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One, Fields Crossing Subdivision, Copper Creek Subdivision, Hunters Trail Estates, and Attingham Park Subdivision, as outlined; seconded by Secretary Ray.

Approved by viva voce vote.

Discussion regarding Growth Cell 1A Phase II project Wilhelm Road and Bridge

Secretary Ray stated that a meeting would be scheduled within the next couple of weeks regarding whether or not this bridge would be constructed this year. He said there may need to be a change to the intergovernmental agreement and that Peoria County representatives would be invited to the meeting.

President Hewitt said he was seriously concerned about the daily rising costs and he said it was his contention that the owner/developers should pay for the costs caused by the delay. He said it presented an unfair burden on the County, which is paying the cost through their tax increment. He noted the project had been delayed for over a year.

As far as the design of the bridge beams is concerned, Board Member McLaren stated the precast companies were still keeping one or two old bed configurations but, as soon as they stop seeing them on the lettings, she said they will take those out of service.

Further, President Hewitt stated that when the old configurations were taken out of service, the project would have to be redesigned. He said the specifications on the bridge deck beams had changed and we took the option of going ahead with what we had; but, a year later, he said more and more of the projects out for bidding were under the new standard. He explained that the precasters had reduced the number of forms they have to make the old beams and they would keep those only until they didn’t see any more projects with that design coming through. He said that scenario would cause a redesign of the bridge.

Attorney Scott Brunton, representing the developers, said he didn’t have that much information before. He said he understood the Board’s position but his clients’ position was that the cost was more than was ever anticipated. He said he was glad the project was moving in the direction of a meeting of the parties.

Board Member Currie stated he didn’t see any reason to let it drag on. He said having to redesign the project would make it worse and that they should go ahead and let the project.

ITEM NO. 2  RECEIVE AND FILE AND REFER TO THE ENGINEERING DIVISION THE MAJORITY PETITIONS REQUESTING THE FOLLOWING IMPROVEMENTS:

A) STONEGATE ROAD from Sheridan Road to North Street, 69.78% majority requesting construction of concrete curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, a bituminous overlay and adjustments [Council District 3];
B) TWELVE OAKS DRIVE from Hudson Street north to the Dead End, 74.11% majority requesting new city-standard ornamental street lighting system [Council District 2];
C) ELIZABETH STREET from Flora Avenue to Sheridan Road, 61.31% majority requesting new city-standard ornamental street lighting system [Council District 2];
D) N. FLORA AVENUE from Main Street to Columbia Terrace, 51.53% majority requesting new city-standard ornamental street lighting system
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[Council District 2] with recommendation from Staff to combine with the ELIZABETH STREET project.

Project Engineer Marvin Shoop gave a background on the projects. Regarding the Stonegate petitions, he said this latest project request would completely rebuild this roadway, between North Street and Sheridan Road. Regarding Elizabeth Street, he said both Elizabeth and Flora were in The Orchard District. He said these neighborhood representatives had been working on a majority petition for the past seven to eight years. He said all of these projects were ready to go.

In discussion with Board Member Smith regarding staff’s note recommending combining the Elizabeth Street and Flora Avenue projects, President Hewitt stated that projects usually were combined after the assessment process when they would be combined for bid letting. He said when the projects reached close-out, they would again be separated for final cost purposes.

In further discussion with Secretary Ray, Mr. Shoop agreed that the Hetherwood and Suffolk Drive projects would be combined with the other Lynnhurst lighting project and that they would be constructed this year. However, he said, the majority petitions they were accepting tonight would likely be completed for design, but not necessarily construction, this year.

Board Member Smith stated the properties being assessed would received a letter from the Engineering Division notifying them of these pending projects. He stated the information would also be posted to the city’s web site as pending assessment projects.

Board Member Smith moved to accept the majority petitions for improvements to STONEGATE ROAD from Sheridan Road to North Street, TWELVE OAKS DRIVE from Hudson Street north to the Dead End, ELIZABETH STREET from Flora Avenue to Sheridan Road, and N FLORA AVENUE from Main Street to Columbia Terrace, as outlined, and refer them to the Engineering Division for further development; seconded by Board Member Currie.

Approved by viva voce vote.

ITEM NO. 3 OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD:

A) Approval of PAY ESTIMATE #4 & FINAL for the NORTH AVALON PLACE ROADWAY AND PEDESTRIAN SCALE LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (BETWEEN HUDSON AND ALBANY);

B) Approval of PAY ESTIMATE #2 & FINAL for the MELBOURNE AVENUE ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING PROJECT (BETWEEN SHERIDAN RD AND TO EAST OF BOOTZ STREET);

C) Approval of PAY ESTIMATE #7 & FINAL for the N.E. MONROE STREET ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING & ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT (WAYNE TO SPRING).

Board Member Currie moved to approve the Final Pay Estimates as outlined in Items A through C; seconded by Secretary Ray.

Approved by viva voce vote.