

## 5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

### 5.01: Recommend Landscape Improvements for Center Median in the Sweet Bay Ridge Development

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood reviewed the proposed project and plan and recommendation by the City Council to proceed with the landscape renovation plan by Great Northern Landscapes, Inc. He stated it will include honeysuckle bushes, mulching, planting soil, irrigation, and yearly maintenance.

Clint Seul, 7496 161<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Sweet Bay Ridge resident, stated the neighbors were hoping to have some plants that were smaller in size so people can see children playing or crossing the street as they come around the corner. He stated the honeysuckle bushes are the residents concern because they grow so tall and large they can create a hazard on the median.

Public Works Superintendent Riemer asked if they could mulch back from the curb to the tree line and then put the bushes in line with that, noting that may resolve the issue Mr. Seul and residents are concerned about.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated in the affirmative that this option can be pursued.

Chairperson Riley stated he was surprised to find the cost is \$14,000 to renovate this project and that it will cost roughly \$600.00 – \$800.00 a year to maintain it.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated he believes the cost is comparable to other companies and average in pricing. He noted there is a great deal of hand work that is involved in the project, irrigation repairs and new zone controller included.

Councilmember Kuzma asked why the City is the funding source is for this project and inquired about an HOA funding the cost.

Public Works Superintendent Riemer stated they don't have an HOA in place and the cost will be coming out of the operational budget. He stated this option is the most cost effective choice; the cost to lay black top on the entire median was roughly \$32,000.00 and to remove the median was roughly \$54,000

Parks & Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood stated the beautification of the median makes the most sense to add the esthetics instead of removing the median. He noted removing the median added concerns that it would encourage increased driving speed of drivers in that area.

Mr. Seul stated the residents would like anything in that space that is low maintenance to reduce the burden on the neighborhood.

City Engineer Westby stated the special assessment policy does allow for these projects as long as the benefiting properties don't exceed the amount being put into the project.

Chairperson Riley asked if anyone has reached out to Lennar since they still have several properties in that development they are selling they may have an interest in helping fund this project as it would benefit them greatly due to the fact this median is at one of three entrances into the development.

Councilmember Kuzma stated maybe splitting the cost three ways between Lennar, the homeowners and the City would be a good idea.

Mr. Seul stated he believes the residents would be willing to pitch in.

Councilmember Johns stated maybe City Engineer Westby could draft a letter stating the intentions of the City and the proposed idea to cost share for Mr. Seul to give to the residents.

City Engineer Westby stated he could compose a letter.

Public Works Superintendent Riemer stated he will be the contact for the home owners at the City should they have questions or want to discuss anything further.

It was the consensus of the Committee to gather input from the homeowners and Lennar then finalize how to proceed.

Motion by Councilmember Kuzma, seconded by Councilmember Johns, to approve the proposed plan provided by Great Northern Landscapes, Inc., further investigate funding sources for this plan, and return it to the Public Works Committee upon conclusion at the November meeting.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Riley, Councilmembers Kuzma and Johns. Voting No: None. Absent: Councilmember Shryock.

#### **5.02: Consider Work Order for Sunwood Drive Roundabout Streetscape Design**

Public Works Superintendent Riemer provided the proposed work order from WSB & Associates, Inc. He stated it is recommended to engage the work order with WSB & Associates, Inc.

Councilmember Kuzma asked how far WSB is willing to go with the cost.

City Engineer Westby stated they are going to cover the \$11,989 plus whatever else is needed.

Chairperson Riley stated he thinks \$12,000 is too much to invest into that area before they know what else will be built in that area as well.

Councilmembers Kuzma and Johns stated they expect what gets built there to be expensive so they feel it is a fine investment.