

REGULAR MEETING COTTAGE GROVE CITY COUNCIL

October 18, 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 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 Thompson, City Attorney
Jennifer Levitt, City Engineer
Craig Woolery, Public Safety Director
Les Burshten, Public Works Director

John Bednard, 8799 East Point Douglas Road, asked the following questions regarding the enforcement section of the sign ordinance, to which the City Attorney responded:

- Is each separate offense a misdemeanor? Response: Each offense is a misdemeanor offense.
- What is the penalty for the misdemeanor and, if repeated, does it escalate? Response: The penalty for this type of misdemeanor offense does not escalate and the first violation of sign ordinance charge is punishable with a fine up to \$1,000 or jail time up to 90 days.
- Are charges included in public records and, if so, where? Response: Yes, a filed charge and conviction are public record through the Washington County Court System and are accessible as well through the police department records.
- Can the enforcements be more clearly defined in the sign ordinance? Response: The reason why they are not more explicit is because the penalties are established by State law and updates would be needed as City codes change. She stated that residents could refer to State law to find out what the potential penalties are.

There being no additional speakers, Mayor Shiely closed, the Open Forum at 7:20 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Cottage Grove, Washington County, Minnesota, held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 18, 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
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Mayor Shiely presided over the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of the 2006 Summer “Rec. Works” Volunteers

Mayor Shiely introduced Molly Pietruszewski of the City Recreation Department.

Ms. Pietruszewski reported that she and Mark Schneider introduced the students who volunteered 600 hours for the “Recs Works” program this summer and then described the program. She stated that the students would receive a monetary stipend from a Bailey Foundation grant according to their donated hours.

Council members expressed congratulations.

B. Land Protection Funding Referendum.

Mark Hugenan reported that he had been working the past several months with an affiliation of volunteers named Washington County Citizens for Land and Water, with a purpose to provide information and urge voters to respond “yes” on the County question next month to preserve water quality, woodlands, and natural areas. He acknowledged those who had assisted the group and then made his presentation that included legacy of clean water, everyday concerns, waters and lands at risk, how Cottage Grove would benefit. Mr. Hugenan stated that the approval would result in \$20 million in bonds for purposes, to be paid back by a property tax levy, and would have a financial impact of \$12 per year for each \$100,000 of property value. He summarized his presentation by stating that protecting land and water quality is critical to the quality of life, residents must act now in order to save natural resources, Cottage Grove is posed to benefit particularly from the program, and \$2.16 per month is a small price to pay. He ended his presentation with the websites to obtain further information: www.washingtoncountylandandwater.org and WashingtonCountyCampaign@gamil.com.

Mayor Shiely extended thanks and said it was important to know that it would be on the ballot.

C. Trunk Highway 95 Design and Access Study.

The Community Development Director reported that the purpose of the study was to identify the long-term needs for Trunk Highway 95 and goals: 1) identify right of way needs and prevent encroachment into those roadway limits and 2) identify where the access points should be to this roadway.

Mayor Shiely inquired about the difference in designation that I-94 to Bailey would be a four-lane urban design and Bailey to Highway 61 would be a four-lane rural design.

The Community Development Director responded that the difference is median treatment. He then displayed the site map, noting particular concern being the intersection of highways 95 and 61, and stated that any proposed construction would be out 15-20 years from now.

Council Member Rice stated that if an interchange were at the Highway 61 and 95 intersections, more land would need to be designated and affected owners informed.

The Community Development Director noted that there were parcels that could be developed in the area, so right of way needs would need to be reserved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 6, 2006 Special Meeting

Mayor Shiely stated that the minutes stand approved as submitted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Bigham pulled item B, recognizing Regina Seabrook's service on the Human Services/Human Rights Commission.

Council Member Bailey pulled item C, noting that he would not be able to attend the Special Meeting on November 8 at 5 p.m.

MOTION BY RICE, SECONDED BY BAILEY, TO:

- A. ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:
 - i. PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 18, 2006, AND AUGUST 15, 2006.
 - ii. PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 14, 2006.
- B. ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF REGINA SEABROOK FROM THE HUMAN SERVICES/HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, RECOGNIZE HER SERVICE, AND DIRECT STAFF TO FIND A NEW MEMBER.
- C. SCHEDULE A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2006, AT 5:00 P.M. TO CANVASS THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 7 LOCAL GENERAL ELECTION AND DECLARE THE WINNERS OF THE TWO CITY COUNCIL MEMBER SEATS.
- D. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-214, A RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL PAYMENT FOR \$16,146.25 TO E.H. RENNER AND SONS FOR A DEEP WELL #2 MAINTENANCE PROJECT.
- E. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-215, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2007 BUDGET FOR THE LOWER ST. CROIX WATER MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION (WMO) AND AUTHORIZE THE COTTAGE GROVE SHARE OF TOTAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,675.
- F. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-216, A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE EXPIRATION DATE OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-053, WHICH APPROVED THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH, TO MARCH 15, 2008.
- G. RECEIVE INFORMATION ON TRUNK AREA CHARGES FOR EAST RAVINE NEIGHBORHOOD 1 NORTH.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUSLY RAISED OPEN FORUM ISSUES

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

BID AWARDS

None.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider approving updated ordinances increasing franchise fees on utility services in Cottage Grove.

The Finance Director described the proposed ordinance change relating to utility franchise fee agreements, one for each gas provider and one for the electric provider, and said the franchise fees would be dedicated to the seal coating fund (annual seal coating program, curb and sidewalk replacement, trail micro surfacing). He then reported total expenses for the seal coating fund of \$283,400 in 2006 and \$425,000 in 2007 and displayed the electric and gas monthly franchise fee schedules for the various classes.

Council Member Grossklaus said the fee appeared, as for other cities, to be another form of collecting taxes from residents.

Mayor Shiely summarized by stating that the purpose is to designate the fee to the seal coating of City roads and stated that this would ensure that seal coating will be done on a regular basis.

MOTION BY RICE, SECOND BY GROSSKLAUS, TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 803, AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE FEE ON NORTHERN STATES POWER D/B/A XCEL ENERGY FOR PROVIDING ELECTRIC SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

MOTION BY GROSSKLAUS, SECOND BY RICE, TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 804, AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A GAS FRANCHISE FEE ON NORTHERN STATES POWER D/B/A XCEL ENERGY FOR PROVIDING GAS SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

MOTION BY BAILEY, SECOND BY RICE, TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 805, AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A GAS FRANCHISE FEE ON CENTERPOINT ENERGY MINNEGASCO FOR PROVIDING GAS SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

MOTION BY RICE, SECOND BAILEY, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-217, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF ORIDNANCE NOS. 803, 804, AND 805 BY TITLE AND SUMMARY. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

B. Consider Adopting a Resolution Providing for the Issuance of Housing Revenue Bonds for the PHS/Cottage Grove, Ins. Project.

The Finance Director reported that a public hearing had been held regarding the described senior housing program and Council contemplated authorizing Presbyterian Homes to apply for senior housing bonds through the State. He said the bonds would be issued by Cottage Grove, funds dedicated towards the bonds, and the City would not be responsible for the obligations in the event of default. He then introduced Julie Eddington, Kennedy & Graven, for further details.

Ms. Eddington stated that she was from the firm of Kennedy & Graven, which was acting as bond consul for the City of Cottage Grove. She described the bond process (conduit borrowing) and said that Council approval was being sought for the \$30 million bonds, with the City entering into an indenture with the trustee regarding security of the bonds and Presbyterian Homes entering into a loan agreement, paying debt service on the bonds, and promising to build the senior housing. Ms. Eddington reassured Council Members that the City would not be responsible in case of default and the process would not have any impact on the City's rating regarding its bonds.

MOTION BY BIGHAM, SECOND BY BAILEY, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-218, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF HOUSING REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PHS/COTTAGE GROVE, INC. PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

C. Consider Approving Ordinance Amendments regarding Driveway and Outdoor Parking Requirements

The Community Development Director reported that the amendment was an effort to clean up some confusion regarding current code requirements relating to setbacks. He said that current definitions distinguish the two setback requirements, one for a driveway that is 6' from the property line and leads to a garage and one for a parking surface that leads to anything and may be 2' from the property line, and stated that he had been working with the Planning Commission on the ordinance amendments, which recommended approval. He said if the ordinance were approved, all new driveway or parking installations would have to adhere to a 6' setback regardless of a parking or driveway definition, noting, however, that existing driveways or parking could be replaced if they were in the same location, substantiated by City aerial photos and/or City records.

A Council Member inquired whether, as an example, four concrete blocks could be designated as a parking surface.

The Community Development Director responded that a court ruling had defined it as such but that the final draft could ensure terminology be included specifying "the shadow of the vehicle" be incorporated into the wording of the ordinance.

MOTION BY RICE, SECOND BY BAILEY, TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 807, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE REGARDING DRIVEWAY AND OUTDOOR PARKING REQUIREMENTS, AND ENSURING THAT “SHADOW OF THE VEHICLE” BE INCLUDED IN THE WORDING, AND RESOLUTION NO. 06-219, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 807 BY TITLE AND SUMMARY. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

- D. Consider Approving the Applications for the Presbyterian Homes: Planned Development Overlay (PDO) Zoning for the Site; Preliminary and Final Plats for PHS/Cottage Grove, Inc.; PDO Preliminary Plat Approval for the Entire Site; PDO Final Plat approval for a 146-unit Senior Housing Building; and Conditional Use Permit for a 146-unit Senior Housing Building.

The Community Development Director reported that the project had been a long time in the making and staff was very pleased to be at the first step, in a series of steps, for development of the site. He then displayed the site map, described the two phases of the development, residential (south side) and commercial, and stated that Presbyterian Homes would be asking for: Planned Development Overlay (PDO) zoning for the site, Preliminary and Final Plats for the site, PDO Preliminary Plat approval for the entire site, PDO Final Plat approval for a 146-unit senior housing building, and a Conditional Use Permit for a 146-unit senior housing building. The Community Development Director described the design plan and stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval but wanted to ensure sufficient landscaping on the second phase of the site and suggested a different siding be used other than vinyl. He stated that Presbyterian Homes proposed Langdon Grove as the name for the project but he suggested another choice be made, citing some confusion with similarly named area in Cottage Grove.

Mayor Shiely inquired about the City Code for lot area.

The Community Development Director responded that the Code related to the size of the site, specifying that lot one provides 600 square feet of housing per person. He said it did not relate to the size of a living area.

Council Member Bigham inquired whether the access to Grange from Fire Station #1 would be eliminated and said, if Council were to approve retail and business prior to the final plat for residential, she had concerns about parking.

The Community Development Director responded that there would be access to the rear of the fire station and, responding to her second concern, that a simple subdivision would be created with the residential portion on lot one and retail on two. He reassured Council that all being requested tonight was the approval of the preliminary and final plats, noting that specifics on the second phase would all come before the Council later for approval.

Council Member Grossklaus inquired as to whether the path behind the building by the pond

would allow access by a fire truck.

The Community Development Director responded that access could be obtained utilizing an 8' paved surface with 6' allowance on both sides accommodated with weight blocks, noting that there would also be another green space access.

Council Member Grossklaus inquired about ownership of landscaping.

The Community Development Director responded that there would be a border cedar fence between the City and private properties, giving a uniform look from the Presbyterian Home site and provides screening along the back of the residential lots. He said Presbyterian Homes would install and maintain the fence.

Council Member Bailey said he assumed the fence would be installed throughout, even though the second phase would be retail and asked about landscaping on the side facing Hadley and Grange and vision of trash.

The Community Development Director responded that it would be installed in phase one and agreed that sufficient landscaping would be provided and trash would be hidden.

Mayor Shiely then invited Presbyterian Homes to address the Council.

Bob Van Slyke, Presbyterian Homes, described the background of the building project, which would include 86 independent housing units, 42 assisted living units, and 18 memory care units. He said the memory care units would be secured and has outdoor fencing in addition to the fencing alongside the entire project and then described the construction and plan details of the four-story independent living and two-story town center common area buildings. Mr. Van Slyke stated that turnaround and water features were planned for the center of the project and a service area in back would be provided for food vendors and delivery trucks. He said trash shoots would be provided in the assisted and independent living buildings to separate garbage areas and that bins would be rolled out a couple times a week and every independent living unit would have its own deck and wash/dryer. He then introduced the architect to describe materials and elevations of the buildings.

Ward Isaacson, architect with Pope Associates of St. Paul, thanked the Council and pointed out the amenities of the site plan, displaying the site and architectural maps.

Council Member Bailey said he had three questions; 1) whether the proposed tower clock would be in working order, 2) whether Presbyterian Homes would provide transportation for assisted living residents to go shopping, etc., and 3) how Presbyterian Homes came up with the proposed name of Langdon Grave.

Mr. Van Slyke responded that the tower clock would be a working element, Presbyterian Homes would provide multiple transportation vans (shared with the Woodbury site), and the

proposed name came from the marketing department after researching the area of Cottage Grove.

Mayor Shiely noted that Langdon would be confusing for residents, as the area still exists on the other side of Jamaica.

Mr. Van Slyke responded that he would go back to the marketing people for another name choice.

Council Member Bigham inquired about businesses catering to residents, i.e., pharmacy, family-owned coffee shop.

Mr. Van Slyke responded that Griffin Companies had been hired to assist in retail leasing but that a medical office piece would probably be incorporated.

Council Member Grossklaus inquired about the timeline and grand opening.

Mr. Van Slyke responded that, if approved tonight, construction would begin in mid November once financing was closed and would take approximately 13 months.

Council Member Rice inquired about hours of delivery time.

Mr. Van Slyke responded that recommended windows would be between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., though garbage collection could be an issue with early hours.

Council Member Bailey commented that the water feature was good because it would match stone similar to the City signs.

Mayor Shiely thanked the presenters and stated that when a business comes into the City and wishes to invest in something purely for beauty, such as a fountain, says that it is worth being here and everyone deserves to have in the community that is beautiful.

MOTION BY BIGHAM, SECOND BY GROSSKLAUS, TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 808, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE, MINNESOTA, ESTABLISHING A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY FOR THE PHS/COTTAGE GROVE, INC. SITE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

MOTION BY RICE, SECOND BY BAILEY, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-220, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT AND FINAL PLAT FOR THE MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT TO BE LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF GRANGE BOULEVARD AND HADLEY AVENUE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

MOTION BY RICE, SECOND BY GROSSKLAUS, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-221, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

OVERLAY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PROPERTY ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF GRANGE BOULEVARD AND HADLEY AVENUE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

MOTION BY BAILEY, SECOND BY BIGHAM, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-222, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A 146-UNIT SENIOR HOUSING BUILDING ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF GRANGE BOULEVARD AND HADLEY AVENUE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

MOTION BY BIGHAM, SECOND BY BAILEY, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 06-223, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 808 BY TITLE AND SUMMARY. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Mayor Shiely welcomed Presbyterian Homes to the City and thanked the architects for a good job.

- E. Consider Approving the Following Applications for the South Point Ridge Proposal: A Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Inclusion in the MUSA and Changing the Land Use from Residential to Commercial; A Zoning Amendment to Change the Zoning from R-2, Residential Estate, to B-1, Limited Business; Planned Development Overlay (PDO) Zoning for the Site; Preliminary Plat for South Point Ridge; PDO Preliminary Plan Approval for the Entire Site; PDO Final Plat Approval for a 48-unit Senior Housing Building and a 42-unit Senior Housing Building; Conditional Use Permit for a 48-unit Senior Housing Building and a 42-unit Senior Housing building; and a Site Plan Review for a Commercial Development with Senior Housing

The Community Development Director displayed the site photo and stated the PDO allows for review of the first phase (two senior housing units) and second phase (office building). He described a drawing of how the site relates to the surrounding area, displayed the site map, and stated the project would call for relocation of an existing right of way. The Community Development Director said it was suggested that the developer grant access easement to allow public access to a public trail and then described the proposed storm water plan to meet requirements. He said a key consideration for the plan was parking, with 40 spaces provided for the independent unit and 20 spaces for the assisted living unit. The Community Development Director displayed the landscaping design and said a key consideration would be the higher building on the site, with access to the site via a drive lane at an 8% grade.

Council Member Bigham inquired about the size of the outlots.

The Community Development Director stated that the two outlots were a couple acres and wouldn't be graded, rather dedicated to the City. He then addressed the issues brought up by the Planning Commission, that being a truck turnaround and trash collection.

Mayor Shiely inquired what other businesses could go in if B-1 zoning was not approved.

The Community Development Director responded that office uses could be placed in a B-1 zoning district but would not allow retail.

Matt Frisbee, Frisbee Architects, representing Frattalone, South Point, Core Development, and Comforts of Home reported, as an added detail, that the trash for the assisted living unit would be reached from an enclosure on the upper level. Mr. Frisbee displayed the landscape plan, construction phases, and proposed building plan and materials. He stated that Comforts of Home has 11 buildings in the region and displayed current building photos from various sites.

Council Member Bailey asked for clarification about the building phases.

Mr. Frisbee responded that grading could start next spring, with the second building constructed in a couple years.

Council Member Bailey stated that the Planning Commission had commented as to the possibility of a hotel on the site and inquired about its location.

Mr. Frisbee responded that the site could accommodate a hotel but the developer was not asking for it.

The Community Development Director added that rezoning for B-3 use would be required for hotel construction on the site.

Council Member Bailey inquired whether the pond in front of the building would be holding water all the time.

The City Engineer responded that the City was looking into how the pond could be constructed to hold water all the time but they tell most developers they wouldn't guarantee water in any pond of the City due to the tremendous sandy soil. She said clay liners are used in some instances.

Council Member Bailey stated that the site is a visible location and he would like to see some type of water feature there.

Council Member Rice inquired as to how many homes could be located on the hill if zoned as R-2.

The Community Development Director responded that there could possibly be two, as an R-2 needs 1.5 acres per lot and, given the terrain and need to preserve trees, he would doubt there could be any more than 5-7 lots on the entire site.

Council Member Rice said he liked the building and could approve the whole plan, with the exception of the paint selections as they don't blend in.

Mr. Frisbee responded that tones and trim colors could be reviewed and changed to more earth tones.

Mayor Shiely said when zoning changed for other areas Council had established for policy that they wished to have some control of what was going in. She said the lower senior housing and office complex were good destination uses for the property but had trouble with the higher building. Mayor Shiely stated her concerns were authorizing of the B-1 zoning for a senior housing development but not getting it in the end, citing past projects. She said Comforts of Home was not present to answer Council questions and she wanted to ensure that the higher site would not become just an apartment building without the developer having to come back to the Council. Mayor Shiely said the building would be the entrance to Cottage Grove and would want to make sure that the building is a top rate and good-looking facility.

Mr. Frisbee said Comforts of Home is ten years old and cited the various sites.

Council Member Grossklaus stated that he concurred with the same concern expressed by Mayor Shiely, noting the absence of Comforts of Home attending various meetings. He then asked about the two-year delay on the second building and reasons for the huge time gap.

Frank Frattalone, Frattalone Companies, 3205 Centerville Road, reported that he was owner of the property and purchased the property eight years ago. He said Comforts of Home would be buying both parcels, closing on the first and buying the second on a contract for deed to get enough residents in the building. Mr. Frattalone said Mr. Rothstein, Comforts of Home owner, seemed to be an impressive, sincere, and honest person. He added that different plans and ideas had been proposed for the land and that he was very much concerned about Cottage Grove's concern for trees, noting that the upper building would require terracing up the hill to reduce tree removal.

Council Member Bigham said the project would be a great amenity for residents but had a problem how far the upper building went up on the hill, not knowing what would go in there.

Mr. Frattalone inquired as to whether Council would like to see a hotel on the site. He said he would like to know what the Council would like and the City wants.

Council Member Bigham responded that she would need to see the studies and what staff determined the need was.

Mayor Shiely asked if the upper level property was contiguous to the City-owned property on Camel's Hump.

The Community Development Director responded that it was.

Mayor Shiely inquired as to whether anybody had discussed the City buying the section where

the second building would be located on the side of the hill and stated that she didn't think a private road access around the business park with a couple of parking stalls would be an appropriate access for the public to Camel's Hump.

Council Member Biggam said she would be fine tabling further discussion to the first meeting in November, to see if Comforts of Home could attend the meeting.

Mr. Frisbee said he would make it a point for all parties, including Comforts of Home, to be present at the next Council meeting.

The Community Development Director confirmed that the next Council meeting would be within the 60-day rule, good through the end of November.

MOTION BY BIGHAM, SECOND BY MAYOR SHIELY, TO TABLE THE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE SOUTH POINT RIDGE PROJECT TO THE NOVEMBER 1 COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Council Member Bailey stated that he would not be against a nice and decent hotel in the project but that market would dictate a need for it.

Mayor Shiely concurred that she would not be against a hotel.

Mr. Frattalone added that he would be willing to have a clay liner in the pond if engineering would allow it.

Mayor Shiely thanked everyone involved in the project for coming to the meeting.

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUSLY RAISED COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Mayor Shiely announced that City's annual photo contest had begun and said informational brochures could be obtained at City Hall. She noted the photo categories (Cottage Grove people, Cottage Grove landmarks, and Cottage Grove nature) and said \$75 would be given to the first-prize winner, \$50 would be given for the second prize, photos would be hung in City Hall and on the website, and the contest deadline will be December 29 at 4:30 p.m.

Council Member Bailey announced that the Strawberry Festival, which had been featured in a Bulletin article, needs individual and community volunteers to ensure its success. He said businesses could get involved through sponsorships and donations of cash and/or participation at the event and information can be obtained from Caron Stransky at City Hall or him at 459-4734.

Council Member Bigham said she agreed with Council Member Grossklaus' comment about franchise fees but funds would not be going to the general fund, rather dedicated for a specific item. She also reported that the K-9 Unit would have a pancake breakfast on November 28 and 29 at Applebee's. Council Member Bigham acknowledged the Women's Auxiliary for last week's pancake breakfast and the fire station open house.

Council Member Grossklaus commented City staff for their hard work on the Presbyterian Homes project as well as the Public Safety Director on the issue regarding last week's fire, noting that people were pleased with how it had been handled.

Mayor Shiely agreed with Council Member Grossklaus and then announced that the Holiday Train pancake breakfast on December 2 at Applebee's.

PAY BILLS

MOTION BY BIGHAM, SECONDED BY RICE, TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF CHECK NUMBERS 147220 TO 147428 TOTALING \$1,635,462.72. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

WORKSHOP SESSION – OPEN

None.

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None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY RICE, SECONDED BY BIGHAM, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:53 P.M. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Heintz
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.