



**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
American River North Community Room
2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova**

**Wednesday, May 31, 2006
5:30 P.M. - Work Session**

MINUTES

WORK SESSION

Call to Order

Mayor McGarvey called the special meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Present: Council Members Budge, Cooley, Sander, Skoglund & Mayor McGarvey

Staff Present: Hare, Junker, Abhar, Doleson, Beiswenger, Samuelson, Thomas

Oral Communications

1. Public Comment

None

AT THIS POINT, Mayor McGarvey reordered the agenda to take Item 3 prior to Item 2.

Work Session Items

3. **Subject:** Resolution of Intention to Form a City Road Maintenance Assessment District
Recommendation: Staff recommends City Council adopt Resolution No. 64-2006 approving Engineer's Report and declaring its intention to form the Rancho Cordova Road Maintenance Assessment District and to levy an assessment on new development.
Result of Recommended Action: The recommended action will start the process to create a mechanism to provide annual funding to maintain the roads, traffic signals, and street lights constructed in new development areas. There will be no financial impact to existing residents.
Staff Report: Cyrus Abhar, Public Works Department

Speakers: None

ACTION: Motion by Budge second by Cooley and carried by unanimous vote, Council adopted Resolution No. 64-2006; approved the Engineer's Report as filed; declared the City's intent to form the district and levy assessments; set the public hearing for June 19, 2006; and directed the City Clerk to give notice and conduct the assessment balloting procedure.

2. **Subject:** Walkability and Street Design Guidelines – This presentation will identify the important interaction between public infrastructure development and adjacent private land development, and the role of Street Design Guidelines in implementing the goals of the General Plan and associated Transit, Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans.
Recommendation: Consider staff's presentation on street design options and strategies to encourage walkability and provide comments and direction for staff to prepare Draft Street Design Guidelines.
Result of Recommended Action: Based upon the Council's comments and direction, and following review by key stakeholders, staff will complete Draft Street Design Guidelines. The Draft Street Design Guidelines will return to the Council for formal adoption at a later date. Once adopted, these Guidelines will inform and guide the design of road construction projects throughout the City.
Staff Report: Cyrus Abhar, Public Works Department and Paul Junker, Planning Department

Chief Dobson of the Fire District commended staff on their collaborative effort.

A slide presentation was given showing results of projects focused on walkability, connectivity, visibility -- "eyes on the street, sidewalk and trail," which is engaging to the pedestrian.

AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING, Mayor McGarvey excused himself to speak at the Kinney High School graduation. The time was 6:43 p.m. He rejoined the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Right-turn slip-lanes were discussed (cut through medians and islands for pedestrians). Best practices for complete streets were presented in the continuing slide presentation with concepts from the STAQ Collaborative reports, containing research on street width, relative to travel speeds and accident rates; cul-de-sac's being the cause of connectivity issues and cut-through traffic in neighborhoods. Staff went through the Street Standards (draft May 31, 2006).

Council Member Cooley asked staff to consider the set-back issue from front of garage to the sidewalk in terms of optimum distance.

Builder/developer (no name heard) said that driveway height and position changes can be problematic for developers.

Bob Shaddick, builder/developer, said that 750 looked a little tight to him; also vertical curbs are problematic unless there is standardization of driveway location.

Council Member Budge said that the width of sidewalk is more important if the pitch of the adjacent lawn is steep.

Scott Clark, Program Manager for Walk Sacramento, talked about a "walkable vision" and was complimentary of staff's efforts and appreciative of Walk Sacramento's level of participation in the process.

Council agreed that it is appropriate to have conversations with the development community regarding the 4 lane by 6 lane arterial intersection concept presented this evening but not to "discount" the possibility of constructing pedestrian overcrossings.

Mr. Dodson of Wood Rodgers said he is concerned with adding complexity to the construction of the intersection at Chrysanthe.

The Council agreed with experimenting with roundabouts on less busy streets.

The next steps were identified as:

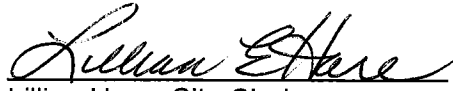
Land Use Standards
Finalize Street Design Guidelines
Develop Improvement Standards
Implementation of Standards

Consensus by Council for details to be worked out at the staff level and for staff to return with next step products.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGarvey adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lillian Hare", written over a horizontal line.

Lillian Hare, City Clerk