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CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2008 – 5:45 p.m.
CITY HALL

Mayor Wimmer called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Members Present:	Mayor George Wimmer and Councilmember Sue Larson, Councilmembers Ralph Johnson arrived at 5:49 p.m. and Alan Duff arrived at 6:02 p.m.
Members Absent:	Councilmember Jeff Kolb.
Staff Present:	Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Irene Bauer and City Engineers Brad DeWolf and Ken Adolf.

Palomino Neighborhood Meeting – Drainage Improvement
Residents of the Palomino Neighborhood were informed and invited to this meeting that relates to drainage in the Palomino neighborhood.

City Engineer Brad DeWolf provided a brief background of the drainage problems within the Palomino subdivision whereas storm water runoff is conveyed along the streets to the lowest yards in the neighborhood. Property owners were invited to a similar meeting that was held on October 2, 2007 and on November 1, 2007 Council reviewed information about the use of rain gardens to help minimize runoff.

The goal of the meeting held on this date was to review drainage concerns, gather input from the residents, and explore potential solutions.

DeWolf provided options relating to the drainage and they were as follows:
- Option A: Do Nothing. Leave the area alone and address drainage concerns in the future when street reconstruction is needed. There would be no cost for this option.
- Option B: Construct Ditches along Existing Roadways. This would include construction of a rural ditch section along the existing streets; add culverts under driveways to interconnect the ditches; and patch the disturbed driveways. Estimated cost: $366,000. The pros and cons were reviewed for this option.
- Option B – Alternate: Construct storm pipe/ditches combined with storm water inlets only in critical areas; incorporate rain gardens and under drain systems to further supplement drainage; use rain gardens and under drain systems to infiltrate and convey water rather than passing it all in a ditch system. Rain gardens were described and examples of rain gardens were viewed.
- Option C: Construct Urban Roadway with Curb and Storm. Construct an urban street section on all streets in Palomino Acres; add a storm sewer system to convey storm

water; patch existing driveways and restore boulevard turf. Estimated Cost: $872,000. The pros and cons were reviewed for this option.

- Option C – Alternate: Construct an urban street section on all streets in Palomino Acres; supplement storm sewer with rain gardens in critical areas. The pros and cons were reviewed for this option.

Cindy Weiss – 38 Buckskin Boulevard - inquired if Option B was done, what happens when the roads would need to be reconstructed.

Mayor Wimmer stated that the neighborhood may be considered rural. DeWolf stated the existing pipes could be utilized when a reconstruction took place based on the placement of the pipes.

Ordeen Splittstoser – 316 Palomino Road - inquired if this affects all of Palomino Road. It was stated it affects Palomino Road through the area of the subdivision.

Kameron Kytonen – 19 Pinto Lane - made comment on establishing rain gardens as an alternative to landscaping.

Mike Wiess – 38 Buckskin Boulevard - made comment on the location and maintenance of rain gardens.

Jan Bauer – 25 Buckskin Boulevard – made comment that when it does rain, the water disappears within an hour.

There was general discussion on maintenance of the rain gardens and who would maintain them. There was also general discussion on a possible model and educating residents on rain garden maintenance.

There was general discussion on the 2008 road maintenance plan that calls for seal coating the streets in the Palomino neighborhood and Council must consider if the drainage will be addressed or to move forward with the seal coating.

Adjournment

Motion by Larson, second by Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The Work Session adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene J. Bauer
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