

REGULAR MEETING COTTAGE GROVE CITY COUNCIL

April 5, 2006

OPEN FORUM

At 7:15 p.m., Mayor Shiely announced that persons may address the City Council on subjects not on the regular meeting agenda but shall limit remarks to no more than two minutes. In that no one signed in or stepped forward to speak during open forum, Mayor Shiely stated that the regular meeting would officially be called to order at 7:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Cottage Grove, Washington County, Minnesota, held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2006, at the Cottage Grove City Hall, 7516 80th Street South. Mayor Shiely called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Sandy Shiely
Council Member Myron Bailey
Council Member Karla Bigham
Council Member Mark Grossklaus
Council Member Pat Rice

Also Present: Ryan Schroeder, City Administrator
Ron Hedberg, Finance and Administrative Services Director
Howard Blin, Community Development Director
Jennifer Levitt, City Engineer
Michael Zurbey, Acting Public Safety Director
Les Burshten, Public Works Director
Corrine Thomson, City Attorney

Mayor Shiely presided over the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION BY RICE, SECONDED BY BIGHAM, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Eagle Scout Awards – Jacob Erickson-Troop 83 and Luke Lenartz-Troop 237

Mayor Shiely stated that the City Council is pleased to have the opportunity to present Eagle Scout Awards to two Scouts, Jacob Erickson, and Luke Lenartz.

Mayor Shiely asked Jacob Erickson to come forward to accept his award. She congratulated him on his achievement noting that this is in recognition of the work he has done to become an Eagle Scout. She read the plaque aloud and presented Mr. Erickson with his award stating that the City is very proud of him and his achievements.

Jacob Erickson reviewed his project with Council stating that he was involved in creating a walking path for students that included landscaping of the area. He explained that when the school, Park Senior High School, received a new field house two years ago a large majority of the student body lost their access to the east side of building and students began to cut corners, which caused problems with the landscaping. He stated that he worked with local businesses to obtain the materials needed for the path and landscaping to create a walking path for the students. He thanked Council for their time and support.

Mayor Shiely asked Luke Lenartz to come forward to accept his award. She congratulated him on his achievement noting that this award is in recognition of the work he has done to become an Eagle Scout. She read the plaque aloud and presented Mr. Lenartz with his award stating that the City is very proud of him and his achievements.

Luke Lenartz reviewed his project with Council stating that he was involved with the installation of six culverts along a hiking trail in Afton State Park. He explained that the project involved replacing the older culverts with new ones that would allow trucks to drive over them and help with the flow of water. He thanked Council for their time and support.

B. Presentation by Bruce Anderson – River Oaks Golf Course

Bruce Anderson, River Oaks Golf Course, provided Council with an update of the 2006 activities at the River Oaks Golf Course. He stated that they recently launched a new website for the golf course and provided Council with an overview of the information available on the website. He stated that the golf course opened on Saturday, April 1, 2006, and as a part of the opening, an email was sent to all members announcing the new website. He stated that they have a great new giveaway idea for this year noting that they plan to award a free golf tournament for up to 40 players noting that this would be a great opportunity for a fundraiser, to entertain employees or friends. He provided the Council with an overview of the event stating that interested parties could register at the Clubhouse or on the website. He stated that so far they have had a tremendous response noting that one of their goals this year is to create a database that would include all members and interested parties. He reviewed the programs available to members and non-members and the events for this year with Council. He encouraged everyone to come out this season to enjoy the golf course.

C. Presentation by City Engineer Jennifer Levitt – BNSF Bridge-103rd Street

City Engineer Levitt stated that Council reviewed two options related to the BNSF Railroad Bridge over 103rd Street at the March 15, 2006 City Council meeting and at that time Council requested additional information to help them make a final decision regarding replacement options. She explained that the BNSF Railroad Bridge has met its' useful life and should be modified. She provided Council with an overview of the location from the east and west noting that clearance is low. She reviewed the recommended options and costs to consider with Council.

Mayor Shiely asked for further clarification of the ponds included on the renderings. City Engineer Levitt explained that the renderings show where a regional pond could eventually be located noting that this is the lowest lying area in this vicinity. She clarified that the ponds are not part of the projected costs for this project.

City Engineer Levitt stated that Staff has also discussed the possibilities of extending 95th Street and the crossings between 95th Street and 103rd. She explained that they explored three options for extending 95th adding that Staff developed this option based on feedback received from residents in the area. She reviewed the area with Council noting that a rendering of what the bridge crossing would look like was included in their packet for review. She indicated that the 95th Street extension would incur a number of costs including sanitary sewer, water main, storm sewer, street improvements, traffic signals, streetlights, trails, and the bridge, for a total project cost of approximately \$6 million dollars. She noted that the breakdown for developer costs or the projected costs from other communities has not been included at this time. She indicated that funding options include possible Federal funding from SAFETEA-LU, MSA State-Aid system or the Chapter 429 process. She stated that Staff plans to review the possibilities for assessments that would be similar to what was considered for the roundabout. She stated that this would be brought before the Public Works Commission and the Public Safety, Health and Welfare Commission for their review prior to the April 19th City Council meeting.

Council Member Bigham stated that she would like a clear breakdown of the financing for both options in addition to project timelines.

Mayor Shiely asked why the 103rd Street Bridge and the 95th Street Bridge have to be considered together. City Engineer Levitt explained that this is to help Council understand the issues for both bridges noting that both bridges have problems that should be addressed.

Mayor Shiely asked Council if they felt the need to have a discussion around whether they believe there is a need for an extension of the 95th Street Bridge. She stated that she wants to have this discussion at some point noting that the question in her mind every time the Council has discussed this and reviewed the budget numbers is how it would benefit the City of Cottage Grove.

Council Member Bailey stated that Staff should find out what the City of St. Paul Park is planning for this area. He referenced the connections to Grey Cloud Trail noting that Council is being asked to consider something that is for next year, adding that he is concerned since they don't even know yet if 95th Street would be extended. He stated that he would prefer to wait until they have an idea as to what the City of St. Paul Park is planning. He stated that he would also like to know what their financial participation would be and where their road extensions would be. He suggested considering Option 2, which would remove the S-curve for 103rd Street.

Council Member Grossklaus stated that he would not support using any tax dollars for the bridge adding that he does not see any benefit to this for the City of Cottage Grove. He stated that he does not want to subsidize the bridge noting that it would only bring additional traffic to 95th Street.

Council Member Bigham noted that 103rd Street is a guarantee adding that they know they have to fix it, but 95th Street is still a ways out and the City does not know yet what St. Paul Park's plans are for the area. She agreed that there would be no benefit to the City of Cottage Grove.

Council Member Grossklaus stated that the only plus to this is that the City does want access to the

Mississippi River adding that if the City decides to go with Option 2 it could provide the City with that access.

Council Member Bailey stated that the City has to think proactively with respect to the future of this area noting that the bridge would probably exist for the next 75-years.

Mayor Shiely asked if the State would come in if Grey Cloud became a State Park and asked if part of the State's responsibility would be to upgrade the roads. She asked if the City would be able to look to the State for funding. City Engineer Levitt stated that Burlington Northern has indicated in the preliminary discussions that they are not eager to widen the bridge, even if the City presented them with the funds to do it, as they are shutting down the track today. She stated that she is not sure if Burlington Northern would entertain this type of deal for the future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 1, 2006 Regular Meeting

Mayor Shiely stated that the minutes stand approved as presented.

B. February 15, 2006 Regular Meeting

Mayor Shiely stated that the minutes stand approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Council pulled and briefly discussed Items H, T, and P on the consent calendar.

Council Member Bigham pulled Item H announcing that Item H is to consider accepting \$375.00 in donations from Rumpca Services, Inc., John J. Norton D.D.S. P.A., Borst Construction, Inc. and Marathon Petroleum Company LLC, on behalf of the Public Safety, Fire and Recreation Departments for the 13th Annual Youth Safety Camp. She stated that this is a great program and thanked each business for their donations and support.

Council Member Bigham pulled Item T announcing that Item T is to consider Adopting a resolution supporting a Minnesota Constitutional Amendment dedicating motor vehicle sales tax revenue to transportation. She stated that it is important for the City to show their commitment and to also acknowledge the need for additional funding for the projects that should be done. She explained that this resolution is an effort to show the City's commitment.

Council Member Bailey pulled Item P announcing that Item P is to Receive commission attendance records for the March 2005 through February 2006 period and to recognize Commission Members with perfect attendance records for this period and also in excess of twelve months. He reviewed each Commission and thanked each of the members for their continued support and service to the City of Cottage Grove.

MOTION BY RICE, SECONDED BY BAILEY, TO:

A. ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

- i. PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OF FEBRUARY 13, 2006.
- ii. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2006 AND JANUARY 17, 2006.
- iii. PLANNING COMMISSION OF FEBRUARY 27, 2006.
- B. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE DEEP WELL NO. 2 MAINTENANCE PROJECT.
- C. ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 06-055**, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION OF A FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR THE CROSSROADS CHURCH WATER EXTENSION PROJECT.
- D. AWARD THE 2006 STREET STRIPING PROJECT TO AAA STRIPING SERVICES.
- E. ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 06-056**, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SIMPLE LOT DIVISION TO SUBDIVIDE A 43,138 SQUARE FOOT LOT INTO 18,007 AND 25,131 SQUARE FOOT LOTS AT 7010 IVERSON COURT SOUTH.
- F. AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF 40,000 POUNDS OF CRAFCO 221 JOINT SEALANT FROM BERGMAN COMPANIES.
- G. AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE NEXTEL WATER TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE WEST DRAW WATER TOWER, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2006.
- H. ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 06-057**, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM RUMPCA SERVICES, INC. (\$25); JOHN J. NORTON, D.D.S. P.A. (\$200); BORST CONSTRUCTION, INC. (\$50); MARATHON PETROLEUM COMPANY, LLC (\$100) FOR COTTAGE GROVE'S 13TH ANNUAL YOUTH SAFETY CAMP.
- I. ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 06-058**, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF **ORDINANCE NO. 786** BY TITLE AND SUMMARY.
- J. ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 06-059**, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF **ORDINANCE NO. 787** BY TITLE AND SUMMARY.
- K. ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF ALBERTO RICART FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE PROCESS OF APPOINTING A NEW MEMBER TO FILL THE REMAINDER OF MR. RICART'S UNEXPIRED TERM.
- L. AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF TINA FOLCH-FREIERMUTH TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO A TERM THAT EXPIRES ON FEBRUARY 28, 2008.
- M. RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF KEN BRITAIN AS CHAIR OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.
- N. ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 06-060**, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR THE SILVERWOOD 1ST AND 2ND ADDITIONS.
- O. AMEND THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR DESIGN OF THE RAVINE PARKWAY PHASE 1 TO SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON, INC.
- P. 1. RECEIVE COMMISSION ATTENDANCE RECORDS FOR THE MARCH 2005 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2006 PERIOD. 2. RECOGNIZE COMMISSION MEMBERS WITH PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORDS FOR THE SAME PERIOD. 3. RECOGNIZE COMMISSION MEMBERS WITH PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECORDS IN EXCESS OF 12 MONTHS.
- Q. ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 06-061**, A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND ACCEPTING THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT AND APPROVAL LETTER FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION FOR VARIOUS PROPERTIES IN THE WEST DRAW AREA II AND TO EXPAND THE MUSA TO INCLUDE THOSE PROPERTIES.
- R. AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF ONE INGERSOLL RAND ROLLER, MODEL DD16, FROM ASPEN EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL PRICE OF \$25,435.40.
- S. APPOINT KEN BOYDEN TO THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION.
- T. ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 06-062**, A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MINNESOTA

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT DEDICATING MOTOR VEHICLE SALES TAX REVENUE TO TRANSPORTATION.

- U. ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 06-063**, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FINAL ALTERNATIVE URBAN AREAWIDE REVIEW (AUAR) AND MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE EAST RAVINE MASTER PLAN.
- V. PASS **ORDINANCE NO. 789**, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE, MINNESOTA, AMENDING COTTAGE GROVE CITY CODE TITLE 7, CHAPTER 6, RELATIVE TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATION OF PUBLIC RIGHTS –OF-WAY. ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 06-064**, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF **ORDINANCE NO. 789** BY TITLE AND SUMMARY.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUSLY RAISED OPEN FORUM ISSUES

NONE

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Hold a Public Hearing and Consider Authorizing Issuance of a Massage Business and Massage Therapist License to Jeannie Dukic/DBA, The Body Source, LLC to Operate a Massage Business at 8451 East Point Douglas Road.

Mayor Shiely opened the public hearing at 8:14 p.m.

Mayor Shiely closed the public hearing at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION BY BIGHAM, SECOND BY RICE, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A MASSAGE BUSINESS AND MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE TO JEANNIE DUKIC/DBA, THE BODY SOURCE, LLC TO OPERATE A MASSAGE BUSINESS AT 8451 EAST POINT DOUGLAS ROAD. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

- B. Hold a Public Hearing on the Requested Vacation and Discontinuance of Certain Drainage and Utility Easements on the Property known as 6240 Ideal Avenue South and Consider Approving the Vacation and Discontinuance of Certain Drainage and Utility Easements.

Mayor Shiely opened the public hearing at 8:16 p.m.

Mayor Shiely closed the public hearing at 8:17 p.m.

MOTION BY BAILEY, SECOND BY GROSSKLAUS, TO ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 06-065**, A RESOLUTION VACATING AND DISCONTINUING CERTAIN DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6240 IDEAL AVENUE SOUTH. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

BID AWARDS

- A. Consider Awarding the Contract for the Pinecliff 2nd Addition Project to Ryan Contracting, Inc., in the Amount of \$1,284,310.25.

MOTION BY BAILEY, SECOND BY RICE, TO ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 06-066**, A RESOLUTION AWARDED BID FOR THE PINECLIFF 2ND ADDITION PROJECT TO RYAN CONTRACTING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,284,310.25. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

- B. Consider Awarding the Contract for the 2006A Street Improvement Project to Valley Paving, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,713,201.00.

MOTION BY GROSSKLAUS, SECOND BY RICE, TO ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 06-067**, A RESOLUTION AWARDED BID FOR THE 2006A STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO VALLEY PAVING, INC., FOR \$1,713,201.00. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

- C. Consider Awarding the Contract for the Wells #4 and #5 Electrical Upgrade Project to Telemetry and Process Controls, Inc. in the Amount of \$59,455.00.

MOTION BY BIGHAM, SECOND BY BAILEY, TO ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 06-068**, A RESOLUTION AWARDED BID FOR THE WELLS #4 AND #5 ELECTRICAL UPGRADE PROJECT TO TELEMETRY AND PROCESS CONTROLS, INC. FOR \$59,455.00. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

- D. Consider Awarding the Contract for the Ravine Parkway, 90th Street South and Keats Avenue Project to Tower Asphalt in the Amount of \$1,703,478.67.

MOTION BY RICE, SECOND BY BIGHAM, TO ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 06-069**, A RESOLUTION AWARDED BID FOR THE RAVINE PARKWAY, 90TH STREET SOUTH AND KEATS AVENUE PROJECT TO TOWER ASPHALT, INC., FOR \$1,703,478.67. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

- E. Silverwood Addition Bid Award

MOTION BY GROSSKLAUS, SECOND BY BAILEY, TO ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 06-070**, A RESOLUTION AWARDED BID FOR THE SILVERWOOD 1ST AND 2ND ADDITION UTILITY, STREET AND STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT TO THREE RIVERS CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,249,413.42. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider Street Widths

Community Development Director Blin recommended Council adopt a new local street width standard of 28-feet. He explained that the current standard width for local streets is 32-feet and if adopted, the new standard would be incorporated into a future amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance. He clarified that a new local street width standard would only apply to all new residential subdivisions throughout the City and that the new standard would not apply to reconstruction of existing streets.

Council Member Grossklaus stated that the Public Works Commission, Public Safety, Health and Welfare Commission, and the Planning Commission have reviewed this recommendation twice and both times the vote was unanimous to keep the 32-foot standard in addition to two Department Heads who are strongly recommending that the City keep the standard width at 32-feet. He stated that the biggest issue is that the citizens have spoken on this issue noting that the City is not gaining any

advantages with this change. He noted that the City website mentioned curbing or cul-de-sacs as an option to consider stating that he cannot support the proposed change to 28-feet without further discussion with the Commissions and the Task Force.

Council Member Bigham agreed with Council Member Grossklaus stating that she is concerned about the ability of school buses, emergency vehicles, and garbage trucks being able to move in and out of the City streets. She stated that it is her belief that the standard width should remain at 32-feet adding that it would be a bad precedent to set based on the opinions provided by the Commission and the Citizen Task Force.

MOTION BY GROSSKLAUS, SECOND BY BIGHAM, TO APPROVE MAINTAINING THE 32-FOOT STANDARD STREET WIDTH. MOTION FAILED. 2 AYE, 3 NAY (MAYOR SHIELY AND COUNCIL MEMBERS RICE AND BAILEY VOTED NAY).

Council Member Bigham asked to have the Commissions discuss the drainage issues and design further and provide recommendations to Council for consideration. Council Member Grossklaus agreed noting that he would be open to reconsider his decision but it would be based on Citizen input and agreement.

MOTION BY BIGHAM, SECOND BY GROSSKLAUS, TO MOVE THIS BACK TO THE COMMISSIONS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND REVIEW. MOTION FAILED. 2 AYE. 3 NAY. (MAYOR SHIELY AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BAILEY AND RICE VOTED NAY).

Dave Anderson, Public Works Commission Chair, reiterated that sending it back to the Commission would be appropriate. He noted that several of the Council Members have indicated that the information that was presented at the workshop was new and that they had not had the opportunity to review. He stated that it is his belief that it would be fair for the City Council to send this back to the Commissions for further review.

MOTION BY RICE, SECOND BY BAILEY, TO APPROVE A 28-FOOT ROAD WIDTH STANDARD FOR RESIDENTIAL STREETS ONLY IN NEIGHBORHOOD 1 NORTH FIRST AND MOVE ON TO THE SOUTH AND EAST BASED ON THE RESULTS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD 1 NORTH. MOTION CARRIED. 3 AYES. 2 NAY (COUNCIL MEMBERS BIGHAM AND GROSSKLAUS VOTED NAY).

Mayor Shiely stated that she would like to clarify that in the past there have been Commission decisions where members of the City Council have voted against what the Commissions have recommended noting that this issue has gotten so blown out of proportion that it has become very divisive and it is her belief that over the course of time the Commissions have made recommendations based on information that had not come to light until the time it was presented to Council for a decision. She explained that in the end the Council has to make the final decision as to what would be best for the City of Cottage Grove as a whole and it is her belief that the recommended change to a standard width of 28-feet would be best for the City. She stated that studies show that 28-foot road width helps to improve public safety in the City adding that the City should care about what helps to improve public safety. She indicated that most of the complaints the City has received have had to do with speeding down residential streets and the change to a standard width of 28-feet would help to alleviate the speeding. She stated that narrowing the width of local streets would also help with the maintenance of the streets and with the stormwater drainage issues. She stated that she had received an unsolicited phone call from the Pollution Control Agency noting that they encouraged the Council to do this as it would help a great

deal with the costs for stormwater management. She noted that if the City allows a variety in the street width the City could attract a greater variety of building styles.

Council Member Rice agreed stating that while in the field he has noticed that many of the new developments are moving towards the standard width of 28-feet. He stated that there is need for unique housing styles noting that this would also help to create a closer feel for the neighborhood. He stated that initially he was in agreement with the 32-foot recommendation but based on the research that has been provided, the City does not have a lot of emergency traffic and the plows would not have an issue working through the neighborhoods.

Council Member Bailey agreed stating that initially he too was in agreement with the 32-foot width, but after researching the road widths and talking with people who live and work in neighborhoods with narrow streets, he found that residents are much happier with narrower roads. He stated that residents have stated that they did notice a distinctive difference in the level of traffic and the speed. He agreed that narrower road widths would provide a closer feel to the neighborhood and that this is what residents prefer. He stated that it would be best to narrow it down to a specific area to see how it would work and then decide on what to do with the remaining developments. He assured the Community that the Council does listen to the City Task Force Teams when making their final decisions.

Council Member Bigham stated that she does not believe that narrow roads lead to safer roads or slower speeds. She explained that she grew up in a neighborhood with narrow streets and there were several issues including parking and the ability to maneuver past the parked vehicles. She stated that narrow streets would make it more difficult to plow and that it would take longer to plow or clean.

Council Member Grossklaus agreed stating that the City would have to deal with the parking issues during the winter season noting that it would be similar to the issues the City of Minneapolis has to deal with each year.

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUSLY RAISED COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Council Member Grossklaus stated that this year's Arbor Day event is scheduled for April 29, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Oakwood Park. He reviewed the events with Council and invited the citizens of Cottage Grove to come out and enjoy the day.

Council Member Grossklaus stated that the annual Spring Cleanup Day at the Cottage Grove Public Works Garage is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. He stated that this is a good time for neighborhood spring cleanup and reviewed the type of items that would be accepted with Council.

Council Member Rice stated that street sweeping and cleaning is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 10, 2006. He stated that the cleanup would involve three crews working throughout the City and reviewed the areas with Council. He asked residents to blow or sweep excess sand out into street but not grass, leaves or garbage. He stated that the spring flushing of hydrants is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, April 12, 2006 noting that the plan is to follow the sweepers through town and reviewed

the process with Council.

PAY BILLS

MOTION BY BIGHAM, SECONDED BY RICE, TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 144249 THROUGH 144467 TOTALING \$703,621.60 (CHECKS 144249 – 144268 TOTALING \$65,843.94 ISSUED PRIOR TO COUNCIL APPROVAL.) MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Mayor Shiely called a five-minute break at 8:51 p.m.

Mayor Shiely called the meeting back to order at 8:59 p.m.

WORKSHOP SESSION – OPEN

A. East Ravine Staging Plans for the Neighborhood 1 Area of the East Ravine

Community Development Director Blin provided the Council with a context of where they are at with the development process for Neighborhood 1 area of the East Ravine. He explained that 400 to 450 acres of developable land remains in the area with 758 units left to be built in the West Draw area. He stated that a group of residents have banded together with a development contract with Platinum Development noting that it has not moved to a site plan at this time. He stated that Bailey's Nursery has 80 acres that they marketing and indicated that one issue to address is with Hadley Avenue. He stated that he and City Engineer Levitt have had several discussions with Staff and the landowners along Hadley Avenue noting that the plan shows extending the trail corridor that currently terminates at Hadley and linking it with the Silverwood Subdivision. He indicated that some of the residents have concerns and that Staff is currently working through the issues with the residents.

Community Development Director Blin reviewed the Neighborhood 1 Land Control Map with Council noting that the parcels are under the control of various developers. He stated that most of the area has been brought under control by various developers except for a few parcels that have not been sold to developers. He indicated that the framework of who owns what would affect how the City extends utilities to the area. He reviewed the preliminary plan with Council stating that Staff might have to rethink the design in the future depending on land ownership with the developers.

City Engineer Levitt referenced the East Ravine and Neighborhood 1 stating that Staff should work to identify the street issues in this area. She explained that Staff decided to tackle Jamaica Avenue first and they are currently working with the County to determine the jurisdiction for Military Road and for Jamaica Avenue. She provided Council with an overview of the final option that has been recommended noting that Military Road would be a through connection from Jamaica. She pointed out that this slightly deviates from what is currently in the master planning stating that this design was created while working through the design issues with Washington County. She noted that the design has been endorsed by Washington County. She stated that the parkway is a critical element and it is Staff's hope that they have identified this segment. She reviewed the right-of-way that the County is requesting noting that the City plans to negotiate for smaller outlot sizes.

Community Development Director Blin stated that the right-of-way is intended to accommodate utilities, trails and walkways and that the County wanted 184 feet on both sides of this. He explained that the City believes that there is an opportunity to overlap some of the areas noting that the trails could be

included within this area.

City Engineer Levitt stated that this would be a divided two-lane and that the City would be responsible for maintaining the landscaping. She stated that Staff would have to work with and negotiate with the County on maintenance activities.

Council Member Bigham asked how close they are to a final design. City Engineer Levitt stated that construction could begin as early as 2007 and noted that the County has some minor design issues that are still being worked out.

Council Member Bailey referenced the loop portion of Jamaica and asked if there would be a stop sign. City Engineer Levitt stated there would not be any stop signs in this area. She explained that Jamaica would be for through traffic until traffic warrants a 4-way stop.

City Engineer Levitt stated that water plans indicate that the trunk water would come down the proposed ravine parkway noting that developers should be told that water utilities would have to be serviced from this. She noted that another trunk would be located at Jensen Avenue but Jamaica Avenue would be the first looping point. She provided Council with an overview of the sequencing and reviewed the sanitary service route. She stated that the parkway corridor is very critical for City sanitary and water system installations and reviewed with Council.

Council Member Grossklaus clarified his understanding that the sewer system would come off County Road 19 and that if they plan to develop on the west side of Jamaica that the expectation would be that the City would be responsible for the servicing costs. City Administrator Schroeder stated that this is one of the options to consider adding that there is a lot of infrastructure that has to be worked through.

Mayor Shiely stated that she has received several comments about the rate of growth in Cottage Grove noting that in their discussions with the School Board she heard Staff up the number from 250 to 400. She stated that Council has not discussed this yet adding that she would like Staff to update Council on a regular basis as to what is being done throughout the development and phasing in the East Ravine with respect to what the City is projecting for homes in this area. She stated that she wants to avoid development for development sake and that she wants Staff to be aware that Council wants to maintain the growth rate within the City. She acknowledged that this would be difficult to do.

Council Member Grossklaus expressed concerns noting that the City currently cannot afford installing a sewer line from County Road to the closest development. He stated that he does not want to see development increased to accommodate the sewer line.

City Administrator Schroeder assured Council that Staff has worked to keep the growth rate for development at approximately 250 to 300. He agreed that Staff has to work through some of the difficulties in trying to figure out how to meet the goals without carrying the costs too far.

Council Member Rice asked how Staff is coming on the other standards. Community Development Director Blin stated that Staff plans to present to the Planning Commission on April 19, 2006 to finalize and plan to go to the public hearing stage on April 24, 2006.

WORKSHOP SESSION – CLOSED

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY BIGHAM, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:29 P.M.
MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Sullivan
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.