

**CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 26, 2022 AT 4:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CAUCUS ROOM & VIA ZOOM**

Present: Chairman Dale Veverka
Vice Mayor Dave Grendel
Councilperson Chris Walchanowicz

Also Present: Mayor Gregory P. Kurtz (left at 5:56 p.m.)
Finance Director Vern Blaze
Councilperson Anthony Togliatti
Councilperson Jim Trakas
Service Director Ron McKinley (left at 5:20 p.m.)
City Engineer Don Ramm
Procurement Coordinator Dennis Zdolshek

Chairman Dale Veverka called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Chairman Veverka said we are going to dive right into it. Ron, you are up first, so we will get you rolling. Initially talk to us about progress that the Service Department has done since March 31st. Give us a short report, okay.

Service Director McKinley said I will do my best.

Lots of compliments on the hanging baskets this year. I would like to continue the center island on 21 flowers. They go all the way down south 21 next year. Hopefully, the limit gets increased to \$25,000 in November because in order for me to do that, I will be over the \$15,000. So, in order to stay with the same urban growers and get the same flowers and hanging baskets, I am hoping that it stays that way.

We did build another water truck. The water truck used to take about a week to water everything, and we are doing it in a day and a half now.

Chairman Veverka asked how often do you now water? How long had it been in between?

Service Director McKinley said Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There's water on Wednesday, and water and fertilizer on Friday as well.

Chairman Veverka said my wife asked that question because her concern was if you water it too frequently, the plant doesn't have the time to reach down into the basket, and you don't get a decent root system.

Service Director McKinley said and we base it on if we got rain or if we are going to get rain. We justify it that way.

Chairman Veverka said that is why she was surprised that when we had the amount of rain that we had recently I think on Sunday, that the truck was out watering on Monday.

Service Director McKinley said that was just fertilizer.

Chairman Veverka asked that was just fertilizer?

Service Director McKinley replied yes.

Chairman Veverka said thank you.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said if I remember correctly, we used to have sprinkler systems on those poles for those baskets. Do we not anymore?

Service Director McKinley said they are weekender baskets, so we fill them up on a Friday, and they hold the water until Monday.

Finance Director Blaze asked are you talking about the flower baskets on Brecksville Road?

Service Director McKinley said on Rockside, Brecksville, Pleasant Valley.

Finance Director Blaze said check out the ones on Rockside, the way they are positioned, the baskets themselves are up high, but the growth, those things are so long, and they are right over the sidewalks, whether you are walking or on a bike. You have to move those.

Service Director McKinley said and we added the vine symmetry too. It was actually working so well that they are growing the way they are supposed to be.

Finance Director Blaze said the vines (inaudible) so they are not growing into the sidewalk.

Service Director McKinley said last year we did 9 ½ cubic yards of concrete. This year we have doubled it. We did 20 yards of concrete. The bulk of this work Don handles in Engineering, however, we did do some on Chestnut and the center of town at the Veterans Memorial there.

Chairman Veverka asked any other areas that you did?

Service Director McKinley said not so far, no.

Chairman Veverka asked what about the ones on Chestnut Creek?

Service Director McKinley said Don is handling those.

So, in the winter time, all the potholes that we did get calls for, we run out immediately and catch them, but then we make a list of all the locations. This winter we received 47 locations to patch. So, then in the spring and summer, we go back out and top them with asphalt so that it's a permanent repair.

Chairman Veverka said so here's a question related to the, now that you have milled and filled. I noticed on Brecksville Road, when you do the mill and fill, I don't see a mastic around the edge. Do you not put mastic around the edge before the hot patch goes in?

Service Director McKinley said absolutely. We started off on Brecksville and did the parade route. Then pulled off and started doing the pothole patches. Then we got pulled off to go to the Civic Center. We pulled the whole curb out at the Civic Center and repainted all that. We have a few more locations for the potholes left, and then we are going back to 21 to finish 21. In the fall here, we will go back and we will crack seal all the patches.

Chairman Veverka asked so you want to crack seal them after? You don't put mastic around the edge of the existing concrete? You don't put that in before the patch goes in?

Service Director McKinley replied no.

Chairman Veverka said I just thought normally you see some mastic around the patches.

Service Director McKinley said we put pack in the hole, that's what holds the asphalt in.

Chairman Veverka asked but it doesn't go up on the edges?

Service Director McKinley said yes, when the crack seal, it goes over top of the edges. There's a 3 foot over band all the way around the patch.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked how many fellows do you have on this crew that does this work?

Service Director McKinley said it depends on if we need traffic control or not, four to five.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked now do the same gentlemen do the concrete also then?

Service Director McKinley said no. There are only a couple of guys that are in there that do the concrete work. We are trying to train everybody. We are a little slow on the concrete, but we are extremely inefficient at it. We are getting better.

Vice Mayor Grendel said thank you.

Service Director McKinley said as far as asphalt, the data that I could find was in 2012, and we installed 40 tons of asphalt. I didn't see anything until 2021. Last year we did 68 tons of asphalt, and this year to date we are at 193 tons. So, the asphalt is definitely improving throughout the town. The guys are getting pretty good at it. We are cross-training everybody. I am happy with the quality of work they are doing. We are not there yet, but we are getting better. It's a pretty good number for the first year for these guys. That is the Civic Center parking lot that we did.

Finance Director Blaze asked are you teaching them? Don't you have an asphalt background?

Service Director McKinley said I have been out there paving with them every day that they are out. That's how they are learning.

Councilperson Togliatti asked was there any drainage functionality to the curb in the Civic Center parking lot?

Service Director McKinley said there is a catch basin in there, yes. It was a catch basin in the back of a curb. We removed the steel in the curb and put a new catch basin in there and wrecked the catch basin.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked so there won't be any more of those curbs?

Service Director McKinley said the curb is gone.

Vice Mayor Grendel said that's good to hear.

Service Director McKinley said I got it steel coated. That was a 50 ton job too by the way. They did it in four days. So, the guys did really good. It looks really nice.

Mailboxes, we are over 200 mailboxes we did in seven months now, and it's getting to the point where they are calling us out, we need a new sticker, my number 2 came off. We have to go to the hardware store, get a sticker, run out there. Our current policy is vague. It just says that we will fix them or replace them if we damage them. That's pretty much it. That's what it says on the website. I did create a mailbox policy. The way I came up with this is I looked at Broadview Heights' mailbox policy. I pulled Seven Hills, North Royalton, Valley View, Brecksville, Westlake, and I took everybody's opinion and made something that I thought would be feasible for us. It's not a black and white issue, it's just something to have a starting place for, just to help the 214, which is just a lot. My door's open, my door won't close, it's leaning. If we can help, absolutely we will help, but I think there needs to be a little bit of something. They call us and say you put it in, so you own it. Technically, we don't own the mailbox, but they assume that we do, and we help everybody to the best of our ability. I just think that there should be some sort of policy like every other city has, and then we can deviate from there obviously.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked how much do residents pay for a mailbox?

Service Director McKinley said \$65.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said it's probably triple that.

Service Director McKinley said we just raised the price.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked what are we paying for them?

Service Director McKinley said it's \$65 effective August 1st. It just went in the Post.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked now do you have to buy so many at a time in order to get a price break?

Service Director McKinley said it's like a semi load.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said otherwise those mailboxes are over \$100 apiece.

Chairman Veverka said in other words, it's a deal for them to get a mailbox, so I guess the question becomes how do we inform the residents? That sounds to me like something coming out of the Mayor's office to try to straighten people out because if you buy a mailbox, it's yours. We shouldn't be expected to have the Service Department to come out and put stickers on it. Isn't that crazy? I fixed my mailbox. The plow when they knocked my mailbox down, they recorded it, and before they had a chance to come back to fix it, I totally repaired my mailbox. So, people having these expectations to me doesn't sound reasonable.

Service Director McKinley said maybe just update the City's website on the mailbox policy.

Vice Mayor Grendel said it's something we can put in our monthly newsletter that goes out.

Service Director McKinley replied absolutely.

Several people began speaking at once.

Chairman Veverka said so from the Administration maybe would it be appropriate for something to be drawn up so that when the Service Department puts in a mailbox that it's like when somebody backs in and brings me a load of compost that I sign that the liability is mine. In other words, I am taking this mailbox, and I realize that it's my responsibility.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said like a waiver.

Chairman Veverka said whatever, a waiver or something so that when Chris Walchanowicz buys his mailbox, he doesn't call the Service Department to say I need a new sticker. That's going forward, but what you are suggesting Dave is putting the information out there that when you buy a mailbox from the City, it should be yours, and your responsibility just like your mailbox was before you bought a City one. So, I would think that anything related to this needs to come from the Mayor's office. As much as having a policy in place makes sense, I guess one of the biggest questions is we have to get the message out, does that not make sense Greg that we get

the message out, or that you get the message out how this works? So, they don't get inundated by these little repairs or tweaks.

Mayor Kurtz said yes, we can do something in the newsletter. I think the purpose of the meeting was to bring the policy, to have Council review the policy so that we are all on the same page. Once Council tells me it makes sense, tweak it here or do this, then we can just put it out publicly and say here's our policy.

Councilperson Togliatti asked so is that going to be legislated then? Should it be an Administrative policy and not a Council policy?

Mayor Kurtz said, but communication is important. So, once Council had its two cents, once we had this dialogue with Council so that if we missed something, we could correct it before we changed the policy. That's the reason for bringing it here for your benefit to give us some insight or experience and weigh in on it.

Chairman Veverka asked what are you thinking Chris?

Councilperson Walchanowicz said everybody sitting here now, we can replace stickers and stuff on our mailboxes if something happens, but we have some of our seniors that are 80, 90 years old, and I don't expect them. Go to Ace Hardware and buy stickers. Maybe there just needs to be a limitation on age like when we will.

Service Director McKinley said nothing says we are going to follow it.

Councilperson Togliatti asked then why are we putting it on paper if we aren't going to follow it?

Service Director McKinley said it brings us up to speed. Some of it we will, but it brings us up to speed with other cities that we should at least have a policy and be professional about it.

Vice Mayor Grendel said I think once we install it, that's a trend to service right there. I think 20 or 30 years ago when I was putting ours up with my father-in-law, it's quite an ordeal. Just to have the City install it, that is a tremendous savings. I think once it's installed like that, then it's the homeowner's responsibility to maintain it and make sure that it's functional and works with the Post Office and everything. They can't expect the City to take care of it.

Mayor Kurtz said that's Independence. That is why we are presenting this. We are trying to make sure if we miss something.

Vice Mayor Grendel said the residents how they plant their flowers sometimes by the mailbox, do they expect the City to come in and water them too?

Service Director McKinley said I had a lady call asking if I could deliver her mail from her mailbox and open her front door and set it in there every day for forever. I kid you not.

Councilperson Togliatti said with the 215, do we have any age breakdown, older demographic, middle age, younger.

Service Director McKinley said well, no. Now however we do have Great Oaks, Lafayette, the black metal mailboxes. I had four damaged from the winter time, and I am still going round and round with the HOA. The mailboxes are \$500 apiece.

Councilperson Togliatti asked could they even get the mail in them?

Service Director McKinley said they say that they do.

Councilperson Togliatti asked in the newer sections?

Several people began speaking at once again.

Mayor Kurtz said there's only one area getting their mail, and I think it's Hawthorn.

Chairman Veverka asked what about six? Initially, the Post Office said any new development was not supposed to get their mail delivered.

Mayor Kurtz said I met the manager for the first time today, and they have bureaucracy that they are just different. It's interesting. Suffice to say, mailboxes went up, and the mailman put the mail in the mailboxes. Remember those are temporary gang boxes. This one is not temporary, and they had a real hissy fit about it. We shared pictures about safety. Shared pictures with traffic and busses, and we went all the way up the food chain to the Post Office General's office. They had four people out today based on a call we made to our Congressman to get some action. So, they are responsive. Since 2013 we have outlined the fact that the service has changed in the last five or six years with the direct purchase, package purchasing. I have gone up and down the roads and watched the Post Office deliver the mail, go into houses. They have to shut it off every time they go into a house. They go to a house and then another house dropping packages off. You are telling me it's more efficient to do that, and then use the gang box then just go up and down the road like 99% of our streets.

Vice Mayor Grendel said sometimes they will deliver the package to the door, but they will leave your mail in the box.

Mayor Kurtz said that's their policy.

Vice Mayor Grendel said the letter that came from that man in the new section on South Great Oaks that they sent to the people that live in there. Now there is another one that came out, the new residents sent to the old residents, talking about things. There seems to be bad blood.

Mayor Kurtz said this is in 6, South Great Oaks.

Vice Mayor Grendel said there seems to be some contention between them.

Mayor Kurtz said it's a delicate situation. If you notice the dialogue, they have been very respectful.

Vice Mayor Grendel said I would like to see a meshing there.

Mayor Kurtz said Dave, we are going to assign you to that task. You will go meet with every resident, and when you are done, you tell me what you want to do.

Vice Mayor Grendel said after my days are over. I do that now in my office with families. I am at the age now Greg that I don't care if they get mad at me.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Mayor Kurtz said I think we spend half of our time just trying to manage neighbor disputes, and we have some challenges today and this is one of them. Someone moves into a neighborhood, and they have their way of doing business, and then you have other people that have been there a long time, they have their way of functioning in the neighborhood. Before you know it, there's a disconnect. Most of them we work through. There are certain elements such as the Post Office in this case, and the neighborhood. I have had conversations with one of the neighbors, and so we just work through them all. You hope that it doesn't become so volatile. It's the way of the world out there.

Vice Mayor Grendel said the pandemic didn't help it either.

Chairman Veverka said and the fact that Congress were the ones who made the new rules anyway. Aren't they the ones that said that there is not supposed to be anything but gang mailboxes to start with? Isn't that where it came from?

Mayor Kurtz said it's private industry. It's a whole different world. It was a long, interesting inconclusive discussion.

Chairman Veverka said so now you are talking about three ultra-expensive mailboxes.

Service Director McKinley said that they chose to put in. I have four damaged from the winter. I took pictures of them.

Mayor Kurtz said we have to manage the situation differently because every time someone turns around, it's always the City. We manage a lot of different situations.

Councilperson Togliatti said so we fixed 215 with the Step One, but we aren't going to fix these three expensive ones.

Service Director McKinley said yes we are. I have four of them, they are \$400 each. They are at South Great Oaks; however, I don't want to start a precedent because there's 175 homes there.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Togliatti said a precedent has been set. You fixed 215.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Togliatti said we repaired them in some way, 215 of them; but now we are ignoring these expensive ones.

Mayor Kurtz said we aren't ignoring anything, we are just trying to figure out how to navigate through. That's why we are asking you.

Councilperson Togliatti said I think the precedent has been set, we have to fix them.

Mayor Kurtz said we got our answer.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Service Director McKinley said the post, the box, the way it goes into the ground, the whole system that you can't fix these. They are a special unit. They sent me a page and a half of this special mailbox.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said those are four replacements basically.

Service Director McKinley said yes, these are four replacements at \$400 apiece if we do them in-house. It's \$500 if we hire their contractor to do it.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked there's nothing in their HOA that states anything about damaged mailboxes?

Service Director McKinley said that's who I am dealing with is the HOA. They are requesting that we replace them because supposedly we hit them. Do they look like they were hit? No, they look decent.

Mayor Kurtz said if we don't manage this properly.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said what if our cost is \$65, what if we offered to pay up to \$65 to replace their mailbox?

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said my thing is are we going to have, say Dave says I want one of those mailboxes, not a green one.

Service Director McKinley said well that's what it says in here, should the resident not desire a Step 2 mailbox that we provide, the resident can purchase a mailbox of their choice, and we will

install it for them. So, we are still trying to work with them. We are not just cutting people off, but here's what we provide.

Finance Director Blaze asked does that include that you will buy the brick and the block?

Service Director McKinley said if you don't like what we have, we will install it.

Mayor Kurtz said what I am hearing is we will pay, whatever our policy is going to be, \$65, whatever they pay, that is what we should pay. They have them, and they installed them all.

Councilperson Togliatti asked how about these new mailboxes on Lafayette and Waldorf, are those the same mailboxes? Those are on us, we installed those. Can those be repaired, or do those have to be replaced because you are going to be dealing with the same thing.

Service Director McKinley said those are different mailboxes.

Mayor Kurtz said we put this policy in place so that we know that our max exposure is going to be whatever we have in here. If in fact we damage them, which is not unheard of, there are times with our trucks or something, we make mistakes like anybody else; but I think what we are trying to do is create a policy that is sustainable, not just something that is placed on a whim of an individual or a neighborhood. They installed all their mailboxes in that new subdivision, and they were \$400 or \$500 apiece. People paid for those.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked do we have a statistic, say the winter before, I know that you weren't here yet, but we had a crazy winter with a crazy amount of snow. Those trucks had to push, so the mailboxes, the ones that we damaged the year before, 214 mailboxes.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Mayor Kurtz said it was 214 incidents of numbers coming off, straightening, sometimes we do that ourselves because we see it bent over, we fix it because it's the appearance of the City. We are known for our (inaudible), recognized for it. We can't diminish that, but people need to know, I think Chris's suggestion makes sense.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked are you able to get us a number on what just was damaged during the winter? Like how many out of 214 so we have an idea.

Service Director McKinley replied yes, I have an excellent spreadsheet that is three pages along with the exact date and the resident's name. We just started this one. Prior to that, there is no data.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked what happens if it's one of our contractors, you know the ones that are plowing?

Mayor Kurtz said the same thing. We repair the damages, the sprinkler systems, the tree lawns.

Service Director McKinley said we got a call today about a mailbox that was damaged during the winter. It's almost August.

Councilperson Togliatti asked do we have any idea how much these 214 incidents have cost us?

Service Director McKinley said no, I have the price of the mailboxes, and we do two to three guys to go put a curb in. I can add up the manpower and labor yes, and I could get that for you.

Councilperson Togliatti asked what if somebody just needs a sticker replaced or the lid is not closing, you send three guys out?

Service Director McKinley said no, I send one guy, one kid. If you are working at this job location, just swing by here on the way to the job and throw it on.

Vice Mayor Grendel said we replaced ours just because the other one is too old, and it was starting to lean like that so we just called and paid for a new one. I wouldn't say that was related to any kind of, it was just a replacement, and the City offered the service. I wouldn't consider that damage done there.

Mayor Kurtz said it's a service that we have had in place for years.

Service Director McKinley said these 200 plus mailboxes, only 100 were damaged, and the others, people were just tired of their old ones.

Councilperson Togliatti asked how many were just complete replacements?

Service Director McKinley said not a big number really. The South Great Oaks at \$400 apiece. That's where the policy is going to come into play.

Mayor Kurtz said if we do that, put the policy in place, and somebody calls in and say look we allocate \$65, we will put it in for you if you get the mailbox.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked are those the new houses on South Great Oaks?

Mayor Kurtz said yes, there are six.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked so those four are from the new houses that got damaged?

Councilperson Togliatti said if we would have stuck with those gang mailboxes, we wouldn't have this problem.

Service Director McKinley said there are 175 homes in there.

Councilperson Trakas said I just wanted to say that I support the policy as written. I thought it was excellent. I had two comments. One would be we say black mailboxes, and they change the color to green, then our policy would be outdated. So, we might want to say just plastic

mailboxes that are consistent with the neighborhood. I don't know because they used to all be green, and now they are black. '

Then secondly, I would add a paragraph that states that senior citizens and individuals who may be handicapped may ask the department for assistance if they are doing something over and above what our policy calls for just so we have that in there if there is a need so that there's not a question about whether or not it's done or not and who gets the service. If you delineate who those individuals are, I think it would make a very good policy better.

Vice Mayor Grendel said good because I think it's consistent with our snow plowing service that we have.

Chairman Veverka said I thought I heard you mention that some people in other communities need to fill out paperwork to have certain things done. Is that included in this?

Service Director McKinley said no, they just call. Our policy is call us, and we will run out and take care of it just to speed up the process for them getting their mail.

Service Director McKinley asked any other thoughts?

Chairman Veverka asked how do you feel about Jim's suggestion?

Vice Mayor Grendel said I think it's a great suggestion. I think Ron on the policy just add that special consideration will be given to residents over 65 and also to handicapped residents. So, that gives you the flexibility to be able to do things for people.

Finance Director Blaze said if you could join the senior organization at 50 or 55 now.

Councilperson Trakas said I'm going to make the first call if it's over 55.

Chairman Veverka asked well what do we want to do? Do you want to make a motion to have that adjustment and then look at it some more?

Vice Mayor Grendel asked do we need to approve the policy?

Mayor Kurtz said now that we have had this dialogue, we will incorporate these suggestions, and then we will put it in the newsletter and it will be better for the Service Department because they will have the framework established. We will talk to Bob Abdow and say look here's the policy, and we are not going to be replacing unless it's blatantly our issue. Then everybody in the City will know what the policy is.

Chairman Veverka asked are we allowed to do this one time? I'm just throwing the question out there.

Mayor Kurtz said I don't know if there's been abuse.

Chairman Veverka said that's the reason I asked.

Mayor Kurtz said I don't know if it's abuse as much as just correcting them.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Service Director McKinley said it just might mitigate the phone calls coming in.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said once the final draft on that policy is done, what about anybody that needs a new mailbox, that policy is handed over to them so when they get their mailbox they know this is all we are going to do. So, in the future if your numbers are falling off, that's not something we are going to fix. Then this way they have a copy of it.

Chairman Veverka said that goes back to what I said where the homeowner takes responsibility if their driveway gets cracked when you have a load of compost delivered. So, when you install the mailbox, it seems to be appropriate to sign off on hey I know the policy. That doesn't hit all 3,000 people, but it does hit the people from that point on. We have a starting point at least. That would be what I would suggest, sign it and date it. If we are going in this direction, we want to get all the bumps off of it, if that's the recommendation we are making to the Administration. Is everybody good?

Several people replied yes.

Chairman Veverka said move on sir.

Service Director McKinley said we have our 2006F-550 sewer box truck. It's 17 years old with 70,000 miles on it, and it desperately needs replaced. It's only two-wheel drive. I am asking Council. We have money encumbered already, so I am asking Council for approval to buy a new sewer box truck. That is a picture of it. This one will be four wheel drive. It will be fitted just like our existing sewer box truck, the same length, width. It has a three foot cab over, storage for parts. It has a roof rack on it. The money for this truck has been encumbered in the 2021 Capital Plan and has a P.O. number to it.

Chairman Veverka asked so it's a 550?

Service Director McKinley said it is a 550, yes.

Chairman Veverka asked four wheel drive?

Service Director McKinley replied yes. It has a P.O. number already attached to it. There was \$90,000 allocated, and the cost of this truck is \$89,670.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked what's the timeframe on something like this?

Service Director McKinley said six weeks. I am hoping before the end of summer. The box part of it has to go to Indiana.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said the cab and chassis are on the ground, but it's how long it takes for the box.

Councilperson Togliatti asked now did we buy a new camera truck?

Service Director McKinley replied yes.

Councilperson Togliatti asked now do we have that? Is it operable?

Service Director McKinley said oh yeah. We have been using it.

Councilperson Togliatti asked the current sewer truck is failing us?

Service Director McKinley said it's failing, it's 17 years old with 70,000 miles on it, and it's only two-wheel drive. It's terrible in the winter time, and it's costing us a lot of money to keep this thing running. It's rusted out real bad, but I just can't buy another box and put it on the chassis.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked what's the cost again?

Service Director McKinley said \$89,670, and we got 17 years out of our current one.

Finance Director Blaze asked are we going to have legislation on this at the next Council meeting?

Service Director McKinley said that is correct.

Councilperson Togliatti said I am working on the plan from April, and I don't see anything.

Vice Mayor Grendel said it says 550 for \$90,000.

Service Director McKinley said that's it.

Vice Mayor Grendel said it's on the July 8th Capital Plan version.

Chairman Veverka said as long as it was encumbered. Only 70,000 miles, that's crazy. I understand the 17 years, but 70,000 miles.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said remember there's a lot of idle time on those trucks.

Finance Director Blaze said you go to a job, and it sits there for a couple of hours.

Service Director McKinley asked what's the City, three square miles?

Finance Director Blaze said six.

Service Director McKinley said next on the agenda is two F-550's. There are currently 14 chassis on the ground last week and there are two left as 12 of them sold. We only have two chassis left that we can get this year from Valley Ford. We had to send them a letter of intent based upon Council's approval to hold these cab and chassis for us. The two that we have, we already got rid of on Govdeals. I believe, and correct me if I am wrong, I believe we got \$26,000 for them. One was a 2005 with 90,000 miles, and the other was a 2008 with 130,000. Both of these trucks were dump trucks, but they only had two-wheel drive. So, all winter long they just sat. They did not have plows, and they could not salt as well. The new 550's I am asking for are stainless steel dump beds with four wheel drive, plows and salt boxes. My thought process is every truck we own that is feasible should be able to plow and salt and have four wheel drive so we can use it year-round.

Chairman Veverka said what you are saying makes sense to me, but on the other hand, I am wondering why we made the other ones disappear. That kind of puts us in a bad spot. In other words, it seems to me it would be backwards. It seems to me that we would approve the purchase of the new trucks before we would decide we are shipping the other ones down the street.

Service Director McKinley asked when did we get approval to go to Govdeals with these trucks?

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said that was earlier this year, but these were actually replacing, those were trucks taken out of service. They were replaced.

Councilperson Togliatti asked so this is adding two additional trucks to the fleet, increasing the numbers?

Service Director McKinley replied absolutely not. Two are gone, and two are coming back in.

Councilperson Togliatti said you just said that those two were already (inaudible).

Service Director McKinley said these two trucks, the 550's, the 2006 and the 2005, are the ones.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said so we haven't replaced those two trucks yet.

Service Director McKinley said correct.

Councilperson Togliatti said Dennis can you repeat your statement because it's not as though we have bought two trucks to replace these and sold these.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said these trucks were taken out of service. I know one had a major engine problem. I believe that was the one that had 131,000 on it. The other vehicle had front end damage.

Service Director McKinley said it was in a car accident.

Councilperson Togliatti said but we don't have anything in the Five-Year Capital Plan for these 550 trucks.

Service Director McKinley said sure we do, under the 550's, three dump trucks, four hook lifts and one utility.

Chairman Veverka asked did you find it Dave?

Vice Mayor Grendel asked is it on Page 11?

Councilperson Togliatti said \$200,000.

Finance Director Blaze said correct.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked how much are they apiece then?

Service Director McKinley said \$117,000 apiece. When I started looking at these, they were \$109,000.

Vice Mayor Grendel said so we have \$200,000 at least.

Finance Director Blaze said we have to decide if we want to take some money out of here.

Councilperson Togliatti asked what was the dump truck that Service gave to Rec? Was that a 550?

Service Director McKinley said it was a 550. It's a short side bed. In order to plow with it, you have to drive with the bed up in the air to get the salt to the spreader, and the guys don't use it during the winter time, so it sat all winter because they refuse to drive down the road with the bed up in the air because it's too unsafe for them. So, if Rec uses it doing parking lot areas, it's a lot safer for the guys.

Councilperson Togliatti said and then Rec has another 550?

Service Director McKinley said no, they have a 350. It looks like a 550.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked so they are \$117,000?

Service Director McKinley said correct.

Finance Director Blaze said that's \$234,000, but then there's a little add on.

Service Director McKinley said yes, I would like to use a little bit of money from that 250 and 350 line item, which is right above the 550 and get chassis for those. I need about \$39,000 for that.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said it's only \$2,500 for each.

Service Director McKinley said if we go through Valley Ford, it's \$13,000 per truck for aluminum wheels and after-market they are \$2,500.

Vice Mayor Grendel said I see we have \$200,000 already.

Service Director McKinley said under the 550's.

Finance Director Blaze said and he's proposing to pull some money to make the gap there.

Service Director McKinley said and grab the last two chassis Valley Ford has for the year.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said the delivery will be received by October 15th.

Chairman Veverka asked so why do we want the aluminum wheels?

Service Director McKinley said they won't rust.

Chairman Veverka said they won't rust, but I have had trouble with aluminum wheels and salt. Those leak more than steel.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said Chairman Veverka they have a tube inside these. I know like a lot of the car tires are just tubeless. Those are the ones.

Chairman Veverka said so these are tube rather than tubeless tires.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said that is correct.

Chairman Veverka said well that makes a difference.

Vice Mayor Grendel said then Ron you will cut back on what we need for the F-250's.

Service Director McKinley said yes, I can't get a chassis this year for those.

Councilperson Togliatti asked and this list is a list of all the City vehicles?

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said that is correct.

Councilperson Togliatti asked and this is current?

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said yes.

Chairman Veverka asked so these are all the ones that we are currently insuring?

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said that is correct. It was just presented to the insurance company with our new quote.

Chairman Veverka said I'm glad we got this because I know in the discussion when we had talked earlier about the motor pool and having a good handle on what we have, this surely brings Council, at least this group that's here, up to speed.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked where do those trucks have to go to be retrofitted?

Service Director McKinley said the dump trucks, Sumerel.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked where are they located?

Service Director McKinley said Concord.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked is all that stuff available?

Service Director McKinley said it will all be completely done.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked this will give us 7 550's then to add to the 5 we currently have?

Service Director McKinley said we actually have 12 550's, some are hook lifts, some are like the sewer box truck.

Chairman Veverka asked were the hook trucks already four-wheel drive is that what are you saying?

Service Director McKinley said two of them are, not all of them no. As I start replacing those, they need to be four-wheel drive. For example, the chipper truck is an F-550 with two-wheel drive. It's very hard to chip in the winter time with two-wheel drive vehicles.

Vice Mayor Grendel said we still have a couple of vehicles from the 1900's.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said I see that.

Vice Mayor Grendel said a Freightliner.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked will that be on the legislation for next month too?

Councilperson Togliatti asked do we need a motion to approve putting that on the agenda?

Mayor Kurtz said I just wanted you to be aware, create the dialogue during this meeting.

Chairman Veverka said move on sir.

Service Director McKinley said last but not least is the rubbish trucks. There are two of them that are currently five years old, 2017's, two of them that are six years old, 2016's. I just wanted to make everybody aware that in the next couple of years, we are going to have to start making some decisions as to which road we are heading down.

For example, when we bought these vehicles, we paid \$330,000 for them. They are now up to \$500,000.

Vice Mayor Grendel said we did discuss like a lot of other cities, whether to go to private companies as opposed to having it done by our own department.

Service Director McKinley said I did pull some pricing to replace in kind, to trade ours in, maybe even a lease option. So, there are definitely a lot of different roads we could travel to get our rubbish picked up.

I don't want to get too deep into this, I just wanted everybody to know we are heading down the road for a couple of million dollars here. If we replace in kind with a front load all the ones that we currently have, it's \$1,800,000. Our trade-in value on our four packers is \$460,000 today, not in two years, just today which gives us a total of \$1,181,000 that we would finance if we would purchase them. We could do five annual payments as a lease option of \$207,000 at a 4.42% interest rate financed through Huntington National Bank. At the end of those five years, we would return the trucks and then re-lease. That would come with an extended warranty as well. I also have them with the maintenance contracts, a five year maintenance contract which would be about \$40,000 for all four trucks a year which would cover 100% of the maintenance and 100% of the warranty. So, there are options, but it is getting more expensive every year to pick up the trash.

We could talk about front load versus side load and having to change the bulk day from every day to maybe on a Friday or a Monday with a rear loader. That would be an option. Sticking with what we have, all front load as an option.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked are there just two companies that offer this service to suburbs? Wasn't it getting fewer and fewer companies? I think Jim you had mentioned that at our last meeting that the number of companies. If all the suburbs and cities decide to go private, then they would have a monopoly.

Councilperson Trakas said you have seen it, and I have some statistics I could share. The first couple of years obviously it looks like you save money because you do, but then these folks kind of know that, and then all the bids are pretty much the same, and the savings stop. You are just kind of at the mercy of about four companies nationwide. So, I wouldn't recommend it.

Chairman Veverka said you are stuck with no truck. You have already made them disappear. As we talk about the lifetime of the truck, typically we are servicing 600 homes a day, correct? So, how does this age of truck as compared to say for instance Rumpke that starts out in the

morning and run a truck for 12 hours? Would that not make our truck because it's receiving half or two-thirds of the work, last proportionately longer? I know we had talked about the potential age of the truck might be 10 years, but is that being used by an outfit like Rumpke or is that in use by a city that's using them 4 or 5 hours a day? I guess that would be my question.

Service Director McKinley said 8 to 9 years is about the longevity.

I called around to different cities and asked them.

Chairman Veverka said I called and spoke to the people at Rumpke. That was my question there, how heavily are they used, how long are they used and how many stops do they make, and I am still waiting for the response from them, but I think that has to come into play. We historically and probably, and you tell me if I am wrong, are easier on some of our vehicles and sell them off earlier than some other people do. So, I don't know if that's a good thing or bad thing. Is that a fair statement?

Service Director McKinley said on our heavy equipment, yes. On the trucks that we use as daily drivers, we do a lot of stop and go just like these rubbish trucks. Every 20 feet it stops. We pick up 600 homes a day. The contractors pick up 1,000, so yes they do more than we do, but the wear and tear is still the same. It's a little bit different atmosphere.

Chairman Veverka said well we have gone before, and we have been on a trail that has gone full circle. We started out with back loaders, and the problem with the back loaders is we were told is Workers Comp claims and the cost of doing that, plus you have somebody behind a truck when some moron comes up behind them. So, we went to the side loaders, and we had the side loaders a short period of time right because then we were told that the side loaders arms, if the arm on the side loader goes bad, then the truck is out of commission and it has to be taken in. So, then we were told to purchase the front loaders because the arms could be removed, and we could keep an arm on hand and switch out an arm.

So, now we are at a point now, and the advantage of that theoretically was that so that people could do their big pickups any day of the week instead of only on Friday for instance. So, I guess I also had a question of because sometimes I know if the object is too big for the one man to put it in, they have to send somebody back and have two people do it anyway. So, help me out here. Are we on the best plan by going back to picking up stuff on Friday?

Service Director McKinley said so there's front load, side load or rear load. There are only three ways to pick up the trash. We can do it all three ways. The advantage to the front load is yes, you can get the bulk everyday right then and there. If the bulk is heavy, then I have to send out additional people. Side load you cannot do bulk with, but with the three side loaders would come one rear loader. So, the side load from what the guys were telling me are faster than the front load. I have some appointments with the City of Cleveland and the City of Brookpark. The City of Cleveland have new trucks. They have side load, and it rear loads. It does both. So, next week I am going to actually drive and watch this truck work because it does both operations. That may be an option as well.

Chairman Veverka asked how in the heck do they pack that?

Service Director McKinley said I don't know how long the truck is or how high the truck is, if it's feasible to get around our cul-de-sacs. It might be too long for us. So, I want to look at the trucks first.

Councilperson Togliatti said and one of the advantages to the front loading is the capacity of the vehicle is a lot greater than the side load, so we didn't have to make as many runs to the dump.

Service Director McKinley said they might both say 33 cubic yards and 25, but it's exactly the same. So, I don't know what's the best approach.

We can get them with the chassis, Freightliners, all the parts. They have 32 cubic yards, 32 cubic yards, 25.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said so your guys that are running the garbage trucks, are they told, or are they just supposed to assume that if there is a bulk pickup in someone's yard that on that rubbish day, whether it's Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, that they are to pick it up?

Service Director McKinley said currently we pick up bulk every day.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said I drive around the City just as much as a Service guy does most days, and I see a lot of bulk pickup that's still sitting on the tree lawn, and it's Tuesday night or Wednesday night, and it's not being picked up. I am trying to figure out where.

Chairman Veverka said that's what I said about certain items are too big for one person reasonably to try to get it into a truck. Other stuff may be another issue.

Service Director McKinley said residents are pretty good at letting us know if we missed a stop and don't pick up their rubbish and bulk.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Togliatti said I was personally surprised, I put a bicycle at the curb on garbage day, and it didn't get picked up with my garbage. I called, and Marie said it's a Friday special pickup. So, it sat there, well my garbage day is Thursday.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said that's what I am getting at, it's the same scenario. I have seen it sitting there.

Service Director McKinley said they are told to pickup bulk every day. There are times when they miss a stop, and they go back and pick it up. If we need two or three guys, we send them.

That brings up another good issue, these mattresses. We currently don't have anything that mattresses need to be wrapped. We are getting five or six mattresses full of bedbugs. I told them don't pick it up. Get the backhoe, grab it, put in the back of the container and take it right to

Rumpke. Don't even bring it to the yard. So, I would like to start putting in the newsletter please wrap mattresses.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said a resident is going to call and ask can you supply us with a mattress bag then so we can bag our mattress.

Service Director McKinley said we have to start somewhere.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Chairman Veverka said when you get a new mattress, keep the bag that it came in for the old one.

So, basically your purpose is to introduce the fact that the Finance Committee needs to be looking at setting aside money for garbage trucks because what I thought I heard you say when we had that conversation that there is not money set aside for replacement. Even if it is six years down the road, you are looking at \$500,000 per vehicle. So, you are looking at \$2,000,000 in a short period.

Service Director McKinley said so currently in the last Capital Plan in 2016-2017 when we purchased rubbish trucks, and then yes the price today are these prices. When we are ready in two or three years, a year and a half.

Chairman Veverka said the prices will come down, with my tongue in my cheek.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked so are we open to at least seeing some numbers on what it would cost if we were to outsource our rubbish pickup?

Chairman Veverka said I think we would be irresponsible if we didn't look at the options.

Service Director McKinley asked can I add onto that? We would still do the senior rubbish and still do the yard waste. We would have the truck, and because we have the yard waste truck, we would still have a truck to go back and pick up any missed rubbish or rubbish that gets put out late. So, sacrificing the service, it's not like we are going to sell all four trucks. We will still have a truck to service the residents.

Chairman Veverka said now you mentioned the senior rubbish, and I had heard that there was some serious damage to our senior rubbish, our dual truck. What can you tell us about that?

Service Director McKinley said so it was driving southbound on 21, and it turned eastbound onto Hillside I believe right there, and the guy ran the red light and ran into our senior rubbish truck. There is no damage to the body, but it did shift the front axle an inch and a half to two inches. We did need a Police report. It is currently at Valley Ford getting an estimate. From there we will send it to the insurance company, and we will have them pay for the damage.

Chairman Veverka said it's not typical for someone to tell you if it's totaled out or not.

Service Director McKinley said it just moved the front axle.

Mayor Kurtz asked can they fix it?

Service Director McKinley said yes.

Mayor Kurtz asked when will it be fixed?

Service Director McKinley said hopefully in about a week and a half.

Mayor Kurtz asked that long?

Service Director McKinley replied yes.

Chairman Veverka asked so okay it was an insured person that we have as far as collecting the cost of this repair?

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said I filed a claim with Travelers. The other driver did have insurance. Travelers will go after him to recover our deductible and pay for the damages.

Mayor Kurtz said and the rental of a new truck.

Chairman Veverka said okay so that's good. What I thought I heard you say was somebody headed southbound is making a left turn in front of somebody that ran the light. Is that what I heard?

Vice Mayor Grendel said the car running the light was going northbound.

Chairman Veverka asked he was going northbound correct?

Service Director McKinley said he was heading southbound, he got a green arrow to turn left, the truck turned. The guy sitting at the light just drove through it.

Finance Director Blaze said and that guy I believe has a business in Independence and is a former resident too.

Service Director McKinley said that I don't know.

Finance Director Blaze said which is neither here nor there with the accident, but it's just ironic.

Procurement Coordinator Zdolshek said the other driver was cited.

Councilperson Togliatti asked and how long has it been out of service? When did this happen?

Service Director McKinley said it was last week sometime.

Chairman Veverka said and also when somebody is involved, when one of our vehicles is involved with something like that, is there any test that we provide to our driver to make sure that there was nothing else involved, substances or anything like that? How does that work?

Service Director McKinley said every accident, we send a foreman out there. We park the vehicle. We usually have a mechanic go out there, and he will drive the vehicle back. The person in the vehicle that was in the accident jumps in the truck with the foreman. The foreman takes him down to get a drug test. They do know about the drug test, and then they give me the results. That driver cannot drive until I get the results back saying he's clean.

Chairman Veverka said okay. Who was the driver?

Service Director McKinley said E.J. Timinski was the driver in that accident.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked who was the foreman that took him for his drug test?

Service Director McKinley said Ed Timinski, his dad.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked isn't that kind of? I have received phone calls from workers that said that there should have been a different foreman that took him for a drug test, not his father.

Mayor Kurtz said it doesn't change the test.

Service Director McKinley said not at all.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said just trying to get answers.

Service Director McKinley said I don't agree with that. It doesn't change the test. It's all ODOT regulated. They take them in the back room with the nurse. You have to empty your pockets. There is no way you could hinder that drug test. He's literally just a chauffeur at that point.

Councilperson Togliatti asked does Eddie supervise his son there in the Service Department?

Service Director McKinley said if his son is on a crew, sure.

Chairman Veverka asked that's a 350, right? Does that one require a CDL?

Someone said no.

Chairman Veverka said I didn't think so. Does a 550 require a CDL?

Service Director McKinley replied no.

Mayor Kurtz said we require a CDL so people can drive bigger trucks.

Chairman Veverka said that would be obviously, trying to see you have enough people with CDL's.

Mayor Kurtz said trying to get people with CDL's right now is like trying to get nurses in hospitals, it's a challenge.

Vice Mayor Grendel said getting back to the Five-Year Plan, three years from now we will be needing.

Service Director McKinley said max.

Vice Mayor Grendel said so we should be setting money aside. You said they are a year apart, the ones we have now. Vern, we should be putting some money aside definitely while still investigating. It would make sense.

Chairman Veverka said and the other question might be related to the replacements. These repairs, a year after each other, is that better to not be nailed with two in a year? I don't know. You are the Finance guy.

Vice Mayor Grendel said space one out each year and everything from a standpoint of replacement, but I don't know.

Finance Director Blaze said it's always better to space it out, but that five years and six years of life of these, it's the Mayor's and Dennis's call about how long we think we could get out of these trucks, and then (inaudible). The question has to be decided, are we going to lease? Are we going to buy? Maybe we are going to contract out with a disposal company. There are some questions that need to be answered before we can plug some numbers in.

Service Director McKinley said just to give you some ideas, according to the foreman, on these four rubbish trucks we spent \$375,000 in parts and labor. It doesn't include all the warranty work.

Councilperson Togliatti asked in what timeframe?

Service Director McKinley said since the day we bought them.

Chairman Veverka said \$375,000 at six years you said.

Service Director McKinley said five and six years, plus all the warranty work.

Vice Mayor Grendel said it would be interesting to check with some of the cities that have contracted out for a number of years on if the cost has truly gone up. Like Jim you mentioned, after a few years, how much has it increased? Again, just to see if that's true or not. I know a lot of communities you get assessed for the garbage pickup too. In Garfield Heights and Maple Heights they get assessed for everything.

Finance Director Blaze said streetlights, sidewalks, rubbish pickup. You are correct.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked what's the main problem that goes with these trucks?

Service Director McKinley said the arm.

Several people began speaking at once again.

In Cuyahoga County there are 59 cities and according to the Solid Waste District, 40 cities sub it out, and 19 are doing it in-house.

Vice Mayor Grendel said probably that number is going to shrink over time. In a few more years there might be four or five communities.

Service Director McKinley said well we do have pricing, so if anybody has any questions. I wanted you to understand where we are at and where we are headed.

Vice Mayor Grendel said once we have all the facts and everything, we can discuss what makes sense. The one intangible is what do the residents think. I know I talk to a lot of residents, I do their taxes and everything, and they are not happy with these companies, the service is not the same. They complain about if it's Rumpke or whoever, the pickup. It falls on deaf ears. There is not much a municipality can do about it either at that point.

Councilperson Trakas said and they create rules that you have no input on. They can't say anything about it. Some of the conversations we are having even about the bedbugs, believe me a private company is not going to have the type of sympathy that we have for that type of situation. I would not want to do it. I know we will get the cost and whatever. I have just seen too many communities go down this route, and it ends up being a lot worse from a customer service perspective as well as eventually cost, it does not appear to save money.

Councilperson Togliatti said and I would say that we would need to put a figure into the Five-Year Capital Plan sooner than later because whether we buy them, lease them, outsource them, it's going to take money.

Councilperson Trakas said or share. We could share trucks with other communities.

Vice Mayor Grendel said we could get the best possible guesstimate at this point and adjust as time goes on.

Chairman Veverka said I don't know about sharing Jim, depending on your people that are using the vehicles, how they take care of them is a big issue. It's just like Police Officers sharing a Police car. How much wear and tear is on something like that, let alone something with

hydraulics, brakes and everything else. I mean that's it, you hit the brakes every 100 feet, and you have that arm going up every time.

Finance Director Blaze said 600 times a day.

Chairman Veverka said but not 1,000, and you are not stopping 1,000 times.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said if you have multiple garbage cans, the arm is going up and down more.

Chairman Veverka said you have multiple garbage cans for Rumpke, and you are running the truck for 10 or 11 hours instead of 5 or 6. Theoretically, you should be able to milk more time out of a truck; but if you go to leasing or having a company come, sooner or later you are probably going to be in a \$2,000,000 plus hole. By then it will be more because then you don't like it, and your trucks are down the road, and you have to come up with instead of \$2,000,000, \$3,000,000 to get yourself set up again.

Councilperson Togliatti said and to put that \$375,000 in context, we have 22 truck years at \$375,000, which is about \$17,000 a year per truck.

Service Director McKinley said plus the warranty work.

Councilperson Togliatti said but that doesn't cost us anything.

Chairman Veverka said you mentioned there are extended warranties.

Service Director McKinley said there is a cost associated with that. It's \$14,000 for this one, and \$12,000 for these ones. It is a minimal cost, but there is a little bit of a cost for the extended warranty.

Chairman Veverka said right, but that does make sense.

Service Director McKinley said absolutely, we have to have that.

Chairman Veverka said when you have a vehicle that costs half a million dollars, the numbers you are talking about for an extended warranty is peanuts.

Service Director McKinley said I agree.

Chairman Veverka asked anybody from the committee or otherwise have anything else they want to comment on this topic?

Service Director McKinley said that is all I have for tonight.

Chairman Veverka said please note that Ron said he wanted to go first because he would be quick.

Service Director McKinley said well that, and my son just got on a plane at 4:30 p.m. for the Army, and my wife is at home a nervous wreck. So, with all respect, if I could leave.

Chairman Veverka said absolutely.

Alright Don, you are the star.

Finance Director Blaze said his is only 29 pages.

City Engineer Ramm said just coming out of the Council meeting when we provided you very short notice on the bids, bid results. There was some conversation and dialogue and understanding about some of the decisions that were made and what was included in the base bid and some alternate bids that I just want to go through. We talked through some of the information to try and answer.

So, Ronyak was the low bidder. The cost was significantly higher than the prices we are used to seeing. We sort of heard about it, and we definitely felt it. All that was awarded to Ronyak was the base bid. We had extensive alternate bids just for pricing and consideration of a second year contract extension and just to give flexibility to the Administration if there were some needs that came up and funding available. We wanted to be able to react and be in the position to direct the work.

Chairman Veverka said let me ask a quick question at this point. So, let's say the base bid is so many feet, tons, whatever. Whatever they base the bid on. So, if you have so many feet, tons, whatever it is of material and work to be done, and as we talk about this, it makes more sense to go to some of the alternates and not do all of the main bid that would come out with the same tonnage or feet. Is that feasible? Is that doable?

City Engineer Ramm said that was the question that came up at the meeting, and I think our contractors, as long as you match the contract value and the total work that they are directed to perform, I don't know that they have much of a concern. It would be all equitable, and they would feel no damage in terms of the total work and their profit margins and things of that nature.

So, we are executing contracts presently with Ronyak, and we will soon be in a position to have to direct them what to go do. Right now all they have is what they bid on. I am hopeful to come out of this meeting with some better understanding of where we would like to go. To answer your question, yes right now it's a dollar value, and it's because it's all mostly mill and fill type work. So, it's identical.

Vice Mayor Grendel said the base bid, basically it's the Dora and Elmerge, that neighborhood, and Eastview.

City Engineer Ramm said correct, and that's what this graph tries to show you, the color coded yellow. Here's the neighborhood, Eastview, and here's the Alternate A was

Sunset/Elmwood/Wood. Then 21 and Pleasant Valley we just have some, a little bit of quantity reacting to some bad strips, so that might need to be done. Parts of Stone Road was Alternate C, full depth reconstruction type alternates for Meadowbrook, tee ball drive, some sidewalk alternates in the business district off Rockside Woods Blvd. So, that's what this map tries to represent.

Chairman Veverka said and we have already, based on the concrete bid, that it makes more sense for tee ball drive and also Meadowbrook, those to be concrete because we are basically going beyond mill and fill, correct?

City Engineer Ramm replied correct, and I have a slide to kind of represent that side-by-side.

Chairman Veverka said I don't want to get out of your routine.

City Engineer Ramm said some of the questions that were asked a couple of weeks ago was relative to the Mannik & Smith report, and PCI's, the road scoring and the ranking. So, I just tried to dovetail some of that information in as I am pulling up and discussing by street. I did speak with a representative at Mannik & Smith, and did ask them for a proposal for an update to because it's been five years now; so I hope to have something for the August Council meeting ideally.

This is just to give you an understanding of just the general breakdown, knowing that these were the streets that comprised the base bid. That was the total, knowing the quantities of work and unit pricing, we were able to kind of populate what each street costs to derive the base bid, just to give you an idea. An example was that it wasn't about a year or two ago, that we had Eastview pricing at \$150,000 or \$100,000, and look at what it went up to. So, it's just kind of shocking. Similarly, with the alternate, it was very similar to help you understand. If there was a desire to pick streets and compile a new work order list for the contract, this would help create and kind of sum up something.

Vice Mayor Grendel said in looking at that was Eastview has been the longest since we did it.

City Engineer Ramm said here's some background on Eastview. I don't know when it was last resurfaced.

Vice Mayor Grendel said it had to be in the 1990's. It was the late 1990's I think.

City Engineer Ramm said so the 2017 Mannik & Smith scored it as a 54, and it's likely dropped from there. The condition was poor. They actually programmed resurfacing, they were recommending it in 2019. So, we went past it a little bit, but we had projects in the neighborhood that we were kind of diverting and circling around. So, we sort of just pushed this out a little bit, but it's due.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said especially now since they did all that work up there.

Several people began speaking at once again.

City Engineer Ramm said so that's Eastview.

Vice Mayor Grendel said I think Wood/Elmwood and Sunset was done before Dora and those. That was done in the late 1990's. It's older and longer that we did that. Vern, wasn't Wood done in the late 1990's I believe. I think Excavating had the contract, and they did a really good job. I think that was done before Archwood, Elmwood and Elmerge. Now rather the road is in better shape, that might be a different story. It's in pretty good shape.

Mayor Kurtz said drive the roads here, and then drive to other communities, it's like night and day. I'm not sure you want to spend that kind of money.

Vice Mayor Grendel said I think Stone is the one that really needs it, especially now that the mine is closed and everything.

City Engineer Ramm said this was the cost breakdown similar to those streets, and Mannik & Smith did have scores that were satisfactory. I showed you in parentheses kind of like five years running what those numbers would probably drop to, estimated on points per year. It's still probably in decent shape, no question. They proposed 2018 and 2023 for throwing chunks of money in preventative maintenance at these streets just to help keep them in good condition. Actually in 2017 we had a ten year look ahead, and they even through 2027, they did not have this neighborhood programmed to be resurfaced. So, we would be doing things well in advance.

So, just to show you where we are at, here's the next neighborhood to the north. I think the scores were very similar, and almost identical in terms of what they recommended. The same thing, nothing major programmed for a ten year period.

Vice Mayor Grendel said we should see who the contractors were on some of these, and see which ones lasted longer and everything because I would swear I think Independence Excavating got that contract. I could be wrong, but it seemed like they did most of the streets at that time.

Finance Director Blaze said I know they did it. I don't know if it was the last time or the time before that.

Vice Mayor Grendel said it was in the 1990's I know before I got on Council.

Mayor Kurtz said this was done after that.

Vice Mayor Grendel said that was when it was reconstructed.

City Engineer Ramm said we had performed some mastic surface sealer on both of these neighborhoods, and heavy crack sealing. I think we might have put mastic on them once over the years.

Chairman Veverka said we started mastic sealing about four years ago.

City Engineer Ramm said I lose track of the years. It was about four to six years.

Chairman Veverka said that was one of the early ones I think we mastic sealed besides the piece of artwork that we did as a child. We did Elmwood pretty early because I went down there because I was intrigued by the process.

City Engineer Ramm said it has been a number of years. I think that also speaks to how it was maintained.

This was the contract that we had come up with, about a quarter mile of total length and a generic 12 foot length and came up with a square footage, really at our discretion. We commonly used corridors in the event there was some overage.

Here's Stone Road, 63 was the pavement condition that Mannik & Smith had given it. So, the yellow areas, the section kind of near where the ballfield is at the top. Apparently, we had done this stretch and some points along the way down here a number of years ago that those were in newer, better condition. This work would entail the areas that we did not do, probably are more in need.

Chairman Veverka said probably in front of Tulip Trail.

City Engineer Ramm said this one kind of shows, there might be some overlap that we might need in the field.

Chairman Veverka said it goes to the one guardrail on the one part.

City Engineer Ramm said this was interesting here too, that Mannik & Smith did not recommend anything through 2027 on Stone Road back in 2017.

Vice Mayor Grendel said at that time we were using it for heavy truck traffic and everything else too.

City Engineer Ramm said so it's lower. The condition still is fair, but it's hidden down near the bottom end which is poor, working its way.

Again, none of these alternates were authorized.

Here is the side-by-side comparison of tee ball and Meadowbrook between full-depth asphalt and concrete. Tee ball drive would have a savings of about \$50,000, and then Meadowbrook was about \$110,000 savings to use concrete. Tee ball drive was not part of the Mannik & Smith report, it wasn't considered a road. Meadowbrook scored 11 five years ago.

Vice Mayor Grendel said it's probably negative now.

City Engineer Ramm said ironically they had 2022 as the target date in the 2017 report. So, we talked about it would have except for the bridge.

Vice Mayor Grendel said concrete is preferred anyways I would think.

City Engineer Ramm said so that's the side-by-side, and we did authorize both of these alternates in the concrete, in the Catts' contract. They were budgeted for. There is a price savings.

Councilperson Togliatti asked so is Meadowbrook going to happen this year?

City Engineer Ramm said it's depending on the bridge. The bridge schedule, while it was good, it was to be done before Thanksgiving. They felt they could get it completed, so it would leave very little time to do it. Now if they do better than that, they may try to. For sure, the tee ball drive. I told Catts we wanted that taken care of right away.

Then the cemetery, just again to give us the flexibility. There was a desire, and while we are talking about master planning and making some improvements to the cemetery. Mannik & Smith did include these roads in the asset report, and it was funny. They must have broken it down in two or three segments, one or two of them were in much better shape than the third; so that's why there's a range. There were some that were more towards the lower end, some towards the higher end. That's probably the one they were referring to and recommending major resurfacing I think right here in 2019. It wouldn't make sense. It's just a small road, you would want to do it all to be consistent. I do believe the last time we did this was in 2008 or 2009 when all these cemetery roads were mill and fills. They have lasted quite a while.

There is some pricing for a mill and fill treatment, \$144,000 and then this super sealer which is nothing more than a chip seal with a spray over top of the chip so that it's still black. It's a preventative maintenance type treatment that is much lower cost. It's obviously not as thorough or durable, but it is something. It's a treatment that puts sealant up and would probably extend the life.

Then we did get some pricing on the parking lot just because we had budgeted \$350,000, and as you can see we were very deficient. So, now we have a good number. I do believe Director Walchanowicz just recently had that all seal coated and striped, so I don't think this is anything we would be looking to do right away, but now that we have a better number, I can put it in the Five-Year Plan to be ready with a better number.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked how much was (inaudible).

City Engineer Ramm said that was \$321,000.

Councilperson Togliatti asked and is that quarter mile lane length sufficient for Brecksville Road? There are some pretty rough patches on Brecksville Road.

City Engineer Ramm said it was just a guesstimate. It's hard to say without going out there and trying to look hard and lay things out. I don't know how it compared to a number of years ago.

Mayor Kurtz said someone asked the question when is ODOT coming through to resurface?

City Engineer Ramm said I believe the culvert work is going to be in 2024/2025, and I thought 2026/2027 was this section of 21 in terms of what they had programmed for.

Mayor Kurtz asked can you find out when they have the entire thing programmed, the resurfacing the mill and fill?

City Engineer Ramm said I can find that out.

Mayor Kurtz said I just want to know what year. Traditionally, they always had a 10 year scope, and it's been more than 10 years.

City Engineer Ramm said yes it has.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Togliatti asked and the new sidewalk that was installed on the west portion of Hillside Road, there is a curb there on the north lane, and the roadway has been cut away. It's pretty rough through there. Is there any plan to resurface that road and smooth out that lane?

City Engineer Ramm said we had an alternate bid in the program a year or two ago. We neglected to carry it forward, but we would be prudent to do that.

Councilperson Togliatti said I would think that is in worse condition than Archwood and Elmerge and all those streets, but yet we don't have anything on there.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked where is that?

Councilperson Togliatti said where the sidewalk was installed on Hillside, west of 21.

City Engineer Ramm said we did some widening there, so you can see the widening slot. It was twofold, it was to help give us space so when we did the water main job and had to put traffic over, that we could have a little bit more extra room. The last time Hillside was resurfaced, it was 2011 or 2012, so you are talking about 10 years. We should be eligible here shortly based on its condition and the County cycle to try to get that resurfaced again. So, we have to be careful and just look at whether or not that would happen very soon after we would invest some money to clean that up down there and to what extent we would do it.

Chairman Veverka said and not to be distracted, but you mentioned Hillside. Don, have we done any inspecting of that segment that we had the nails put in to hold the road in place? I have seen some barrel action up there on some other things. I am just wondering has that been inspected? Where do we stand with that?

City Engineer Ramm asked the soil nail treatments that we had to do there?

Chairman Veverka asked have we had any, whether it's drone or something else, to see that area to make sure of its stability?

City Engineer Ramm said I keep an eye on those areas when I drive the road, and I think I had an occasion to get out. They are not that far down the hill. They are near the top, that's the beauty of them. They are near the top. I think I did it a year or two or three.

Councilperson Togliatti asked so you can actually see the heads of those nails?

City Engineer Ramm said those are covered over the shock treat. You can see the big plates. They are right there. It's very visible.

Vice Mayor Grendel said I was adding up some of the prices, and it seems like we could do Eastview because it certainly needs it and everything, Stone, and the Maple Shade cemetery roads and maybe put the rest towards Brecksville Road and East Pleasant. It seems like the neighborhood ones are in pretty decent shape, and it makes sense to put it towards the things with the greatest need.

Chairman Veverka said I would agree because I drove those sections to double-check, and other one segment of Dora that Ron could probably deal with, there are some smaller segments. The Pleasant Valley area near Brecksville Road, Eastview and those segments of Stone, now that we are not beating up with those mine trucks. That should last a long time.

Vice Mayor Grendel said I think that would be well spent as far as those areas too because the two neighborhoods are in pretty decent shape, and thanks to the preventative work that you have done and everything. To me, it would make more sense.

Chairman Veverka said right, and that reinforces the effort we put into the crack seal and mastic sealer. We spent that time and effort in those areas doing that then to come back and grind them and do the whole thing, like kind of wasted the crack seal. What I thought I understood, based on what they told us was whatever you do that high level, you maintain it as much as you can. When you are starting to drop off, you get to a point that you don't want to spend your money on the crack seal and the mastic because you want to be prepared to have the grind and not know that you kind of wasted your money only a couple of years before. I like your thoughts.

Vice Mayor Grendel said and the mastic seal you did on Dora and Elmerge too. That is really money well spent.

City Engineer Ramm said we have a handful of streets we need to do with Specialized too under this Crack Seal Program this year, none of these, but others.

Of course, you know the streets like Kleber and Longano are both terrible. They are worst than any of the others you are talking about. Those are full reconstructions.

Chairman Veverka said make sure you say the word Brookside in there again.

Councilperson Togliatti said now Dale had mentioned the trucks done beating up Stone Road. They are obviously not completed with the remediation down there, they still have that large drying tumbler that needs to be removed. I am sure there's other earth work, so there will still be some trucks coming and going. Do we have any idea when they are going to be completed with that?

City Engineer Ramm said I have a good handle on the schedule for that.

Mayor Kurtz said what was agreed to was pretty minor in terms of timeframes.

Several people began speaking at once again.

City Engineer Ramm said I can check into that.

So, moving into the concrete.

Chairman Veverka said before we hit concrete, are you in agreement Chris with what Dave is suggesting, focus on those streets?

Vice Mayor Grendel said I think Don needs to get them moving and starting on them. I don't know if we need a motion or that, but that makes sense to me as far as Eastview, Stone and the cemetery. Then whatever balance of the contract, we could use towards Brecksville Road and Pleasant Valley for those areas, whatever you choose Don that you had in your estimate.

Chairman Veverka asked is that your motion Dave?

A motion was made by Grendel, seconded by Walchanowicz to do the work outlined in the \$1,080,000 base bid. Roll Call: 3 yes/0 no; motion carried.

Chairman Veverka said okay, now concrete.

City Engineer Ramm said the concrete, we had two bids, but one was really not accepted for a variety of reasons that I outlined. The total award was based on the base bid and several alternates that we had blended separately and came up with the \$1,475,000.

Here is a graphic representation of where, and this could be adjusted too now, because the base bid has very much dovetailed where we were looking to go into the neighborhoods and do asphalt work. So, you will see that the Dora/Elmarge area for concrete curb and gutters, catch basin repairs, was part of the base bid, along with some areas in the Dalebrook subdivision. Then all the yellow and orange were the second year program extension. It was a lot of the other streets, but again, similar to Ronyak, Catts it's all very similar work. When it's time to direct them where to go, we can adjust. We can still perform the work that we always intended, and there is just more time between because it's still needed. There are still areas, basins failing, roads that are sinking in behind catch basins, and we can still march to this program.

Chairman Veverka said Don, that will work really well in Ranchland because I know you did the concrete work ahead of time, a year before. So, we have all those rough areas taken care of so that it was ready when the asphalt went down. It worked really well.

City Engineer Ramm said we have been in there for several years actually because there was so much out there.

So, I am just going through the alternates. The Rockside Road corridor, it has separate designated funding. It seems high, and it was probably a little bit of conservatism when we looked at some of the joints and slabs and catch basins. It would be separate. I did not check with the Finance Director to see where we were with that TIF funding. I believe in our budget we were squirreling away \$50,000, maybe \$100,000 a year, each of the five years for Rockside Road for the corridor. I lose track of it. It's been a while since we have been out there, but sometimes we have had occasion.

Mayor Kurtz said you were out there last week.

City Engineer Ramm said that would be something we would look to entertain if there is adequate funding, nothing that is an emergency.

This was Alternate Bid C, we were inundated with requests for sidewalk repairs, so that this is that alternate, that total was \$200,000. Here is a listing by street. Calls would come in, and we would go out. Some streets were worse than others, and it totaled 606 blocks on 33 different streets. So, it's spread out over a good amount of the City, different areas. Not to say that this is everything, but it's everything that we were aware of, and we are making major strides to get things cleaned up.

This just gives you a little math exercise of what the cost per block would be. It would be \$325 a block, \$13 a square foot. I can remember a four inch thick sidewalk going for \$4 or \$5 a square foot. The costs have increased, and this is a difficult job because it's so spread out over the City. You can't make very good production. It's a difficult animal to attack, and that's why we felt to put it in one loop and let them do the best they could with it. So, right now this was not awarded as part of the base or the alternates.

This was an alternate for Pleasant Valley, it's a concrete median just east of the entrance ramp to south I-77 and Forestwood. It's very limited storage for the left turns, and peak PM rush hour variably this backs up and holds back the through westbound. So, this would rip out the curb island and let more cars stack here. That is what this was for \$126,000 or \$127,000.

This was just a survey we did of the tee ball drive. This was authorized. These were the sidewalk jobs on the west side of Rockside Woods Blvd., and on Rockside Woods Blvd. South. So, just the westerly was authorized a couple of weeks ago.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked and that would go west side from where?

City Engineer Ramm said it would tie into Embassy. Embassy has a sidewalk, and then it's nothing, and it would tie into Embassy and come all the way to Rockside.

Chairman Veverka said it's on the west side.

Vice Mayor Grendel said if that development goes in where Saucy Brew Works, if that goes through, there is already a sidewalk in front of there.

Councilperson Togliatti asked and there is no utility obstructions that need to be relocated throughout that stretch?

City Engineer Ramm said we walked it, and we try to maintain a certain tree lawn width. The one on the east side will be challenging. There are some obstructions and some things that we would have to navigate through. Again, these I believe are set up for six foot sidewalks, and we do think we can fit them in.

The grade of the Kent State vacant lot is a little bit high. I think there was a bid item for some shallow landscape walls because of the grade. Again, these are not design intensive, and we would try to handle it with contingency money because they were schematic designs with quantities.

Mayor Kurtz asked are these (inaudible) wide? I thought it was a six foot.

Councilperson Togliatti said I don't think you can go wider. You have that ravine.

Chairman Veverka said because Rockside itself has four foot.

City Engineer Ramm said Embassy is five, but we went eight across Topgolf, and across what was going to be the Saucy site. It was set up for eight, and eight all the way out to AAA.

Finance Director Blaze said I think four or six is old school, and we are encouraging walking, biking. There is not enough room on a six foot sidewalk with a family walking a dog, or Anthony riding home with his sons from the park from baseball practice. There is not enough room for everybody there. They have to be wider. I don't know, maybe there, nobody lives there, it's just the business community and the hotel guests. Maybe if a dynamic comes into play over there, but my knee jerk is that is old school.

Vice Mayor Grendel said on the east side it makes sense after that CBIZ gets built and everything. That makes sense to look there as far as sidewalks are concerned.

Mayor Kurtz said we are encouraging sidewalks in the parking lot.

Finance Director Blaze said people want to walk from CBIZ south to Slyman's for a sandwich or something, there won't be anything there unless we put something in there. They will be occupying that before this time next year.

Mayor Kurtz said come on Don.

City Engineer Ramm said well it's an alternate bid, and this job is a 12 month. We can catch something in the spring, add some money with a new budget.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Vice Mayor Grendel said once those developments go in, are you looking at different street lighting on there too? That middle strip is not the most attractive either.

City Engineer Ramm said I believe we were targeting as a dual, it was sidewalks and an upgrade to the decorative lighting from the stretch of Rockside.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Mayor Kurtz said like Oak Tree, you have to change the lights because they never worked right anyway.

City Engineer Ramm said that question came up before, and I think this median is a lot narrower than Oak Tree. Oak Tree is 20 foot. You can do a ten and still have a five and five tree lawn.

Several people began speaking at once again.

City Engineer Ramm said there is an exhibit from Meadowbrook. You have seen that before.

That pretty much gets us through the maintenance contracts.

Vice Mayor Grendel said so we approved the base bid and Alternate A.

Several people began speaking at once again.

City Engineer Ramm said I felt that was pretty locked down. Maybe if there was additional funding available, put in sidewalks. Those were called in mostly by residents, and but for authorization of that alternate, it is not presently in the program.

Councilperson Togliatti said from my perspective, if there's additional money available that removal of the concrete curb on Pleasant Valley is pretty critical for AM and PM traffic. They really do stack up, and it causes problems. For \$126,000, you can make a lot of impact on that.

Mayor Kurtz said we could widen it like we did Rockside to two lanes.

Chairman Veverka said but the ramp can't take two. I agree, but the ramp can't take two.

Vice Mayor Grendel said if we have more money available, then Alternate D would be the one.

City Engineer Ramm said we will have to circle back around on that, and do a change order if there is funding available as the year progresses.

I just bring this up, with acknowledgment of additional millions of dollars worth of work here. I hope to get legislation requests for additional consulting services for inspection contracts. I think back in May we authorized DLZ and ACM for \$50,000 contracts, and that was to handle a lot of the work that has already been let in terms of the creek maintenance contracts and striping and crack seal. So, I do anticipate bringing forth some legislation for this upcoming meeting to really help us manage and oversee this work that is going to get turned loose here this summer.

Chairman Veverka said good, and my only comment would be Don please hurry so that we can get as much of that way ahead of time to make sure we really have a chance to look it over because I know we kind of got the cart behind the horse. I know we met at the end of March, and we could have had these ducks better in order.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked what is the base bid again Don?

City Engineer Ramm asked for the asphalt?

Vice Mayor Grendel said no, for the concrete.

City Engineer Ramm said we knew there was about a \$400,000 budget value, so we identified, it's curb and gutter repairs, catch basin repairs in the Dora/Elmarge neighborhood. Also, getting anything done on Eastview that needs to be done before we have Ronyak out there. We still need on Dalebrook and Montello, curb and gutter replacement. We have been in that neighborhood several years, and we are working our way out of there.

Councilperson Togliatti asked so being that we are not doing Dora and Elmarge and that area, will we be able to utilize these funds on other catch basins? Will we still do those damaged catch basins now?

City Engineer Ramm said we will see because there were some areas in Renwood and North Renwood, other areas that were pretty rough that we would need Ron's assistance with the Service Department to help us limp it for another year. We may want to get in there.

Councilperson Togliatti asked this is \$450,000 for that?

City Engineer Ramm said \$460,000.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said I think Pleasant Valley.

Vice Mayor Grendel said it would be nice to shift that money to Pleasant Valley and maybe not do as much curb and gutter.

City Engineer Ramm said we will consider that and see what we can do.

Vice Mayor Grendel said that curb and gutter is all one project.

City Engineer Ramm said and I think that was night and/or weekend work just because trying to work on Pleasant Valley Road. It might be a little cumbersome for the neighbors that are right there.

Chairman Veverka said Don, what about areas that are a single block or just a couple of blocks. I am talking about that street that leads to curb like that one on Springview where the street slab is deteriorated, the curb slab is deteriorated, and who knows what is supporting underneath. Its on Springview on the outside of the curb, a couple of houses past where Marie lives. Is something like that something that would be included?

City Engineer Ramm asked in this contract?

Chairman Veverka said when you are doing some of the smaller areas.

City Engineer Ramm said I think the key is just going to be to try to hit the target value. If it's worse than other things that were in the base, we could push things around.

Chairman Veverka said I'm just throwing that one out there because it was fresh in my mind, but it's kind of isolated.

City Engineer Ramm said right, it's back there kind of hidden. We will just have to look hard at it.

Under any other matters, I just want to bring to your attention of when Schirmer gave us the best price for the bridge job on Meadowbrook. That job because it was an asphalt road, because it was an asphalt surface over the deck that is there now, that is kind of how it was priced. That was our best value for the bridge. Now that we have pulled the trigger on this concrete, we are circling back with Schirmer because there are implications of changing the design, concrete part of it. When you put a concrete deck on a bridge and the box beams, there are sheer studs that need to get fabricated into the tops of the beams to help lock that deck on top. So, we are trying to get Schirmer to look at it and access it in the hopes that, we did have about \$20,000 or \$25,000 in contingency built into the award which was \$439,000. We are hoping to be able to use that to cover the cost, but we don't know yet. So, I just bring that out there because there may be a need to chew into a little bit of the savings of the asphalt or concrete and get back a little bit to change the bridge design and treatment to accommodate. The last thing we would want is a concrete road coming in and out of a bridge with an asphalt pavement.

Chairman Veverka said usually it's the opposite. Usually when the highway department works on them you see concrete where the bridge is and asphalt up to it, and then it stops.

City Engineer Ramm said that would be acceptable. We don't want that. So, we are already looking at it to all be concrete.

Chairman Veverka said that would be more durable and longer lasting.

City Engineer Ramm said right. It's just a matter of what the cost implications are and whether or not we have to come back to you and tell you what the impact will be and ask for a modification or change order.

Councilperson Togliatti said but we are saving money doing concrete instead of asphalt.

City Engineer Ramm said the savings is paying for it.

Chairman Veverka said it used to be the opposite way. The oil has to be the thing that's driving this.

City Engineer Ramm said gas prices for sure.

I don't have any figures. I was hoping to have it in time for this meeting, but I couldn't get it done.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked Don do you think it will be on the meeting in August, the consultant inspections?

City Engineer Ramm said yes, I am trying to work with that with Debi. I wanted to kind of wait for this meeting. I have it queued up, and I just wanted to make you aware of it, and with the goal of trying to spread the work around and utilize different firms because of manpower issues. Companies we have had success with in the past, who have performed well for us.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked will they start the work because the season is getting shorter.

City Engineer Ramm said Ronyak was calling me last week to ask what was going on and trying to put their schedule together. They are chomping at the bit. They want to get it done.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked has anyone talked to any of the residents up on Eastview? Are they happy now with the bricks being re-laid?

City Engineer Ramm said there were a couple of areas that I was still dissatisfied with, and I walked that whole street with a representative from Dominion. I thought we had a game plan of how we were going to approach it. I haven't heard from the residents being upset, but I still think there's an area or two that looks a little funny.

Finance Director Blaze said they know where you live. They will be knocking on your door.

City Engineer Ramm said but at least it does look much cleaner now. It was very unkempt and unsightly.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked did they fix that matter in Jim Deblock's front yard with the water?

City Engineer Ramm said I haven't heard much from that lately. They didn't really do anything. I think the area just dried out, and Jim hasn't made me aware of where he was constantly having that wet, soft conditions. Although it has been an exceptionally dry season.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked but if there was a leak, there would still be water there?

City Engineer Ramm said there would be something which I don't believe that's the case anymore.

Chairman Veverka asked did they finally get the other leak on Brookside? They were working on that last week.

City Engineer Ramm said there's a barrel sitting there. We have to fix that one now.

Chairman Veverka said and we had the surveyors out recently on Brookside. It was one person which was really wild, not a team anymore.

City Engineer Ramm said with satellites and other equipment, it's just a one-man crew anymore.

Chairman Veverka said I was surprised. I was looking for the second guy. There was one guy walking around with a stick, and a machine is set up. They can do a huge area working from that point.

The second thing is they were out doing drilling, right?

City Engineer Ramm said yeah, boring, pavement, soil.

Chairman Veverka said they have done a pavement course before but they said they were going down to the base to check the base. It was different than the ones that were out there a year and a half ago.

City Engineer Ramm said all they were doing a year and a half ago was checking the pavement, checking the soil. This job includes underground construction, utility, water mains, storm sewers, they have to go down and check the conditions of the earth down there, the depth that we will be excavating in case there is rock encountered and to accommodate everything, to get the baseline conditions. They had to do both, pavement and soil borings for the geotechnical work.

Councilperson Togliatti said I just read the article today in Independence Today magazine about the school expanding their parking lot, and it sounded like they had a \$300,000 bid; and once they excavated it, they realized that the base was no good, so it cost them an additional \$100,000.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked which school was that? I missed that.

Councilperson Togliatti said right by the Fieldhouse.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said their parking lot is a disaster.

Councilperson Togliatti said it is.

City Engineer Ramm said I think that's Ronyak doing that work up there too as a matter of fact.

Chairman Veverka said they will be in the neighborhood, that would be good.

Finance Director Blaze said they did that section north of the school, but they didn't touch the Fieldhouse parking lot, unless they are doing some patchwork.

Don, do you want to bring up that other issue over at Brampton Hunts there.

City Engineer Ramm said so we had an issue with, recently Specialized did perform crack seal under the contract on the various streets, and the conditions were such that they went up Kingscote and Bexley, it was on the list. They had done the work, and had been out of the neighborhood for a week or two I think. When we hit that hot spell, and during that period of time it got really hot. This material is rubberized. It is susceptible to traffic. So, we think that somebody up on that street, it wasn't our contractor, there is a lot of work on homes for pool projects, landscape projects, additions, new homes being built. There was a lot of activity. Somebody unloaded some heavy equipment and with a track type skidster loader and broke the seal on the crust of that crack seal material. So, it started tracking. I don't know who it was per se, and unfortunately a resident came through the track, got it on their tires and tracked it on their driveway. So, we went in there and tried to assist with some power washing. We got it all cleaned up. It's nice, but we are sitting on a \$1,000 expenditure.

We were hoping to bring it up and authorize the payment as a valid public expenditure of funds. It wasn't anything that I felt that Specialized was responsible for. It's the same materials, put down the same way on any other street in the City, and they were done and gone. I just felt that it was something (inaudible). Ideally, if we knew who tracked it and was running over this, they would maybe be held responsible. I just don't have a handle on who that was based on the variety of different entities that had some activity going on up there. It was just a perfect storm of temperatures, and people unload things all the times, skidsters on our streets.

Several people began speaking at once again.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said Evergreen got messed up right by Mike's house. The neighbor across the street. They took a track hoe off the truck, and it was a brand new street; and you can see where the tracks screwed the whole street up.

City Engineer Ramm said skidsters are heavy, heavy machines. They twist and turn on that road, it was just a terrible, a perfect storm. It was one of those things that was just unfortunate, and of course, you can feel for a resident who was just going home one day and all of a sudden there's a mess on their driveway.

So, Specialized did respond and sent a crew up quickly to sand the area. They put down some calcium and tried to sand it down to kind of temper it and minimize the bleeding that had been occurring there immediately. So, they did respond to our request for that, and so it was about \$1,000.

Vice Mayor Grendel asked was the resident satisfied?

City Engineer Ramm said very much satisfied.

Finance Director Blaze said they just had a concern about spending public dollars on a private driveway, and the auditors always say look if the legislative body deems an expenditure as a legitimate public use of funds, they more than likely defer to that legislative action; but short of that, that invoice gets pulled, and they dig and say we paid \$985 to power wash a private resident's driveway. Then they are looking at us and saying what's going on here. So, I need for a comfort factor pay that bill. We don't need a resolution, but if we did a motion by Council.

Councilperson Walchanowicz asked Council as a whole?

Finance Director Blaze said I don't know, Greg O'Brien's not here. You have five of you, so that's a majority.

Councilperson Togliatti asked we needed a company? We couldn't handle this in-house with a power washer?

Finance Director Blaze said he will tell you, they were down there for a couple of days.

Vice Mayor Grendel said it was past our capability.

City Engineer Ramm said I think the resident had called on his own inquiring of companies, and a lot of them told him we don't do that. We don't get tar and goo off of driveways. They wouldn't guarantee anything. This company was recommended from Specialized, and they had good success, a good track record. The fellow who owns the company looked at it and met with the resident and was very confident that he could be successful in cleaning it.

Councilperson Togliatti asked and what was the company's name?

City Engineer Ramm said Pink Flamingo Power Washing. They have been in business for 23 years and was very familiar with the City.

In hindsight, we have been issuing permits for that cul-de-sac for a number of months, and if I had to do it over again, I would tell Specialized to stay away from that street. There is too much activity, too much susceptibility to be disturbed. I feel like it was a City issue, our contractor at our direction to go up there and place this material; and this unfortunate circumstance has occurred. I felt like it was something we needed to own up to and help clean up.

Chairman Veverka asked do I have a motion?

A motion was made by Grendel, seconded by Walchanowicz, to authorize the payment in the amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the power washing of the resident's driveway. Roll Call: 5 yes/0 no; motion carried.

Finance Director Blaze said thank you everybody.

Chairman Veverka asked are we through your pieces Don?

City Engineer Ramm said I think so.

Chairman Veverka asked anybody else have any other related topics? Anybody from the committee? Mr. Trakas or Mr. Togliatti, do you have anything else you want to put in?

I have more likely it's a safety question, but it might be a Streets question. This relates to golf carts, and we have people that have licensed, lighted, seat belted street legal golf carts; and we have people running around with golf carts, underage drivers, and not licensed and not lit at night and other stuff. So, I don't know if that's our issue or if it's the issue for the Safety Committee meeting on August 2nd.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said so we have an ordinance about golf carts, and we are not allowed to ride them on the street even if they are plated.

Councilperson Togliatti said so that's a Chief Butler situation.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said I went to the Chief about having mine inspected so I can drive it on the road, not here but I need it at the campground they want it inspected and license plated. He told me about the ordinance we have, and even if we do get it, I can't drive it around here. I have thought about it because with gas prices, more and more people are thinking if I just have to go to the park. I am not on a main road. I am on a side road.

Chairman Veverka said and the further question was, in our area half of the carts that are licensed and lighted and seat belted, etc., they were provided with information from the previous Police Chief that told them what they needed to do so that they were street legal.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said there is a checklist of what has to be done to the cart in order to do it because I just took mine to Southeast Golf Cart, and I had them go over the whole thing and make sure that I had everything I needed done to it. Like I was telling you before the meeting, there's no place in Cuyahoga County that you can get your golf cart inspected to get a license plate for it. So, it's hard to find places that do it. Most people go up to the islands to have it done or Huron County up in Sandusky. It's more prevalent up there.

Chairman Veverka said but currently that was an issue because we have some that are and some that aren't; and when I talked to Chief Butler, he said there are not supposed to be any. In the meantime, we had people that were given information previously that said here's what you have

to pay to make them legal. So, I would think that this is a topic that would be turned over to Safety. They are meeting soon.

Councilperson Trakas said I would agree, and I would also suggest that we got an email from a constituent about a year ago. So, the Law Department looked into the same thing, and what you can do is try to make them street safe for the side streets, not for Route 21 or Pleasant Valley or Rockside or something like that. Where particularly you have a little less traffic, but it's a good discussion to have because there are pros and cons on this. It's a slower vehicle, and you have traffic moving through. It's a good healthy discussion for Safety to have.

Councilperson Walchanowicz said when you have a program, the highest you can get them to go is 27 mph. Basically, your side roads, and that's why you probably see the majority of them on the sidewalk if they are on Brecksville Road because they can't maintain that 35 mph in a couple of areas.

Finance Director Blaze said Dave I wish everybody that used our street had that because that would definitely slow the traffic down.

Vice Mayor Grendel said they are still going slow on Elmwood, and it's a speedway once you get around the bend. It's like those rides that you see. They start slow, and then they get going.

Finance Director Blaze said we have so many kids on that street.

Chairman Veverka said well because it sounds like a safety topic, then I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Moved by Grendel, seconded by Walchanowicz, to adjourn the Streets & Sidewalks meeting of July 26, 2022. Voice Vote: 3 yes/0 no; motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.