

REGULAR MEETING COTTAGE GROVE CITY COUNCIL

September 6, 2006

OPEN FORUM – 7:15 p.m.

Open forum provides a person an opportunity to inform the Council of a problem or to request information related to City business not scheduled for Council action and on the Agenda. Mayor Shiely encouraged persons to limit their remarks to two (2) minutes per issue.

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
Howard Blin, Community Development Director
Ron Hedberg, Finance Director
Corrine Thomson, City Attorney
Jennifer Levitt, City Engineer
Craig Woolery, Public Safety Director
Les Burshten, Public Works Director

There being no speakers, Mayor Shiely closed Open Forum at 7:17 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Cottage Grove, Washington County, Minnesota, held a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2006, at the Cottage Grove City Hall, 7516 80th Street South. Mayor Sandy 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

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION BY BIGHAM, SECONDED BY BAILEY, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Welcome Presentation: Police Officer David Velasquez.

The City Administrator reviewed Police Officer Velasquez's background and administered the reconfirmation of his recent oath of City officer. The Public Safety Director then congratulated Police Officer Velasquez and welcomed him to the Public Safety Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 19, 2006, Regular Meeting

Mayor Shiely stated that the minutes stand approved as presented.

B. August 9, 2006, Special Meeting

Mayor Shiely stated that the minutes stand approved as presented.

C. August 9, 2006, Regular Meeting

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Bigham pulled item F for discussion and inquired as to whether someone was already interested in purchasing the rescue boat.

Deputy Fire Chief Redenius responded that it was purchased jointly through the Army Corp of Engineer and if it did not have to be turned over to them, the boat could be put on the auction site and the money would go back into the equipment fund.

Mayor Shiely said she noted there was no plan to replace the boat and requested a discussion within the next six to 12 months regarding available plans for rescue in the event of a river mishap.

Redenius responded that if that occurred, St. Paul Park would be contacted because they have a trailered boat and, in addition, Cottage Grove has cooperatives with Washington County, Dakota County, and the City of South St. Paul.

Mayor Shiely pulled item H for discussion and inquired how mold would be identified on private property.

The Community Development Director responded that this item was the result of a complaint.

MOTION BY RICE, SECONDED BY BAILEY, TO:

- A. ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:
 - I. PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 12, 2006.
 - II. PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 16, 2006, AND JUNE 20, 2006.
 - III. PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 26, 2006.
- B. RECEIVE MEMO FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING APPEAL OF U.S. HOME SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.
- C. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FOR THE EAST POINT DOUGLAS ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT.
- D. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE CP RAIL EXPANSION/HEMINGWAY AVENUE PROJECT.
- E. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE SILVERWOOD 1ST AND 2ND ADDITIONS PROJECT.
- F. AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 21-FOOT ALUMINUM MONARK STEEL BOAT, WITH AN ENCLOSED CABIN.
- G. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS DECLARING COSTS AND CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING EIGHT (8) PROJECTS:
 - 1) RESOLUTION NO. 06-144, RESOLUTION DECLARING COSTS TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE PINE ARBOR 3RD ADDITION STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS TOTALING \$349,348.80. RESOLUTION NO. 06-145, RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PINE ARBOR 3RD ADDITION STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2006, AT 7:30 P.M.
 - 2) RESOLUTION NO. 06-146, RESOLUTION DECLARING COSTS TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE PINECLIFF 2ND ADDITION STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS TOTALING \$1,893,841.95. RESOLUTION NO. 06-147, RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PINECLIFF 2ND ADDITION STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2006, AT 7:30 P.M.
 - 3) RESOLUTION NO. 06-148, A RESOLUTION DECLARING COSTS TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TIMBER RIDGE 6TH ADDITION STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS TOTALING \$504,355.35. RESOLUTION NO. 06-149, A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE TIMBER RIDGE 6TH ADDITION STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2006, AT 7:30 P.M.
 - 4) RESOLUTION . 06-150, A RESOLUTION DECLARING COSTS TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE PINECLIFF 1ST ADDITION STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS TOTALING \$267,383.74. RESOLUTION NO. 06-151, A

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PINE CLIFF 1ST ADDITION STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2006, AT 7:30 P.M.

- 5) RESOLUTION NO. 06-152, RESOLUTION DECLARING COSTS TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE MISSISSIPPI DUNES 2ND ADDITION STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS TOTALING \$228,371.30. RESOLUTION NO. 06-153, RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI DUNES 2ND ADDITION STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2006, AT 7:30 P.M.
 - 6) RESOLUTION NO. 06-154, RESOLUTION DECLARING COSTS TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR HOMESTEAD AT HIGHLAND HILLS ADDITION STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS TOTALING \$521,102.96. RESOLUTION NO. 06-155, RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE HOMESTEAD AT HIGHLAND HILLS ADDITION STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.
 - 7) RESOLUTION NO. 06-156, RESOLUTION DECLARING COSTS TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE MISSISSIPPI DUNES 1ST SINGLE-FAMILY ADDITION STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS TOTALING \$297,133.32. RESOLUTION NO. 06-157, RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI DUNES 1ST SINGLE-FAMILY ADDITION STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2006, AT 7:30 P.M.
 - 8) RESOLUTION NO. 06-158, RESOLUTION DECLARING COSTS TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE MISSISSIPPI DUNES MULTI-FAMILY 1ST ADDITION STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS TOTALING \$433,222.00. RESOLUTION NO. 06-159, RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI DUNES MULTI-FAMILY 1ST ADDITION STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2006, AT 7:30 P.M.
- H. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-160, RESOLUTION DECLARING COSTS TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDERING PREPARATION OF PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE REMOVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY HAZARDS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6862 98TH STREET SOUTH, TOTALING \$\$9,553.65. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-161, RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE REMOVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY HZARDS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6862 98TH STREET SOUTH, FOR OCTOBER 4, 2006, AT 7:30 P.M.
- I. RENEW THE LMCIT INSURANCE PACKAGE POLICY WITH A \$50,000/\$100,000/ \$1,000 DEDUCTIBLE, THE VOLUNTEER ACCIDENT PLAN, AND THE OPEN MEETING DEFENSE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR APRIL 3, 2006 TO APRIL 3, 2007, POLICY PERIOD, FOR A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$175,000.
- J. APPROVE THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOO LINE RAILROAD COMPANY AND THE CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE FOR CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY ADDITION, AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE

AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

- K. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-162, DECLARING COSTS TO BE ASSESSED AND ORDER THE PREPARATION OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE REMOVAL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS AND PLANTS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 8373 66TH STREET SOUTH, 8912 INMAN AVENUE SOUTH, 9569 78TH STREET SOUTH, 8706 GROSPPOINT AVENUE SOUTH, THE VACANT LOT SOUTH OF 9501 ISLAY AVENUE SOUTH, AND AT 7500 79TH STREET SOUTH, TOTALING \$667.43. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-163, CALLING FOR HEARING FOR OCTOBER 4, 2006, AT 7:30 P.M., ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS FOR THE REMOVAL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS AND PLANTS FROM PRIVATE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 8373 66TH STREET SOUTH, 8912 INMAN AVENUE SOUTH, 9569 78TH STREET SOUTH, 8706 GROSPPOINT AVENUE SOUTH, THE VACANT LOT SOUTH OF 9501 ISLAY AVENUE SOUTH, AND AT 7500 79TH STREET SOUTH.
- L. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-164, ORDERING THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE CONDITIONS AT 6398 83RD STREET SOUTH.
- M. APPROVE THE 2006-2007 MAPS DESIGNATING BOUNDARIES FOR DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND ARCHERY EQUIPMENT FOR HUNTING.
- N. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – ROUTES OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANT – REQUESTING \$500,000.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUSLY RAISED OPEN FORUM ISSUES

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Hold the Public Hearing and Consider Adopting a Resolution Relating to the Issuance of Revenue Bonds for the PHM Cottage Grove, Inc., Project for Senior Housing

Mayor Shiely asked the Finance Director for his introduction of the item.

The Finance Director reported that the City had been approached by Presbyterian Homes to participate in the project financing with revenue bonds, with default risk held by bond holders and financing not counting against the City as debt. He noted Presbyterian Homes' benefit would be using tax-exempt interest for the mortgage financing thereby reducing overall costs. He then introduced John Utley (Kennedy & Graven) and Bob VanSlyke (Presbyterian Homes) to talk about the housing program component related to the issuance of the debt and the application.

John Utley, attorney for Kennedy & Graven, Minneapolis, said he prepared the resolution to be considered. He stated the PHS/Cottage Grove, Inc. is a nonprofit formed by Presbyterian Homes to carry out this project, located at 8100-8200 block on Hadley Avenue South, consisting of 86-unit independently-living rental housing units for seniors, 42-unit assisted-living rental housing units for seniors, 18-unit memory-care rental housing units for seniors,

and a 20,000 square-foot town center. Utley said the bonds would not exceed \$30 million and that this would be a preliminary resolution, meaning that the borrower is requesting action by Council to let them know whether or not the City is inclined to participate in the financing. Mr. Utley noted further that if the preliminary resolution was adopted, parties would prepare documentation to carry out financing for development and when the work was completed and ready for sale of bonds, it would be presented to the Council for final authorization. He reiterated comments made by the Finance Director, adding that the borrower would reimburse the City for any costs and indemnify the City for any claims or losses that may occur in the future as a result of the City's participation, emphasizing that financing would have no impact on the City's credit.

Mayor Shiely thanked Mr. Utley for his clear presentation.

Council Member Rice inquired about the differing name designations in the documentation: PHM and PHS.

Mr. Utley responded that the corporate name had recently been changed from PSM to (Presbyterian Homes and Services) PHS/Cottage Grove, Inc.

Mayor Shiely opened the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

There being no speakers, Mayor Shiely closed the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

Mayor Shiely asked for Council questions or comment, and there were none.

MOTION BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY RICE, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-165 RESOLUTION RELATING TO A PROJECT FOR SENIORS TO BE ACQUIRED, OWNED AND OPERATED BY PHS/COTTAGE GROVE, INC., A MINNESOTA NONPROFIT CORPORATION, AND THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS TO FINANCE THE COSTS THEREOF UNDER MINNESOTA STATUES, SECTIONS 469.152-469.165, AS AMENDED, AND MINNESOTA STATUTES, CHAPTER 462C, AS AMENDED; GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL THERETO, AND TAKING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

BID AWARDS

- A. Consider Authorization to Order Two New Mack Granite Tandem Axle Cab Chassis from Twin Cities Mack and Volvo for the Purchase Price of \$182,951.98.

Mayor Shiely requested the Public Works Director's report.

The Public Works Director described the request to order the 2006 trucks for delivery in 2007 and, due to the engine manufacturer's requirements to do some upgrades on the engines in 2007; a \$10,000 savings per vehicle would be experienced. He stated that another savings on equipment parts with 2006 prices and delivery in 2007 could be experienced and would be brought before the Council in upcoming months. The Public Works Director added the vehicles would be purchased under Minnesota contract.

Council Member Grossklaus inquired as to whether it would be under budget. The Public Works Director confirmed that he expected it would be.

MOTION BY BIGHAM, SECOND BY BAILEY, TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ORDER TO ORDER TWO NEW MACK GRANITE TANDEM AXLE CAB CHASSIS FROM TWIN CITIES MACK AND VOLVO FOR THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$182,951.98 AND DELIVERY IN JANUARY 2007. PRICE INCLUDES SALES TAX AND LICENSE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Set Date for the 2006/Payable 2007 Truth-in-Taxation Hearing.

Mayor Shiely asked Council for feedback regarding specified date options.

MOTION BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY RICE, TO SET DECEMBER 4, AND IF NEEDED, DECEMBER 11, FOR THE TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING AT 7:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

B. Consider Passing an Ordinance Relating to Salaries of the Mayor and City Council Members.

Mayor Shiely reported that staff is recommending that Council pass an Ordinance amendment increasing the salaries to \$9,216 annually for the Mayor and \$6,780 for Council members effective January 1, 2007. She asked for the City Administrator's report.

The City Administrator reported that the ordinance amendment would raise salaries of the Mayor and City Council Members according to Minnesota Statute 415.11, noting that the Council last considered a salary adjustment in 1994 which took effect in January 1995. He said the Mayor's salary is at the 30% level of peer communities (proposed increase would bring to 43%) and the Council Member salary is at the 32% level of peer communities (proposed increase would bring to 46%), per the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities.

Mayor Shiely added that a City goal has been to bring wages for all City employee groups to 97% of what would be the metropolitan area average wage for similar jobs and noted that the reason salaries are unable to be brought up to 100% of average is due to the issue of tax base. She expressed concern that without an appropriate increase to cover incurred associated expenses, only those who are well-to-do would be able to run for office and, in addition, perhaps prohibit young families from attempting them to participate.

The Mayor requested Council feedback.

Council Member Bigham stated hesitation due to recent budget discussion and arbitration and bargaining units. But said she looked at the salary as a stipend, rather than salary, because it does not cover all costs associated with duties.

Council Member Rice added that the groups currently in negotiations had seen increases

over the years and, being in his eighth year on the Council also without an increase, it appeared time to do so.

Council Member Bailey said the City isn't getting smaller and demands of the Mayor and Council Members continue to grow, and agreed that it appeared time to do so.

MOTION BY MAYOR SHIELY, SECONDED BY RICE, TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 798, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE, MINNESOTA, AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE COTTAGE GROVE CITY CODE RELATING TO SALARIES OF MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, INCREASING THE SALARY OF MAYOR FROM \$7,800 TO \$9,216 PER YEAR AND THE SALARY OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FROM \$6,000 TO \$6,780 PER YEAR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007. MOTION CARRIED 3-2 (COUNCIL MEMBERS BIGHAM AND GROSSKLAUS VOTED NAY).

C. Consider Adopting the Proposed 2007 Budget for the Proposed 2006 Tax Levy Collectible in 2007 for the City of Cottage Grove as well as adopting Utility Rates for 2007

Mayor Shiely said there had been a preliminary budget meeting prior to the regular Council meeting and asked for the Finance Director's report.

The Finance Director gave a presentation on the preliminary budget process and displayed the levy process timeline:

- May – Council workshop on budget direction
- July and August – Budget work sessions
- September - Set preliminary levy
- October – Council workshop to discuss final levy to be adopted in December
- November – Truth in Taxation notices sent
- December – Truth in Taxation hearing

Hedberg said the balance of the four funds of the 2007 Operating Budget (General Fund, Special Revenue, Enterprise Funds, and Internal Service) included revenues of \$25,229,000 and expenditures of \$26,308,000, with the General Fund balance being \$12,117,000 in 2006 and \$12,611,000 in 2007. The Finance Director reported that staffing changes in the budget included the addition of one firefighter/paramedic, one public service worker (storm water), one code enforcement inspector, two additional part-time seasonal parks workers, 1,145 additional CSO part-time hours and one part-time engineering intern. He noted that half of the additional amounts included for repairs/upgrades to facilities is designated for the move to the 800Mhz equipment, 2007 equipment purchases total of \$2 million in capital outlay, and a preliminary levy of \$9,758,000 in 2006 (maximum total levy \$11,150, 6.8%) and \$10,520,000 (maximum total levy \$11,931, 7.0%) in 2007.

Mayor Shiely asked for an explanation of the term "fiscal disparities." The Finance Director responded that it is metro-wide property tax-base sharing program initiated several years ago which places all metro-area commercial property into a pool that uses a formula to divvy up all the generated commercial property taxes and return levy reduction aid to the participating communities.

The Finance Director listed the preliminary 2008 tax capacity figures, including a 2007 taxable market value of \$2,844,964,200 and 2008 taxable tax capacity (tax base) of \$28,613,716 (11.1% over previous year). He then described the residential limited market value phase-out, tax extension rate reduction of 2.3%, and an approximate 2.26% increase in 2007 from 2006 in net taxes paid to the City of taxable market value. The Finance Director listed the items of interest for the Enterprise Funds that included \$350,000 to paint the Grove tower, \$50,000 for Well #2 electrical upgrades, \$24,000 pickup, \$63,500 for monthly utility billing, and \$26,000 for credit card acceptance, all factored into the utility rates. He then described the franchise fee, utility rates, and an average quarterly utility bill (2.2% increase), and listed the action requested by the Council: 1) adopt the proposed 2007 budget and adopt a preliminary property tax levy.

Mayor Shiely inquired as to when the Council last raised the storm water utility, and the Finance Director responded that it was in 2003 and part of a five-year plan.

Mayor Shiely asked for Council comment.

Council Member Bigham emphasized that the Council could revisit the subject but it appeared to be a fair budget and would increase services to City residents.

Council Member Rice said that capital appeared high.

Mayor Shiely agreed but added that it could be lowered in the future.

MOTION BY BIGHAM, SECONDED BY BAILEY, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-166 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PROPOSED 2007 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

MOTION BY BAILEY, SECONDED BY BIGHAM, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-167, RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PROPOSED 2006 TAX LEVY COLLECTIBLE IN 2007, OF\$11,931,150.00. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

MOTION BY RICE, SECONDED BY BAILEY, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-168 AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE IN RATES FOR THE USE OF WATER, THE USE OF THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AND STORMWATER CHARGES AND OTHER RULES OR REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE BILLING THEREOF; DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUSLY RAISED COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Council Member Bailey reminded residents about Monday's September 11th anniversary and a memorial by Police and Fire at Station 2 on 80th Street South at 9:00 A.M.

Council Member Rice inquired about the mold issue in the Mississippi Dunes area and asked for an update on construction slowdown and irrigation system in the area.

The Community Development Director responded that the irrigation systems were either not existing or not operating and the City has been working with the developer to get it installed and are in the process of landscaping. He said construction continues and the City wanted to ensure the units are completed in a landscaped and irrigated environment. The Community Development Director added that the City has a letter of credit with the developer and has informed them that if the performance is not met, the City would cash it.

Council Member Bigham thanked staff for reminding Office Max about their landscaping maintenance upkeep and said it looked better.

Mayor Shiely thanked the Planning Department for their work on code violations and said it was very much appreciated.

PAY BILLS

MOTION BY RICE, SECONDED BY BAILEY, TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 146344 TO 146854 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,225,846.99.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

WORKSHOP SESSION – OPEN

None

WORKSHOP SESSION – CLOSED

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY BIGHAM, SECONDED BY RICE, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:40 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Heintz
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.