's expenses and this will dictate what the Capital budget will be.

John Williams, Public Works Director, has provided a list of projects he feels will need to be addressed, some sooner than later. Mayor Fortune would like to see some money earmarked for Public Safety. Discussion ensued by the Board on the various projects.

City Clerk/Administrator Johnson will revise the list of potential projects before the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Stoeckl motioned to adjourn the Work Session Meeting at 7:01 p.m., seconded by Alderman Whitmore and motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board of those present.

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Date of Approval: 10-20-2021

ATTEST:


Frank Johnson,
City Clerk


Russ Fortune,
Mayor, Board of Aldermen