

MINUTES OF THE MISSION SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 20, 2017

The Mission City Council met for a Special City Council Meeting at Mission City Hall on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Schowengerdt. The following councilmembers were present: Ron Appletoft, Tom Geraghty (by phone), Suzie Gibbs, Kristin Inman, Debbie Kring, Pat Quinn, Arcie Rothrock, Nick Schlossmacher.

Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract for Sidewalk Repairs in the Vicinity of 53rd Street, Outlook to Woodson

Mayor Schowengerdt provided information on a section of sidewalk on the south side of 53rd Street between Woodson and Outlook that has settled significantly, and he feels this is a safety issues that should be addressed immediately. He requested and received a bid last week in the amount of \$8,500 to replace the most dangerous parts of the sidewalk, but a second bid has been received that would address the current issues while making the sidewalk ADA accessible. This bid is for approximately \$30,000. He stated that he feels this is the worst section of sidewalk in the City and because it is near a park and elementary school, it should be repaired now before winter weather is here. He did state that if we were to wait until spring, we could get more bidders on this project. Ms. Smith stated that if the project is completed in the spring, we would benefit from economies of scale as more sidewalks would be due for improvements. Ms. Smith provided background information on previous sidewalk/ADA improvements that have been completed in conjunction with mill and overlay; Council's previous discussion to establish a stand-alone sidewalk program; the sidewalk rating study that was recently completed by Stantec; and the priority of 53rd Street in the annual street maintenance program. Councilmember Kring stated that she would like to have the information from Stantec to support this specific project. Councilmember Schlossmacher stated that this section of sidewalk is in bad shape, but there are others of equal or worse condition in the City. He would like to have the Stantec data and a plan in place for sidewalk improvements, which would provide the benefits of economies of scale when completing these projects. He provided information on a sidewalk near his house that is also in poor condition. Councilmember Gibbs stated that she feels this issue should have been brought before the Community Development Committee at their December meeting, and noted that there are other sidewalks in need of repair which is why the inventory results are needed. She also stated that there are issues with the sidewalks near Highlands Elementary School that have not yet been addressed. Mayor Schowengerdt stated that this portion of sidewalk has more traffic than most and that the price quoted from McAnany Construction is "not bad" for this time of year. He would like to see this project completed as soon as possible and stated that one lawsuit would be more expensive. Councilmember Kring stated that she would like to have additional

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data before moving ahead with this project, and feels we need to communicate to the public that we are working on this and to have patience. She also asked if any accidents have been reported at this location. Ms. Smith stated that none have been reported to the City during her tenure. Councilmember Geraghty stated that this section of sidewalk is ugly and is near a drop-off/pick-up site for children. Fixing this section would serve as an example of future sidewalk improvements. Councilmember Quinn stated that this section does see a lot of traffic and, because it is where children are picked-up from school, it is seen by the public. He would like to see this project move forward. Councilmember Appletoft stated that he will be opposing this tonight. He would like to see the sidewalk fixed, but this should go through the normal process and not be rushed. Only one bid was received and we are anticipating additional sidewalk data to establish a program. He would like to wait until we can get more/better bids and “do it right.”

Moved by Quinn, seconded by Geraghty to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with McAnany Construction, Inc. for the repair and replacement of sidewalk on the south side of 53rd Street in the general vicinity of Woodson and Outlook in an amount not to exceed \$30,865.

Councilmember Kring stated that everyone wants what is best for the city and residents, and stated that if the project is not approved tonight, a barrier and/or sign should be put in the area stating that we are “working on this.” Councilmember Schlossmacher again stated that this area needs to be fixed, but since there are other areas that are also in need of repair he would like to get the Stantec results and put out one bid for various locations so that we can recognize some savings. He would like for this to go through the process and address sidewalk repairs in a more comprehensive manner. Mayor Schowengerdt stated that he also did not like getting just one bid.

Ms. Smith stated that we will realize the best prices for this work when the temperatures are better. This could come back to committee in January or February with the Stantec results. Councilmember Gibbs asked where these projects are budgeted. Ms. Smith stated that there is capacity to consider this in the 2018 CIP. Councilmember Schlossmacher stated that the sidewalk has been in poor condition for quite a while, and again stated that he would like to have the Stantec results so that a program can be developed and the worst sidewalks fixed first. We need to put the wheels in motion so that Council is working on this issue as a group rather than selecting individual sections of sidewalk to be fixed. Councilmember Kring recommended seeking grants to assist with sidewalk repairs as this improves Mission’s walkability. Councilmember Rothrock stated that she would like to wait for the data and understands that this is outside the normal process, but this section of sidewalk impacts many people and she supports

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completing this project now.

Ms. Smith reported that there is \$75,000 in the 2018 CIP for miscellaneous sidewalks and traffic related projects. She stated that there should also be some available funds in the 2017 street program for this project if approved.

The question was called. Voting AYE: Geraghty, Quinn, Rothrock. NAY: Appletoft, Gibbs, Inman, Kring, Schlossmacher. **Motion failed.**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Quinn, seconded by Kring to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. All present voted AYE. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by Martha Sumrall, City Clerk.

Steve Schowengerdt, Mayor

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