

**GRANDVIEW CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Norm Childress called the study session to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Present were: Mayor Childress and Councilmembers Mike Bren, Pam Horner, Diana Jennings, Bill Moore, Jesse Palacios, Javier Rodriguez and Joan Souders.

Staff present were: City Attorney Tony Menke, City Administrator/Public Works Director Cus Arteaga and City Clerk Anita Palacios.

2. RESIDENTIAL SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Childress indicated that Councilmember Palacios requested that Council discuss the need to establish a residential sidewalk improvement program. He reminded Council that back in 1995, the City had implemented a sidewalk utility tax. In 2000, the sidewalk utility tax was deemed unconstitutional and the tax was repealed. To date, a number of residents have continued to voluntarily contribute to the sidewalk maintenance fund.

City Administrator Arteaga added that at the last meeting, a request to repair a residential sidewalk in the Concord neighborhood was brought to Council's attention. He was in the process of working with the adjacent property owner to replace that section of the sidewalk. He added that there were other residential sidewalks in the community in need of repair, but the City does not have a program to fund the replacement of sidewalks. The 2011 budget has \$3,000 allocated for sidewalk maintenance. Of that, approximately \$1,300 was generated through the voluntary donations.

Councilmember Palacios requested that the voluntary sidewalk donations be allocated in the 2011 budget to specifically repair residential sidewalks.

Councilmember Jennings asked whether the sidewalks throughout the community had been graded and prioritized for maintenance and repairs.

City Administrator Arteaga replied that the sidewalks had not been inventoried due to the lack of monetary funding for necessary repairs. He recommended Council direct staff to utilize the \$3,000 budgeted in 2011 to repair and/or replace sidewalk panels in residential areas. In addition, he requested Council direction to inventory sidewalks and prepare a sidewalk maintenance plan with recommended repairs and funding required. Once complete, Council would then need to determine budget options to complete the repairs. He added that in the past, the voluntary contributions had not been dedicated to a specific project. In 2009, the City utilized the voluntary contributions as the local match in the Community Development Block Grant application for the Grandridge Neighborhood Improvement Project, which repaired several blocks of residential sidewalks. He recommended the voluntary contributions be allocated as the local match in the CDBG application for the North Birch Neighborhood Improvement Project.

3. TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT (STAFF DIRECTION REQUESTED)

Mayor Childress stated that staff was requesting Council direction as whether or not to proceed with the Transportation Benefit District (TBD).

City Administrator Arteaga explained that staff has made two presentations to Council. The first presentation discussed the creation of a TBD and the second presentation discussed a TBD pavement maintenance program. He asked for Council direction on proceeding with the TBD and introduction of a draft ordinance.

Councilmember Bren indicated that he would like to have community input and requested that Council proceed to schedule a public hearing.

Councilmembers Moore, Palacios, Horner, Souders, Rodriguez and Jennings all voiced their support for proceeding with the TBD.

City Administrator Arteaga indicated he would develop a list of next steps and potential timelines for Council consideration.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The study session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Norm Childress

Anita Palacios, City Clerk