A Special Meeting of the Board of Local Improvements convened at 1:04 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, 2012 at 3505 N. Dries Lane, Public Works Operations Facility, Peoria, Illinois and was called to order by President Gene Hewitt.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following Board of Local Improvements Members in attendance: President Gene Hewitt, Board Member Erle Currie and Board Member Jeff Smith – 3; Absent: Board Member Ami Benecke McLaren - 1.

Others in attendance included Attorney Michael Roush, Attorney Scott Brunton, City Project Engineers Scott Reese and Steve Letsky, Public Works Administrative Services Manager Vikki Hibberd, and Administrative Specialist Ruth Blancaflor.

MINUTES

Board Member Smith moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 16, 2012, as printed; seconded by Board Member Currie.

Approved by viva voce vote.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 1  APPROVAL of PETITIONS FOR SUBDIVISION APPORTIONMENT of SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR GROWTH CELL 1A ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS, IN RE: 06-TX-220 and 06-TX221, as follows:

A. WYNNCREST SECTION 5 SUBDIVISION, Assessments A and B [District 5]
B. COPPER CREEK SECTION 3 SUBDIVISION, Assessments A and B [District 5]

Mr. Michael Roush, representing the developer group for Copper Creek Section 3 Subdivision, discussed the Petitions for subdivision reapportionment of special assessment for Growth Cell 1A roadway improvements. He said the apportionment covered 11 acres of what were previously lots 2 and 3 of Chinuge Fields Subdivision. All that remained to be improved in the development was Lot 3, he said. As has been done in the prior section, he said they allocated on the acreage as lots are actually developed, which was the reason these petitions were before the Board.

As a result of the discussion, it was determined that these apportionments were moving forward as the plats were completed and filed.

Mr. Roush stated there were approximately 40 acres of undeveloped ground in Copper Creek Subdivision that were yet to be apportioned.

Mr. Scott Brunton, representing the developer group for Wynncrest Section 5 subdivision, stated development had slowed down after the first subdivisions went through the process, and he thought there were probably two or three more subdivisions remaining. In both of the cases presented today, he said they were simply portioning the assessments on a lot by lot basis so that, when they sold the lots, the developers can pay off their portion to the City and the property owner has a more definitive amount.
Board Member Smith moved to accept the Petitions for the Subdivision Apportionment of Special Assessment for Growth Cell 1A Roadway Improvements for Wynncrest Section 5 Subdivision and Copper Creek Section 3 Subdivision; seconded by Board Member Currie.

Approved by viva voce vote.

ITEM NO. 2  OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD.

Northmoor Road Improvement

Engineer Scott Reeise stated that the contractor planned to complete road widening and the construction of a retaining wall on the stretch of Northmoor Road between Sheridan and University by the end of 2012.

Resolution to the City Council in Support of the Special Assessment Program

The Board’s Resolution in support of continued funding of the special assessment program was transmitted to the City Council by the City Manager’s Issues Update dated August 24, 2012. In discussion with President Hewitt, Board Member Smith explained there was no additional funding in the CIP next year for special assessment projects. President Hewitt stated he intended to meet with the City Manager in an attempt to once again impress upon him the importance of the program as one of the few ways available by which individual citizens could request an improvement.

Stoneway Road Improvement

Board Member Smith updated the Board that the Stoneway Road project was currently proceeding through the court process and that bids would be let in early spring, 2013.

Pending Ornamental Lighting Improvements: Elizabeth Street; North Flora Avenue; Twelve Oaks Drive and Avalon Place

Board Member Smith advised the Board that he would be preparing a Council Communication to seek direction regarding the final determination of the pending ornamental lighting petitions for Elizabeth Street, Flora Avenue, Twelve Oaks Drive and Avalon Place.

Washington Street Project Bids

Engineer Reeise stated that bids were opened this morning for the Washington Street Improvement, from Liberty to Maple. He said it was the City’s design, not the Illinois Department of Transportation’s and that the bids came in under the engineer's estimate.

Board Member Smith stated the project planned for 4 lanes of traffic down to Harrison Street, then a roundabout, and then 3 lanes of traffic from there. He said the project included parallel parking.

TIGER II Project – Warehouse District Complete Streets Project Bids

Board Member Smith stated bids would be accepted the next week for the TIGER II Warehouse District project, which included improvements to the side streets, Adams and Jefferson.

Introduction of Public Works Administrative Services Manager

Board Member Smith introduced Public Works Administrative Services Manager Vikki Hibberd to the members of the Board of Local Improvements.
CITIZENS’ OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

After three calls, President Hewitt determined there were no citizens present who wished to address the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Board Member Currie moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Board Member Smith.

Approved by viva voce vote.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Local Improvements adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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Gene Hewitt, President
Board of Local Improvements

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