

**City of Westwood Hills
City Council Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2015
Meeting #786 Continuation**

A continuation of the regular May session of the city council was called to order in due form by Mayor Paula Schwach at 6:12 p.m.

Present: Mayor Schwach, Rosemary Podrebarac, Karen Shelor Sexton, Ludwig Villasi, John Weedman and Beth O'Bryan. City Attorney Jim Orr and City Treasurer Bob Hale were also present. Public Works Director John Sullivan was present. Planning Commission Chair Lyle Miller joined the meeting late.

Podrebarac moves to adopt the agenda. Weedman seconds. All in favor. Agenda is adopted.

Storm Drain Update – Mayor Schwach gave a brief description of the issue and presented repair options to the city. The City of Prairie Village generously donated their Public Work Department equipment and manpower to run a camera in the stormwater drain line from the man hole at 48th Terrace to the sink hole. Sullivan showed the video to the council and explained where the repairs need to be made. Sullivan mentioned that the pipe might be original to the construction of Rainbow Boulevard. Sullivan remarked that the Prairie Village Public Works Department said the pipes were not in bad shape and the pipes may be a candidate for lining. Sullivan pointed out that there is utility conduit apparently breaking into the drains in a couple of locations but does not know if the conduit belongs to Google or AT&T.

Sullivan will look at his maps to determine which utility company bored in that area. Schwach asked if there is a time limitation to make a damage claim against whichever utility may have damaged the stormwater drain. Sullivan reports that each utility has posted a two-year performance bond on the work.

Schwach reports that for a long-term fix, the City either needs to get a grant or take out a loan. If a loan is taken out, the City will likely need to raise the mill levy in order to make repayment. KDOT has a Geometric Program grant for which the City can apply. Geometric Program grant funds may cover full engineering and administrative costs. Sullivan recommends the City ask for more than the contractor's estimate so as to cover anticipated additional administration costs for KDOT administered funds.

The grant will allow full replacement or Insituform. The money would not likely be awarded until 2017. Schwach and Weedman will proceed with the grant application and will work on producing a draft of the grant application this week. Sullivan will review the application prior to submission. Schwach said that there are other storm lines running through the City. At some point, the City needs to

run a camera through the rest of the stormwater lines to determine the condition of these lines for future capital improvements needs. Weedman will look into costs to run a camera through the rest of the City stormwater drains.

Podrebarac asks how long the temporary fix being proposed will last. Sullivan estimates that the proposed temporary fix should last 3+ years.

Weedman moves to encumber \$14,000.00 for temporary repairs using HDP pipe. Sexton seconds. Sullivan agrees write up the interim repair and supervise the project. The City will provide a contract to Sullivan. Weedman asks if Sullivan has used the recommended contractor before. Sullivan has used him, but not in a while. Schwach thinks the City may need a temporary easement to do the work. Sullivan asked if the Miller's at 2209 West 49th Street would allow the contractor to use their back yard to bring pipe up and down the creek. Lyle Miller agreed. Two panels of the sidewalk will need to be removed to do the repairs. Schwach asks if the Council wants to require a performance bond, which is not included in the bid. Sullivan will, however, require an insurance certificate. The sense of the Council is to accept the bid as presented and not require a bond. Schwach asks if Council is ready to vote on the \$14,000.00 encumbrance. **All in favor. Motion carries.**

Podrebarac moves to authorize the filing of a KDOT Geometric Program grant for funds to repair the stormwater pipe along Rainbow Boulevard. Weedman seconds. All aye. Motion carries.

Amendment to Community Development Block Grant Agreement. – Johnson County is asking the City to sign an extension to the existing cooperation agreement between Johnson County and the City pertaining to participation in the County's CDBG funds and HOME funds programs. **Podrebarac moves to authorize Mayor Schwach to execute the Amendment. Sexton seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.**

Items from the floor:

Sullivan asks how the Mayor would like to go about making a claim to AT&T or Google. Orr suggests having an independent contractor sit at a meeting with the utility company in question.

On Wednesday, May 20, 2015, the historic light in front of Annedore's and the Weedman's vehicle were destroyed as a result of a hit and run accident. Schwach needs the true cost of damages. Weedman thinks Jeff Clayton took ownership of light. Sexton said it is the City's pole. Sexton is compiling all the invoices for the costs associated with the restoration of the historic light. The Historic District sign and brackets appear to be undamaged. Sexton has contacted Chris Hedges to inquire about the lamp post replacement costs. One option is a fixture like the ones in Westport. The fixtures are made of fiberglass which is safer and lighter. It needs to be clarified as to who owns the light.

SHPO will need to approve the replacement. As a result of this accident, the stop sign needs to be replaced as well.

Heritage Trust Grant Stonework Restoration Project – Schwach will issue a notice to proceed by May 28, 2015. Sexton said that Rosehill came and took pictures of the entryway planting and have the original landscape plans to show what was planted and where. Before the stonework contractor begins work, we need to make a claim to AT&T for damages caused during the recent fiber installation work. The City prefers to request that AT&T pay for plants and watering, rather than replace the plants. Sullivan will let Sexton know when the AT&T work is complete. Villasi will walk the Rainbow corridor with Sexton to identify areas of damage and required replacement including the O'Neill and Fixx's yards.

Motion by Weedman to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.