



**City of Newport  
City Council Minutes  
June 5, 2014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Geraghty called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL -**

**Council Present** – Tim Geraghty; Tom Ingemann; Bill Sumner; Tracy Rahm; Steven Gallagher

**Council Absent** –

**Staff Present** – Deb Hill, City Administrator; Bruce Hanson, Supt. of Public Works; Curt Montgomery, Police Chief; Renee Eisenbeisz, Executive Analyst; Fritz Knaak, City Attorney; Jon Herdegen, City Engineer;

**Staff Absent** – Mark Mailand, Fire Chief;

**4. ADOPT AGENDA**

**Motion by Sumner, seconded by Gallagher, to adopt the Agenda as presented. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.**

**5. ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Ingemann, seconded by Rahm, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which includes the following items:**

- A. Minutes of the May 15, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting
- B. List of Bills in the Amount of \$214,557.06
- C. Deer Hunt Agreement
- D. Publication of Ordinance No. 2014-4
- E. **Resolution No. 2014-24** - Accepting Donations for the Period of April 1 - May 31, 2014

**With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.**

**6. VISITORS PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Request from Newport on the Move for Funds**

**Superintendent Hanson** - Newport on the Move had called me and asked if there was a project they could do in the parks so I suggested we look at building a flood marker that would list all of the historical floods in Newport and could be used as a gauge during flood times. This is an idea they came up (see attached) with. The front side would have the top ten floods and the back side would have markings that we could use during flood times. We currently have one down at the end of 17th Street. It's very problematic to get down to it to read. We're proposing we put this one at the end of 10th Street.

**Linda Michie, 475 2nd Avenue** - I'm involved with Newport on the Move, which is a community group. We meet every February or so to start planning for the coming year. The community garden group does their own community building. Then we have a public art/education sub-group that works on projects. We've done the

mural at the bottom of the Grove Street Overlook and last year we did the wooden planters. We went to Bruce to ask for some ideas this year and he came up with this. We're in the pre-design/feasibility phase. I put together some photographs to give you ideas of what other communities have done (see attached). We're looking for something that is really sturdy because it needs to withstand the current and debris. The decorative part would be done by children and families in Newport. We've arranged some dates in July. We'll get together to do some mosaic work that can be done at the table and then taken to the site later to be sealed on to the marker. We have some rough cost estimates. We're looking at doing two, each being about six feet above grade. It'll be about \$250 - \$300 in materials each.

**Councilman Sumner** - What size will these be?

**Mrs. Michie** - Roughly, it'll be 16 inches round and six feet tall. One will be at the bottom and one will be up about five feet. The lower floods will be on the lower one and the higher floods will be on the top one.

**Councilman Sumner** - How high above the average river level would the 65 flood have been?

**Superintendent Hanson** - 20 feet or so.

**Admin. Hill** - When Newport on the Move did their first mosaic project, they raised just over \$5,000, some through a grant and the rest through private donors. What's left over from that is \$590 after their last project.

**Mayor Geraghty** - What's your targeted completion?

**Mrs. Michie** - We hope to have it done by the end of the summer.

**Councilman Sumner** - How many kids are involved?

**Mrs. Michie** - It varies. When we did the mosaic, we had people sign up ahead of time but new people showed up every day. There were about 22 kids involved.

**Mayor Geraghty** - I saw your flyer and if we do go ahead, we'll need to make sure we advertise it.

**Mrs. Michie** - Yes, we did send a brief "Save the date" flyer home with the kids.

**Councilman Rahm** - What type of decorations are you looking at? Will it be like the mural?

**Mrs. Michie** - Yes, it'll be like the mural and coordinate the colors because it's all in the same park. The flat side towards the river will have the year of the floods and a little strip of the mosaic tile would go all the way around and the back side would have a number for each foot. Bruce is talking about going in and cutting every tenth of a foot and painting that so he can read it without going down.

**Councilman Gallagher** - What does the Council need to do? Authorize the release of the funds?

**Admin. Hill** - Yes.

**Councilman Sumner** - How does the current mosaic stand up to the floods? Has it been flooded over?

**Mrs. Michie** - Yes, it's been underwater several times. My husband goes down twice a year to wash it and it doesn't look any different.

**Councilman Sumner** - They haven't peeled off?

**Mrs. Michie** - No we haven't lost anything, it's been four years.

**Motion by Gallagher, seconded by Rahm to authorize the reimbursement of expenses up to \$591 to Newport on the Move. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.**

**7. MAYOR'S REPORT** – Nothing to report.

**8. COUNCIL REPORTS** –

**Councilman Gallagher** - Nothing to report.

**Councilman Sumner** - Last month I attended the Stone Soup Souper-Bowl event. It was a great success and I would like to thank those that participated. Those that attended enjoyed bowling, good food, a chance to select prizes, an opportunity to mingle with local politicians and if you didn't attend this year, the invitation is out for you to attend next year. I also attended the Fire Fighter's meat raffle and arrived after the meat was all claimed but that didn't prevent them from accepting my donation. I hope it's obvious to you that keeping our fire fighters well supplied and happy is a good idea.

**Councilman Ingemann** - I also attended the meat raffle. It was a good crowd and all the meat was gone by 10 after 7. The next one is the Friday after Labor Day.

**Councilman Rahm** - Nothing to report.

**9. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** –

**A. Discussion Regarding Union Negotiations**

**Admin. Hill** - We received a notice from the Law Enforcement Union that negotiations are upon us and they have sent their proposal. In the past, there have been two Councilors that have participated, it was Tom and Bill. I'm wondering if that will be the same or if it'll change.

**Councilman Ingemann** - I'll do it again.

**Councilman Sumner** - I will unless someone else wants to.

**Councilman Rahm** - I can do it too.

**Councilman Gallagher** - I think we should have a new set of eyes.

**Mayor Geraghty** - How long do they go on? Will it be done by fall or December?

**Admin. Hill** - It depends on how it goes.

**Councilman Ingemann** - Public Works is coming up too.

**Councilman Gallagher** - If one of you can't make it and you need an alternate I can make it.

**10. ATTORNEY'S REPORT** - Nothing to report

**11. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT** -

**Councilman Gallagher** - Did we get the new squad?

**Chief Montgomery** - Yes, we had to send it back because there were some issues with the lights. It's very similar to the last one we bought.

**12. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT** – Nothing to report

**14. SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

**A. Discussion Regarding Glen Road Stop Sign**

**Superintendent Hanson** - Councilman Rahm brought this up. Staff is still under the impression that there is a safety issue with that intersection and we recommend that the stop sign stay there. With the visibility to the south, the park entrance, and the crosswalk, we feel it's a safety concern and it should stay. I know the Chief has sat in on some of this.

**Mayor Geraghty** - I had asked for it to be monitored, what were the results?

**Chief Montgomery** - There's a percentage that stop, there's a percentage that do the roll and there are a few that don't stop at all. Ultimately, the goal is to get them to stop. I would hate to see some kid come out of the park and get hit.

**Mayor Geraghty** - Yes, but right now there's a false expectation that people are going to stop and they are not.

**Chief Montgomery** - I understand but like I said, kids will be kids. I never stopped as a kid and that's how they think. The goal is to get people to stop.

**Councilman Rahm** - We could put one of those solar flashing lights system to make it more visible. People come down from Woodbury on Glen Road at a higher rate of speed and that does calm the traffic. If we didn't have it there, we would need to have it at Century and Glen Road.

**Mayor Geraghty** - We did talk about putting one at Century and Glen.

**Councilman Ingemann** - That's Woodbury's side.

**Mayor Geraghty** - We'd put one on our side too.

**Chief Montgomery** - With that retaining wall, it's just a poor intersection.

**Councilman Rahm** - It was brought up because it was brought up to me so I'm fine with that.

**Councilman Gallagher** - Have there been any accidents reported there?

**Chief Montgomery** - Not that I can recall. We've had car-deer accidents around that area but I can't recall others. It probably has a higher percentage of people running it than other areas.

**Councilman Gallagher** - Tracy, did people want it gone?

**Councilman Ingemann** - Yes.

**Mayor Geraghty** - They wanted it gone and some other mitigations like the flashing pedestrian sign.

**Councilman Rahm** - There was a possibility of making it a yield sign and removing the stop sign. I don't agree to that unless we place a stop sign at Century and Glen.

**Councilman Gallagher** - So you want to slow people down before they come through?

**Councilman Rahm** - I drive it every day and you turn the corner and have to stop all of a sudden. There's never

anyone around there so it's been brought up over the years as to whether or not it could be a yield sign instead but as the Chief and Public Works said from the park, you do need a stop sign because you can't see around the corner and coming up the hill, you can't see. It doesn't look like it works due to public safety.

**Attorney Knaak** - In my experience, that is probably the one street and traffic control device that engages me in more conversation with the residents of Woodbury than any other area in the City.

**Councilman Rahm** - I would recommend we add the blinking stop sign lights?

**Councilman Gallagher** - How much are those? Didn't we get those from MnDot?

**Superintendent Hanson** - We did and I think they were \$1,500 each and solar might be more.

**Councilman Rahm** - The other problem is going the other way, we have the pathway there and there's a stop sign on it for pedestrians and I've seen cars stop for it thinking it was a stop sign and they've almost gotten rear-ended. I think that's more of a danger.

**Councilman Gallagher** - I've seen ways that you can box those in so they're not visible from the street.

**Gordon Bailey, 1033 Century Avenue** - The problem that I see with having a stop sign is that there is seldom anyone coming from that entrance, it's just very unusual. You've got a lot of wasted stops, brakes, time, and gas. I think you should charge the Police Chief to look at other alternatives. It's a knee-jerk reaction from Vied on down because I've been talking about this a long time. I think there are other options that would be just as safe. People have to have some personal responsibility. I wouldn't leave that entrance without looking to the west. To verify the Chief's observations, I stopped there tonight and there were five rolling stops out of ten. I think that's a negative, it gets people in the habit of rolling through and I don't think that's good. I'm not sure what the best answer is but I've talked about the yield sign, which I don't think is a good idea. I think a "Slow, Park Entrance" sign would be good. I'm not particularly enamored with the idea of a stop sign at Century and Glen. I think it deserves a real, hard look. It's a silly place to have a stop sign in my opinion.

**Councilman Ingemann** - You go down that road usually during the daytime, there's no one using the park but during the summer and evenings, that's when the stop sign is very critical because there's kids in and out.

**Mr. Bailey** - That's why I'm requesting a study.

**Councilman Gallagher** - Even if there's a study, I wouldn't be comfortable changing it. If a kid happened to get hit over there. I would vote no on it.

**Mr. Bailey** - I'm not against safety but I think there's a reasonable, safe option that's a lot more convenient.

**Chief Montgomery** - Virginia Tech did a study and 15.6 to 17.1% don't stop at stop signs so there's going to be a percentage that don't stop at stop signs. Doesn't mean it's right. They even did a study with age and 50% of the time, teenagers don't stop. That has nothing to do with this stop sign or any other stop sign. Elderly, stop almost 100%. I did some research on this and ultimately, everyone has problems with stop signs. Removing it won't solve the problem. The problem is there's a big wall and you're coming down Loveland on a big hill and angle and kids are going to roll right through there.

**Mayor Geraghty** - When was the last time we ticketed someone there?

**Chief Montgomery** - I couldn't tell you.

**Councilman Gallagher** - Fritz said quite a few.

**Mayor Geraghty** - It bothers me that half of them are rolling through it.

**Chief Montgomery** - You're going to have that at all stop signs. 40% of fatalities are stop sign related according to the Virginia Tech study.

**Councilman Gallagher** - What about having rumple strips?

**Engineer Herdegen** - I have limited experience with them. I don't think the question is if they know if the stop sign is there, I think it's if they care to stop or not.

**Councilman Gallagher** - I'm just thinking of other ways.

**Mayor Geraghty** - I'm for public safety too but I wanted to bring the issue forward because I think there are some mitigating things you could do with the crosswalk. Fritz, on the complaints you're getting is it because they're speeding or going through the stop sign?

**Attorney Knaak** - Both, I would say the majority is speeding.

**Councilman Rahm** - People come out of Woodbury pretty fast. I do like the stop sign there because I think it calms traffic before they come into town.

**Dan Theobald, 505 Century Avenue** - I also drive it daily and I would suggest you consider a 15 mph speed limit starting at Century and Glen. The speed of the traffic seems to be an issue more than the stopping. If you have a 15 mph speed limit you'll alleviate a lot of the danger because they're not going as fast. I go against the strips because it's a residential area and those are noisy. That's another reason I'd like to see the stop sign removed, if I were living there I wouldn't want people stopping there and taking off all day long. That's an unnecessary noise problem. I ask people about that stop sign and they don't know why it's there. In my perspective, it's the speed issue that's more of a danger. I would like to see a speed study for that area.

**Mayor Geraghty** - They have reduced speeds near the schools.

**Mr. Theobald** - Also, people need to be responsible. We can't take away every risk in people's lives.

**Mayor Geraghty** - I'm open to studying it further.

**Councilman Rahm** - What more would we do, set the speed?

**Councilman Sumner** - Do we have the right to set speeds?

**Councilman Ingemann** - Last time a speed study was done they said it was a 40 mph road. That was when they were working on Highway 61.

**Councilman Rahm** - That's how fast they are coming in from Woodbury.

**Mayor Geraghty** - Fritz, could we have a 15 to 20 mph stretch for safety?

**Attorney Knaak** - It would take some approvals from the State, it's not something the City can unilaterally do. I do know that the speed is higher in Woodbury and that's one of the complaints that "lack" of sufficient signage indicating that it's slower in Newport.

**Mayor Geraghty** - I don't want to waste people's time. Either we study it further or say no.

**Councilman Rahm** - I don't know what studying it further would do. Would it sway anyone's opinion?

**Mayor Geraghty** - If we could get a stop sign at Century and do some other signage, I would be open to doing it. The first thing would be to ask Woodbury if they would put one up.

**Councilman Rahm** - I'd be open to that.

**Councilman Gallagher** - You want a voice tally Tim? I would vote no.

**Councilman Sumner** - Let's ask Woodbury if they could make their citizens more responsible.

**Councilman Rahm** - That's a no.

**Mayor Geraghty** - So no.

### **13. ENGINEER'S REPORT –**

#### **A. Public Hearing - To consider, and possible adopt, the proposed assessment for the 2014 Street Improvement Projects**

##### **The Public Hearing opened at 6:05 p.m.**

Jon Herdegen, City Engineer, presented on this item as outlined in the attached power point.

**Councilman Gallagher** – The 44 isolated properties, you gave an amount of \$2460 for extra work, is that the homeowner's responsibility?

**Engineer Herdegen** – Yes.

**Councilman Gallagher** – So that would be on top of the potential \$5,500?

**Engineer Herdegen** – Yes. On the assessment notice you received for tonight's meeting, there was a breakdown between the street assessment and utility assessment. There was also a charge for 50% of the televising work.

**Councilman Gallagher** – Was the isolated amount put on their assessment also?

**Engineer Herdegen** – Yes.

**Councilman Gallagher** – So what folks have is the total that they owe for all of the projects, no hidden costs?

**Engineer Herdegen** – Yes.

**Mayor Geraghty** – Before we get to the public comment, I want to note that I have two written comments that we received. One was from Michael Wolesky speaking in favor of the project. Second, a letter for Darl Schossow objecting to the assessment on his vacant lot. I want to make sure those are entered into the record. I will open it up for public comment. Please come to the podium and give your name and address. If you do want to appeal, make sure you fill out the written form so we have it documented.

**Ron Sullivan, 1433 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue** – I'm just wondering why 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is getting torn up when it's a perfectly good street.

**Engineer Herdegen** – The purpose for the reconstruction on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is due to drainage concerns with the improvements to 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Right now there is a low area on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue that does not have an outlet. Water collects and eventually infiltrates into the ground.

**Mr. Sullivan** – Yes, my neighbor did that himself and solved the problem so why are we doing this?

**Engineer Herdegen** – It's not the City's intention to have storm sewer systems on private property that is draining public property.

**Mr. Sullivan** – It's been like that for 50 years, now we're just going to change it out of the blue?

**Engineer Herdegen** – With the improvements we're doing to 14<sup>th</sup> Street, the City was concerned that when we increase the runoff there, the houses and property adjacent to that low area would be adversely impacted.

**Mr. Sullivan** – Why would it be any different?

**Engineer Herdegen** – The street is being widened and there's concrete curb and gutter being put in place so the water that drains off of 14<sup>th</sup> after construction will arrive at that area faster and be in higher volume. We needed to provide an outlet for that water so the storm sewer is being extended from 15<sup>th</sup> Street into that low area to provide relief.

**Gene Rechtzigel, 1806 Hastings Avenue** – First, I would like to ask what is the difference between a village and a city and did we have to become a city? If we are a village, would we be outside of the Metropolitan Council's dictatorship? I say that with respect because they are un-elected people and yet they're dictating what elected people have to do and it doesn't make sense to me to have these elections when we can't do what we want to do anyway. It's like we're playing a game here. I really want to know what the difference is. Can we get out of being a city? Can we be a village? Or what can we be to get out of their jurisdiction?

**Attorney Knaak** – There was a time in Minnesota when there were different kinds of municipalities. Those days are behind us. The City of Newport is a statutory city, as are most cities in Minnesota. There are few exceptions, charter cities, but they're still cities. And I'm unaware of any provision that allows you to do that.

**Mr. Rechtzigel** – So all governmental units within the Metropolitan Council's jurisdiction are cities then?

**Attorney Knaak** – No, there is a wide variety of governmental units that are under the Metropolitan Council's jurisdiction. There are townships for example. There are also special units such as watershed districts. The Metropolitan Council directs sewer service.

**Mr. Rechtzigel** – I would appreciate knowing if there is any way for us to get out of the Metropolitan Council's jurisdiction. Can we change our form of government?

**Attorney Knaak** – There is very little you can do to change the form but in any event you would be under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Council as the law is written.

**Mr. Rechtzigel** – So we cannot get out from the Metropolitan Council?

**Councilman Gallagher** – It was a legislative action by the State of Minnesota that mandated that there be a metropolitan planning organization. You have to have a metropolitan planning organization, the Metropolitan Council, to receive any federal funds whatsoever, which is why there was the legislative action.

**Mr. Rechtzigel** – Can we question them and ask why they are using a water flow problem because of many storms that came through and created it within two days. Two days out of the year is pretty good. We're dealing with mother nature here. You can put in the best sewers ever and if you get a nine inch rain within an hour, is the Metropolitan Council going to tell us to build something that would handle a sewer like Minneapolis? We're dealing with weather here and mother nature. Can we make a recommendation for a waiver? From what I saw, you're saying we need these replacements because we went above a net barrier line of usage for one day.

**Mayor Geraghty** – That’s only a snapshot of the year.

**Engineer Herdegen** – That was a week period.

**Superintendent Hanson** – Met Council tells us that either we reduce our flow or they’ll increase their plant facility and we’ll pay for it. One way or another we’re going to pay for it.

**Mr. Rechtzigel** – I’m asking that you pass a resolution or something asking them for a waiver because of mother nature. Anything can happen with mother nature and I don’t think they should be holding us to a strict responsibility because of one or two days of violating a certain flow number.

**Councilman Ingemann** – This has been going on for years.

**Superintendent Hanson** – And this is mild compared to Sunday’s storm.

**Councilman Gallagher** – 90% of cities had an issue with Sunday’s storm.

**Superintendent Hanson** – We’re not the only one in this shape.

**Mayor Geraghty** – You have a bigger question about changing the City’s form and I don’t think that will happen.

**Mr. Rechtzigel** – I have a broad range so I’ll just move on. The next question was on the bidding. To me, my gut feeling, is to do the bidding after this has been approved because then we can watch the bidding more closely. Was the bidding open? Was it fair to the people or what? The reason I say that is because of government, the State of Minnesota, when they built the 35W Bridge, there were many great developers that bid and they said they placed the lowest bids to do the best quality of work at the lowest price. They thought that’s what this was about. The Minneapolis Star said that they took one of the highest bids because they wanted the bridge to be more extravagant. Being that you already assigned the bid to someone, how do I know that we’re not giving the bid to someone where workers are going to be standing around or it’ll take five men to do one person’s job.

**Mayor Geraghty** – It was open to the public. By no means is this an extravagant project, it’s replacing streets and sewer lines. We set out certain specs and we expect it to be done in those specs. The bids were analyzed by the engineer and public works department.

**Councilman Gallagher** – And we took the lowest bid.

**Councilman Rahm** – It was an open, competitive bidding process that we’ve used for several years. We got the lowest bid for what we asked for. Your question to the Met Council is a very good point. We need more people that get involved in these things and keep governments in check at all levels. We need people to step up and say “hey, let’s be realistic.” Mandates come down to us and we either try to fight them or we do projects to fix them. Until things stop, until people demand something, it’s not going to stop. We’re doing the best that we can with the limited resources and make sure we take care of the problems. Also, I think people need to realize that we’re doing these things when interest rates are at an historic low. If we looked out five years, interest rates will probably be higher and costs will probably be higher. We had an opportunity to fix these areas at a low cost. Our interest rates last year were 2.7% or so, it was cheap. It’s probably best to do these things now because of the interest rate. I know that doesn’t help when you look at a \$5,000 assessment bill over ten years but over time, it’s probably the cheapest time we can do it. We’ve looked at this. We’re trying to keep the City going at the lowest possible cost we can. I get that question all the time, why are we doing this now. We don’t have to do it now but it’ll cost more in fines, costs and interest rates.

**Mr. Rechtzigel** – I want to get more specific and that is the roots. We know there are different ways of curing roots. In my picture, it showed a lot of roots and they went through concrete correct?

**Engineer Herdegen** – Yes.

**Mr. Rehtzigel** – Are we replacing with concrete or are we going to something else? Can roots get through plastic?

**Engineer Herdegen** – They can get through anything. The way we found best to stop roots is to make sure all of the joints are sealed appropriately. When you have a concrete line, there aren't individual fittings for it for service lines to go into. No matter how tight that pipe is, there will always be a gap and an opportunity for roots and groundwater. We'll use a rubber gasket with glue on the inside that sits on top of the concrete line and completely seal around the penetration into the pipe. That gasket is connected to a pvc pipe that is sealed properly and reconnected to the existing service pipe. That is the best way we found to seal that service line.

**Mr. Rehtzigel** – Have we been doing the best maintenance at preventing roots? Have we tried to kill the roots every couple years? For private septic systems you pour in a root kill, you realize that?

**Engineer Herdegen** - Yes.

**Mr. Rehtzigel** - If you do it consistently every year, you would never have a problem. Some of these are harsh chemicals and some are natural. Have we been doing a type of maintenance system on our sewer systems?

**Engineer Herdegen** - I'll let Bruce handle that but whatever maintenance practices are done, you'll have to continue to do them. What we're trying to do is prevent the roots from getting in all-together. With these repairs, we're attempting to rectify the problem, not maintain it.

**Mr. Rehtzigel** - In the past, have we tried to, for a minimal cost, maintain it and keep the roots from growing. In the pictures I saw, there were thick roots in there.

**Engineer Herdegen** - It doesn't take long for roots to develop. When you do routine maintenance, it's minimal costs to a certain extent. The roots grow back and we're trying to prevent them from getting in there in the first place.

**Superintendent Hanson** - We have a rodding and jetting practice every year but we have lines that continue to give us problems every year so we have to keep going in there. If you kill the roots you create a void that allows water to get in.

**Mr. Rehtzigel** - This is my last question and it's on costs. In what you mailed to me, for just the sewer repair, not replacement, it was \$4,500 and what I saw up there was that the replacements were supposed to be \$4,500. That goes back to my earlier question on the bidding. Why is it so expensive and I'm being charged for both sewer and street. The street is \$2,400 and the sewer is \$4,500, you add that together for one house, that's quite a bit. Isn't that a little too much for one house. Some of the my other reasons for talking about a village is as a City, don't we spread out through the whole city when we deal with road improvements. Do you assess houses that much when you improve roads and do other cities assess that much? Isn't part of this supposed to be spread out through the whole city?

**Engineer Herdegen** - Your street assessment is based on the benefit that street improvement will have to your property. The assessments constitute about 25% of the total project cost, the remaining costs are distributed among the rest of the City. Your individual sewer repair varies with the depth and amount of labor the contractor needs to excavate and repair that service line. It'll cost more to dig up a 24 foot sewer than a 10 foot sewer. The bids were bid incrementally to associate the costs of those sewer repairs to what work is being performed.

**Randy Lewis, 1111 Ford Road** – I have no problem with you fixing my sewer but if I fix my water problem this week, the assessment is \$21,700, how will this be reduced if my water problem is resolved? I don't want to be

stuck with a \$21,000 assessment in September or October.

**Engineer Herdegen** – The assessment on the property is for the construction of the device to keep the sediment off the road.

**Mayor Geraghty** – That's the \$15,000?

**Engineer Herdegen** – Yes.

**Mayor Geraghty** – If he takes care of that individually it won't be there?

**Engineer Herdegen** – I would recommend he file an appeal in writing tonight and with the District Court so that when he constructs his own system and it works the Council will have grounds to remove that assessment from the roll.

**Councilman Ingemann** – The work has to be done pretty soon.

**Mr. Lewis** – It'll be done this weekend. I'm hoping my plan works and if it doesn't I'll have to do it again because I signed a paper saying it will. That driveway of mine is 400 feet long. With the rain this weekend, it was a river. I want to fix it.

**Bob Schindeldecker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets** – You're saying that you're fixing our street because there will be extra water coming down on 14<sup>th</sup> right? Why isn't that continuing down to 12<sup>th</sup>? I've taken some pictures and I know that there's water down the street.

**Engineer Herdegen** – There are low areas throughout all of Newport. The area that we're correcting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets is an existing problem that we know is one of the worst problems in town and we'll be contributing to that problem with the improvements we're doing to 14<sup>th</sup> Street. We won't be contributing to a problem further down 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue near 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Mr. Schindeldecker** – That goes back to distributing it to more houses if that does need to be fixed.

**Engineer Herdegen** – There's considerations we made in total project cost as well. If the prices were right, the City would love to do more work but we're set in the budget that the Council set for us.

**Mr. Schindeldecker** – We're getting everything. Why is that, did the report show that that was really bad in that area? Can we see that report? I would like to see the roots in that area. You're going to fix between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and you're going to take everything. If it's that between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, probably further down the road where you don't want to redo it, it has similar issues. If we're getting all of this, I'd like to see that report myself.

**Engineer Herdegen** – We have another engineer here and he can show you the entire video of the sewer in 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. It was our determination that a number of the joints have roots coming into them and this is the most cost effective way from preventing those roots from coming in.

**Mr. Schindeldecker** – Last year's project on 21<sup>st</sup> Street, you did something similar where you widened it, curb and gutter, was it the whole nine yards like this one?

**Engineer Herdegen** – We did isolated sewer repairs on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Barry Drive.

**Mr. Schindeldecker** – How about 21<sup>st</sup> Street?

**Engineer Herdegen** – That was a few years ago.

**Mr. Schindeldecker** – Did you do anything more than the curb and gutter?

**Councilman Sumner** – That’s my street and I had to pay the assessment for the work that was done. I chose to have the sewer repair done because I had roots in my system and had it backup.

**Mr. Schindeldecker** – I want to know what was done on 21<sup>st</sup> Street, was it street, sewer, curb and gutter, was it all of that because I know it was a lot cheaper. Is it apples to apples?

**Councilman Gallagher** – I think there was a change in assessments also. Fritz, wasn’t there a court hearing where an appraiser had to come out because it used to be that our maximum was \$3,000 and that had to change because of some law changes.

**Engineer Herdegen** – 21<sup>st</sup> Street was supposed to be done last year and it was delayed to this year. It’s a mill and overlay with curb and those are the same improvements for 18<sup>th</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and a portion of Ford. That is a lesser assessment. The full reconstruction, which is 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, with the sewer repairs, it’s a \$5,500 project. That’s because of the different street improvement type.

**Mr. Schindeldecker** – Is the sewer going any deeper.

**Engineer Herdegen** – No.

**Mr. Schindeldecker** – Ok. I wanted to compare apples to apples and if it was everything I wanted to know why it was so much cheaper.

**Councilman Sumner** – I had an independent arrangement to have my work done. It wasn’t done on a broad basis like it is this year.

**Mr. Schindeldecker** – So you fixed that and the wye?

**Councilman Sumner** – Yes.

**Mr. Schindeldecker** - I did see some of that and I was wondering why it was so much cheaper.

**Councilman Ingemann** – The hope is that all of the streets will be taken care of within the next five years. We’re doing them in bits and pieces. We have this group this year and there are some proposed for next year. Eventually, all of the streets will be taken care of by 2020.

**Mr. Schindeldecker** – If you would have gone from 21<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Street at once, would that have helped ease the costs?

Mayor Geraghty – The assessments would have been the same. The City is paying three-fourths of it, we are putting 25% on the assessment part.

**Mr. Schindeldecker** – If you have hardships, is there any deferment? I know people that are losing their jobs or have no income.

**Admin. Hill** – You have to be 65 years or older and prove some sort of hardship.

**Mr. Schindeldecker** – What if you have no income? I’m losing my job.

**Mayor Geraghty** – I understand, none of us enjoy doing this.

**Mr. Schindeldecker** – The only option is a ten year payment with the interest?

**Admin. Hill** – If you want to leave your name and number or call us next week we can get that answered for you.

**Janine Schindeldecker**, 1434 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue – You said that part of the reason you’re doing 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue is because of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and the runoff. Why are we paying for their runoff?

**Engineer Herdegen** – It’s an entire City system. The runoff from 14<sup>th</sup> is affecting 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue as it sits today.

**Mrs. Schindeldecker** – I know, that’s what I heard. It existed last year and when you redid 14<sup>th</sup> right?

**Engineer Herdegen** – We haven’t done 14<sup>th</sup> yet.

**Mrs. Schindeldecker** – You said you did.

**Engineer Herdegen** – We’re planning to do that this year.

**Mrs. Schindeldecker** – We have a gentleman that had to leave who had just put in a drainage thing at 3<sup>rd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. He paid for it and did all of that work for a drainage system last year when he bought the house and now you’re going to redo the whole thing? Is he going to be reimbursed or anything for all of that work that he just paid the City to be able to do? It’s not even a year old.

**Engineer Herdegen** – We will restore the yard and work with the homeowner, I have spoken with him in regards to it, to restore it to the way that he wants it.

**Mrs. Schindeldecker** – It was a lot of effort and money.

**Engineer Herdegen** – It’s apparent that there was a lot of effort and material in there. I don’t believe the City requested that work to be done.

**Mrs. Schindeldecker** – He requested it, he got a permit for it, and he paid for the permit to have the work done. If you guys knew that you were going to do this, that was a big issue for me.

**Engineer Herdegen** – I don’t know the particular circumstances of when or why the decision was made to install that but the City is obligated to maintain their storm water within their own system and discharging it on to private property is not a way they want to conduct their business.

**Mrs. Schindeldecker** – So approving the permit is something the City shouldn’t have done?

**Engineer Herdegen** – I don’t think the City approved...

**Mrs. Schindeldecker** – He got a permit for it.

**Engineer Herdegen** – We’re not going to stand in the way of someone who wants to landscape their yard but if we have an opportunity to correct a situation rather than have storm water go on private property we’re going to do our best to take care of that situation.

**Mrs. Schindeldecker** – I know he did go to the City and that was one of the things when I got the letter that bothered me because I know it’s been less than a year from when he got the permit and permission to do it and now everything is being changed.

**Superintendent Hanson** – There was no permit pulled on that and he had already dug the whole when I found out about it. He told me that he was trying to solve a water issue on his yard and I said that he couldn’t do it on City property so it didn’t exactly go down like that and we weren’t sure 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue was going to be done at the

**Mrs. Schindeldecker** – That’s not what I heard.

**Darl Schossow, 1910 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue** – I own the lot to the north of 1910 2nd Avenue. You've received a letter in reference to my appeal to the assessment. The letter was written before I received my assessment. My assessment has sewer and water, my letter was asking not to have any sewer and water put into that lot. It is an unbuildable lot and I was told by the engineer prior to Jon that unbuildable lots can't be assessed. The rain we had last, if you would have come down to my lot, you would have seen where the water table is in the area because it's higher than what my yard is. I'm asking for that lot to be not assessed for having the work done to it. If I were to haul dirt in and fill it in, because of the way that all the yards are in that area, all the water runs to that spot, all I would do is push water to everyone else and no place for water to go in the lot behind me. I accept the water into my yard because it solves a lot of problems for the area. As far as 2nd Avenue, I have some questions. Part of the houses up there, from my house north, have schedule 80 pipe already in them, what are you going to replace them with?

**Engineer Herdegen** - The water main is going to be ductile iron and the service lines will be schedule 80.

**Mr. Schossow** - They already are and you're charging people to replace it.

**Engineer Herdegen** - We're replacing the water main and when we replace that, the City is going to be certain that the infrastructure underneath the new pavement and curb is of sound material. That pipe, the main and service line, we're going to extend it, make sure it's sealed, out to the property line.

**Mr. Schossow** - How long are those good for?

**Engineer Herdegen** - Depending on the circumstances, probably 50 years.

**Mr. Schossow** - It was put in 20 years ago so why are you replacing it with the same stuff and charging them for it?

**Engineer Herdegen** - We're replacing the main, it has seen numerous breaks.

**Mr. Schossow** - Not really because I know how much they've dug that street up and from my house north, they haven't dug it up, from my house south, they've dug it up about three times.

**Engineer Herdegen** - I would need to rely on Bruce to know how much they've dug up that street.

**Mr. Schossow** - I know you're replacing a larger sewer line but the water is the same pipe your taking out and then charging them for it. I'm here representing everyone that lives on 2nd Avenue. We had a meeting last Sunday and we're all unhappy. We're happy just to leave the puddles the way they are, that's how unhappy we are with this entire project. 1st Avenue was put in and it was \$2,800 for curb, gutter and road, ours is \$5,500.

**Mayor Geraghty** - There are a lot of people on 2nd Avenue that want this project, they came to us.

**Mr. Schossow** - There are a lot of people that were at the meeting that said leave the puddles. That's how upset they are at the cost of \$5,500 to do this road plus \$1,000 for water and \$1,000 for sewer. There are seven houses that have schedule 80. There are five houses that don't need driveways, that's a lot cheaper than running curb by these houses. I think you need to come down and look at the situation down there more realistic than you are doing now.

**Mayor Geraghty** - I see that, between 17th Street and the Fire Hall, it's one of the worst streets in town.

**Mr. Schossow** - The street is bad, it's got puddles all the way down 21st.

**Mayor Geraghty** - Well either we decide to fix or we don't and I prefer that we...

**Mr. Schossow** - Then you pay the \$5,500 per house...

**Mayor Geraghty** - I paid my assessment.

**Mr. Schossow** - Compared to the \$2,800 that was done for 1st Avenue.

**Mayor Geraghty** - How long ago was that done?

**Mr. Schossow** - It was done when they did the 494 project. Doubled in price in 20 years, materials, I don't think so.

**Mayor Geraghty** - It's still only one-fourth the cost of the project. Either the City decides we want to maintain and do the streets or we don't. If we let them go, we'll have to do them all at once and then you'll really have a bill.

**Mr. Schossow** - Why are we replacing pipe that's good?

**Mayor Geraghty** - It's time to do it I guess.

**Councilman Gallagher** - He has a point.

**Mayor Geraghty** - We have to replace the main and while it's open. Do you want a 50 year life or dig it up in 30 years.

**Superintendent Hanson** - Part of the reason is that we'll be able to guarantee that what's underneath the City's right-of-way is good stuff that we won't have to go back and repair and how do we know that they're all good?

**Councilman Gallagher** - Can we not tell that by the video cameras?

**Engineer Herdegen** - This is the water main.

**Councilman Gallagher** - I'm talking about the sewer.

**Engineer Herdegen** - We televised the sewer line and I believe you're referring to the water line.

**Mr. Schossow** - Both.

**Councilman Ingemann** - Aren't you making the water line bigger?

**Mr. Schossow** - No, they're making the sewer line bigger and that's only for the main line. The part from the main to the house is not changing in size.

**Engineer Herdegen** - The sewer line is being upsized and we're reconnecting the same size pipe that is in there.

**Mr. Schossow** - The pipe is already schedule 80, you're taking that out and replacing it with the same stuff.

**Engineer Herdegen** - It's the same type and size but what Bruce said is that we don't know exactly how sound the connections are now, you can tell me that but when there is a problem, if there is a problem and the road needs to be dug up, and the curb needs to be removed and the blacktop needs to come out...

**Mr. Schossow** - And I pay for that because I'm responsible from the wye out.

**Engineer Herdegen** - If the Council wants to provide us direction to not extend those services out to the property line. There's still a cost involved in reconnecting all of those services.

**Mr. Schossow** - Right, but 30 feet of pipe. If it goes bad, I have to pay to put that back in because I am responsible from the wye to the house.

**Mayor Geraghty** - You have your appeal for the lot. As far as that goes, we've been advised that it is a buildable lot.

**Mr. Schossow** - 18 inches going down there is water going through the rock.

**Mayor Geraghty** - I think all of those houses had rock on the surface and they got houses in there.

**Mr. Schossow** - I'm going to appeal both of them because I think the price you came up with is very unfair. The value of the property is \$3,000 and you're going to assess me \$7,500.

**Mayor Geraghty** - But you know it's worth more than that if you sold it for a house.

**Mr. Schossow** - I don't want sewer and water in there, I don't want a driveway cut in and you're still going to charge me for sewer and water.

**Rick Schossow, Resident of Woodbury** - I had one question about the 420% increase, I know you said that 90% of the cities were over the 420%.

**Councilman Gallagher** - Not over the 420%, over their maximum limit.

**Mr. Schossow** - Historically, where has Newport been?

**Councilman Ingemann** - We have fines waiting for us from the Met Council because we've been over so many times. We've been working on inflow, outflow, infiltration problems for a long time. A couple years ago, we relined some sewers to see if it would solve the problem but it didn't.

**Mr. Schossow** - This is a very small sample size and if you extend it out over a year's period.

**Councilman Sumner** - They assess us for the times that we are over, they don't look at the yearly average. This is a choice between paying fines or looking long-term and addressing the issue bit by bit.

**Councilman Gallagher** - I believe the fines have been reduced or not assessed because we have a mitigation plan.

**Mr. Schossow** - The varying scopes of work, does the homeowner have the option, if that proves to be good piping, it seems fairly wasteful to replace it, is that something that can be looked at?

**Mayor Geraghty** - We certainly can.

**Mr. Schossow** - Just as common sense, it's good for 50 years and we're going to throw it away after 20. There's no assurances that the new pipe will be good for 50 years. We assumed that when we put the pipe in 20 years ago that it would be good for 50 years and now we're going to take it out.

**Engineer Herdegen** - If the Council directs us to do something other than to extend these services out to the property line, we can certainly do that. Without knowing what the condition of the line is, I can't make that

determination. If the Council directs us to make a determination in the field then we can do that.

**Councilman Gallagher** - The wyes still need to be replaced correct?

**Engineer Herdegen** - Yes.

**Councilman Gallagher** - And I'm assuming you'll need to add a footer.

**Engineer Herdegen** - Yes, you'll need to connect it.

**Mr. Schossow** - And that makes sense but to dig up 30 feet and assess the homeowner the cost...

**Councilman Gallagher** - Excuse me, I still had a question. Do we know how much that would be? I thought I saw \$150-300 for the wye connection?

**Engineer Herdegen** - It's a different cost when you're doing main line work and that's how the bids were prepared. We wanted to know the costs for when you dig down and replace an isolated wye. When the trench is open and you're laying pipe and you come to a wye, it'll be cheaper. The \$1,000 did not represent the entire costs of that improvement.

**Mr. Schossow** - I know that, I was at that meeting when the Council decided that. Part of this is, was the bid set up for water and sewer originally?

**Engineer Herdegen** - Yes.

**Mr. Schossow** - And we're getting assessed again for it. In the bid it was \$5,500 for reconstruction of the whole road which included curb, gutter, storm sewer, water, sewer and now we're getting told we have to pay another \$1,000 for what is was assessed for originally. We're getting billed twice for water and sewer.

**Engineer Herdegen** - The \$5,500 is for the street repairs for the project. The water and sewer were not included in that assessment. When the benefit appraiser did his evaluation, it was on the full reconstruction with the new pavement and curb. That's what the \$5,500 was based on.

**Mr. Schossow** - Not including the water and sewer?

**Engineer Herdegen** - Your cost is the same as 15th Street, whose not getting water, it's the same as 14th Street, 3rd Avenue, Ford Road, none of those properties are getting new water and sewer lines.

**Mr. Schossow** - I disagree with what's being said very much. People are getting charged to replace the same pipe. It's twice as much as when they did 1st Avenue, product hasn't gone up that much.

**Engineer Herdegen** - If Public Works and the Council directs us to modify that we will.

**Mr. Schossow** - I understand you're told what to do, I'm not directing this at you personally. I just think this is unfair, charging \$7,500. I think that's a lot of money for a lot of the people that live on that street.

**Mayor Geraghty** - I agree it's a lot of money but it cost \$2,900 20 years ago, we can't do it for \$2,900 now. If we didn't assess anything then everyone would pay for it and there is some ownership to it and it's benefitting your property.

**Mr. Schossow** - Ownership is being proud of your city too.

**Mayor Geraghty** - Your right but does that mean we leave the streets to go to hell?

**Mr. Schossow** - No but everyone in the City should be paying to raise the quality of this City up.

**Mayor Geraghty** - I agree.

**Councilman Gallagher** - It will with taxes, we're still taxing another \$3 million for this project. I do agree that \$8,000 is a lot.

**Mr. Schossow** - For most of these houses, \$8,000 is 5 to 7% of the entire piece of the property and I don't feel it's going to boost the property values that much.

**Councilman Sumner** - There was an outside appraiser that came through and said that it would.

**Engineer Herdegen** - The range for a full street reconstruction was \$2,500 - \$6,800.

**Mr. Schossow** - That's one person's opinion.

**Mr. Schossow** - People aren't happy on that street.

**Christine Broberg, 1980 2nd Avenue** - I also represent my husband, Steve. I was at this meeting that Pee-wee was talking about. I live at one of those properties that has schedule 80 and I feel it is very unfair and negligent for someone to come in and rip up something that is already good and fine me for it. That's \$7,600, that's a lot of money on a budgeted income. We just refinanced last year to try to get out of some hardship but this is going to put us back in that position. I have two young children. If my property needed the stuff done I don't have a problem with trying to figure out how to make it work but it does not. I have the right kind of piping, I don't have a problem with putting anything else in that needs to go in. That's like me telling you, I work in coronary artery disease in the operating room, guess what we have a special going on next week. I don't care if you need it or not, come on in and let's do a bypass. Really? Realistic? No, we do a bypass if you need it. Same thing with your piping. It's the same size. You talk about restoration. You're going to come 30 feet into my property, into the roots of my maple tree and good bushes, it's going to ruin it. Are you going to put another 100 foot maple tree up for me and good sod down because we take good care of our yard. We take pride in our home. I'm really offended what this Council has made a decision to do and not look at all the information. I'm very offended. I would have no problem if things were warranted but they're not. You don't fix something that's not broke.

**Mayor Geraghty** - On the schedule 80 pipe, assuming we did the infield inspections and decided it wasn't necessary to exchange it, what kind of credit would they be looking at?

**Engineer Herdegen** - The Council decided on the \$1,000 assessment.

**Mayor Geraghty** - That part would come off then?

**Engineer Herdegen** - There's still a benefit. Even though the pipe has not reached its age of failing, there is a benefit of having the new main and service line installed. The Council would need to direct me as to, if we're just replacing the service line and not extending it out 30 feet, what less benefit is that to the property. We decided on the \$1,000 to put it in, if there's a lesser amount of just the installation of the tap.

**Mayor Geraghty** - I'm open to ideas or options to look at. Is that a change order for the contract?

**Engineer Herdegen** - If the quantities are changed or reduced by a certain percentage, the contractor is eligible to come back and negotiate his price.

**Mrs. Broberg** - You're also depreciating my home if that tree goes. It'll also take away the shade so my A/C bill will go up, the wind will come through, and my kids hang on the bars from that tree. That's their love and memory

that they are going to remember.

**Engineer Herdegen** - It is our job to protect it. If the tree is on private property and we impact that, it is our responsibility to replace it.

**Mrs. Broberg** - I also don't want to pay for someone else's expense out of my pocket when it's hard to put food on the table sometimes.

**Engineer Herdegen** - I don't know what expense you're paying for for someone else.

**Mrs. Broberg** - If you look at the letter that was sent out, the \$7,669. That's the same assessment to some of the people that also, where we have the same existing stuff that you're going to put in.

**Engineer Herdegen** - I think you need to differentiate between the street assessment and utility assessment. The street assessment of \$5,500 is the same as...

**Mrs. Broberg** - I'm talking about the \$7,600. That's a big difference.

**Engineer Herdegen** - A portion of the \$7,600 is \$5,500 for the street assessment, that's the same assessment as everyone that is getting that type of repair done to their property. The \$1,000 for sanitary and \$1,000 for water is to your particular property.

**Mrs. Broberg** - And that's something I don't need.

**Engineer Herdegen** - But I wanted to make the point that it's not \$7,600 for something you're claiming you don't need.

**Mrs. Broberg** - It is.

**Mayor Geraghty** - Not all of it.

**Mrs. Broberg** - No not all of it but you can't say 100% it's not because a part of it is. That's like me saying you're a little bit pregnant.

**Mayor Geraghty** - We'll look at the issue on the piping and options. If we can do anything to mitigate it we will.

**Councilman Gallagher** - Just so everyone knows, we can't make decisions tonight.

**Rick and Judy Bibeau, 945 Ellen Court** - I have a detached garage that I gain access to from Ford Road. Could you tell me briefly at a high level what problems exist on Ford Road and how those will be addressed?

**Engineer Herdegen** - The pavement on Ford Road is deteriorating so part of this will be to replace that.

**Councilman Ingemann** - He lives next door to the man who has a manhole in his driveway so he's wondering how much of his yard he'll lose.

**Mrs. Bibeau** - Supposedly the road is going to be widened up to the manhole in the part that the City owns. I'm assuming ours will also be cut into. I don't know how because if you go down the street there are some people that hardly have a yard. I'm assuming the road is going to get widened by our property, my brothers and then you have houses that don't have that big of yards. Is there going to be a real big turn.

**Councilman Ingemann** - The trees will be gone.

**Mr. Bibeau** - Is all of Ford Road being widened?

**Councilman Ingemann** - Yes.

**Mrs. Bibeau** - The same width?

**Engineer Herdegen** - Yes, it'll be a consistent width of 28 feet. It's also being realigned to fit in the City's right-of-way.

**Mr. Bibeau** - How wide is the street now?

**Engineer Herdegen** - Roughly 22 feet and it'll be widened to 28 feet. Right now, the street crosses the right-of-way on to private property midway between 8th and Circle drive. Where the sewer lines are and the manhole is located, that's the center of the right-of-way, that's where the road is supposed to be. When the sewer went in, it went in the center of the right-of-way. When the street went in, it likely went around trees. As part of the Council's direction, we're re-centering that road within the right-of-way.

**Mr. Bibeau** - So it'll be re-centered. Obviously, there's a problem there so if you could describe to me the problem and value to Newport residents for their tax dollars being spent. It winds a little bit instead of going straight. What is the value to taxpayers money in order to straighten that out. In other words, I understand that the road is deteriorating, that needs to get fixed. I also understand that it needs to be widened, I don't have a problem with that. The issue I have is spending tax dollars on realigning that street. There's value that the taxpayers are getting back as a whole for those dollars spent don't coincide with those benefits.

**Mayor Geraghty** - Do we know what the incremental cost is?

**Engineer Herdegen** - I don't. Whether you were to reconstruct it in place or realign the road and reconstruct it, the incremental cost is minimal. You're still doing the same amount of work, just in a different spot. It's to the City's best interest to have their street on their own property. In order to do that and conform to the design standards we need to have the correct geometry to center the road. We're creating a road that meets design standards, improves the safety, access for emergency vehicles, and we're putting it back to where it should be.

**Mr. Bibeau** - I understand all of that but the issue I have is with the problem of correcting a windy road. It's not that windy, I've lived there for 33 years and have never seen a problem except for the water or rocks that come down. I think widening the street would address the issue for emergency vehicles. The problem I have is the dollars spent and the value we get in return in realigning that section. How long is that section that will be widened?

**Engineer Herdegen** - The whole street is being widened but again the full street reconstruction between 8th Avenue and Circle Drive is the same \$5,500 assessment that all reconstruction projects are being assessed regardless of if they're being realigned or the width of the road. You're not paying for the realignment, you're paying for the new street and curb sections.

**Mr. Bibeau** - There will be some additional costs for the realignment.

**Engineer Herdegen** - The City as a whole will pay for that but it's not part of the assessment.

**Mr. Bibeau** - I'm not here because of the assessment dollars, I was already assessed last year for Ellen Court. My main concern is the extra work that would be done there and the value that would get returned. The way I see it, as long as the road is fixed and widened that's fine. There hasn't been a problem there for 33 years and it's fine with me. I would just as soon have the tax dollars being spent more wisely in that area and go to some other area of the project or decrease some of the residents that have a need. We don't need the street realigned.

**Mrs. Bibeau** - Will this realignment stop the water that's coming down from up above? It pools at our yard. I'm assuming we'll be getting an apron and curbs, will those help. Our driveway is concrete and the rest is rocks, I'm worried that my rocks will be disappearing again or there will be holes. You'll guarantee that Tom's water will stay out of my yard?

**Engineer Herdegen** - The design is to keep the water that is on the street on the street. I can't guarantee that there won't be a rain event in the future that will not overtop that curb.

**Mrs. Bibeau** - I talked with Bruce a year or two ago and they made a lip around the street and brought my end of the driveway up a little. So there's no guarantee that our driveway won't be run off with that?

**Engineer Herdegen** - Our design is to have positive drainage from each and every driveway back out to the street and to install an apron to keep water from the street from coming up the driveways. The apron is six inches tall, the same as the apron. With the grade that is on Ford Road, it'll take a lot to have the water collect so much that it's six inches deep.

**Mrs. Bibeau** - And Bruce and his crew, most of Ford Road doesn't have curb or tar. We have it but we're still getting the water.

**Superintendent Hanson** - It'll all have curb when we're done with this.

**Mrs. Bibeau** - But there's no guarantee that it won't come up and ruining our rock driveway? Unless you guys would want to cement the other half of our driveway.

**Mayor Geraghty** - Did you get your yard problems resolved from last year?

**Mrs. Bibeau** - No but it doesn't look as bad as it did. They filled it in with cement. Our front yard was messed up when they were putting the pipes in with these huge machines, will I have the same thing in the back?

**Mayor Geraghty** - That was for gas lines.

**Mrs. Bibeau** - Ok.

**Laurie Elliott, 970 Ford Road** - I also live across from Tom. My question is for Tom because I think he'll understand this easier than anyone else. If they move that road to center with the property line, the oak tree will go right?

**Councilman Ingemann** - Did you see the red dots on the trees today?

**Mrs. Elliott** - No, I haven't been home yet.

**Councilman Ingemann** - They are all gone.

**Mrs. Elliott** - You know it's quite steep along that property, so if they really come in and center it, is there a plan to put up a retaining wall along 970 and the one on Circle Drive? It is a very steep drop. I am concerned because the driveway is 160 on one side and 100 feet on the other side and it's a pretty high climb. There are times when it's difficult to get up that driveway when it gets icy or too much snow compact. If you shorten my driveway it has to get even steeper and you can't get enough of a run up off of Ford Road to make the turn to get up the driveway and into the garage. I'm wondering how that will be resolved because that is an unsafe driveway situation.

**Engineer Herdegen** - When we designed the elevation of Ford Road we took careful consideration to every driveway to make sure we didn't exceed any driveway grades in that area. In some cases we had to raise Ford Road up. If we widen it and raise it up we can maintain your existing driveway.

**Mrs. Elliott** - So that's your plan, you're going to raise it a little bit?

**Engineer Herdegen** - I don't have the plans in front of me but I remember going through that driveway.

**Mrs. Elliott** - Because I know where that telephone pole is and it's almost to your fence line and so I understand your concern to.

**Engineer Herdegen** - And that has to be relocated. The trees that are marked now, those are the trees that are in our construction limits, not necessarily the trees that will be cut down. Right now, we're working with the contractor about the trees that may be impacted. We're going to make determinations in the field to save as many as we can. The issue with that hillside, with all those trees going, we want to see a three to one slope from the road to the top of the hill. In order to do that, we need to remove all those trees. The way we bid the project was to remove all those trees and re-grade the slope three to one so no retaining wall should be needed. It's within the construction limits to try to re-grade.

**Mrs. Elliott** - If you're going to re-grade, you'll be way into the front yard.

**Councilman Ingemann** - You're coming close to her house.

**Engineer Herdegen** - We actually shifted the road so we can re-grade that slope.

**Mrs. Elliott** - How many feet over are you going?

**Engineer Herdegen** - I don't know exactly.

**Councilman Ingemann** - That curve that Rick and Judy were talking about starts at your driveway and goes in and around. I don't know how far they're coming my way.

**Engineer Herdegen** - I'd be happy to sit down and go over that with you.

**Mrs. Elliott** - How would I arrange that because you're a consultant and don't have an office here.

**Engineer Herdegen** - I don't but would be happy to meet you here.

**Mrs. Elliott** - Ok. Otherwise, I do support the work that you're doing on this and trying to fix the rainwater going into the sewer system. I know it's a big issue with the Met Council and it costs money to treat rainwater when we shouldn't be paying to treat rainwater. I do support your plans going forward. I know because you have a plan we aren't getting those fines but I know the Met Council is watching us closely. I know this is one example and I attended another meeting where you talked about several other examples where we had 300% of rainwater going into our system, 200% was rainwater and 100% was sewer. We're going to pay one way or another and it's cheaper money today, I appreciate that you're looking at that as well. I do want to thank you for your efforts and I realize it's painful for many people in the audience and I know it makes your decision making even more difficult. I know it's a hardship for many of you here but it's coming and hopefully some of these issues can be resolved with the comments tonight.

**Virgil Voller, 1685 Kolff Street** - My neighbor, I would like to throw another jab to you. What about the gas company, boring their holes, busting the water lines, punching Wamstad's sewer line, and what about our sewers that are cracked supposedly. And then to have them come into my house and want to look down the sewer and, a friend of mine, left the hole open, left a mess all over the floor. I wouldn't let them in and now they throw another \$1,000 on me for the sewer. When they come and dig I want to see the crack in that line.

**Mayor Geraghty** - You're welcome to see it.

**Councilman Ingemann** - If they couldn't get in the house, they videoed from the street didn't they?

**Engineer Herdegen** - In each case we attempted to video from the main to the house. For any number of reasons, roots or bends, if we couldn't get from the main to the house, we requested entry to video from the house out. If we were declined that entry, we made an assessment on the wye and will look at the sewer line when it is open. If the service needs repair we'll do that. The main line is being replaced between two manhole sections based on cracks and roots. We have that video available and I'd be happy to go over that with you.

**Mr. Voller** - When you went up the sewer you couldn't get in?

**Engineer Herdegen** - We couldn't get in. I believe in your case, and this is by memory, your service line went straight up and then had a 90 degree bend. We can't fish the camera straight up and over.

**Mr. Voller** - What was the idea of coming in my house?

**Engineer Herdegen** - So we could get a televised recording from your house to the main.

**Mr. Voller** - There are three cleanouts down the road, my driveway is 260 feet. You couldn't find a cleanout, you didn't ask?

**Engineer Herdegen** - We would have had to enter your property to get to those cleanouts so we would have needed your permission to access them.

**Mr. Voller** - They called me on the phone and wanted to come in my house. No way, you aren't leaving a sloppy mess in my house.

**Engineer Herdegen** - And I understand that but we don't have any idea of where these cleanouts are on private property so we have to ask.

**Mr. Voller** - That gentleman beside you don't know.

**Engineer Herdegen** - If it's not on City property, we're going to ask your permission to enter your property to televise it. If you decline, you decline, we just don't have an idea of the condition of your sewer line between the house and main so when we do the work we are going to visually inspect it. We would prefer to know that information before we have that hole open but in this case we won't know that.

**Councilman Gallagher** - Can Virgil still have someone come through and take a look?

**Engineer Herdegen** - We still have our televisor and if there is a cleanout in a more accessible place and we can televise from there.

**Councilman Gallagher** - Would that be ok Virgil?

**Mr. Voller** - Sure, it's only like 100 and some feet.

**Councilman Gallagher** - Would that be acceptable?

**Engineer Herdegen** - I don't know what the condition of the cleanout is so I can't guarantee that they'll be able to fish a camera through. Part of this is that we're still replacing that main line from manhole to manhole and anywhere we're doing that we're still going to replace the service line and will still bring that to outside the pavement section.

**Councilman Gallagher** - So why did we need to televise it?

**Engineer Herdegen** - We televised every line and my feeling is that we would get the same complaints from people asking why we didn't televise their line. When we were doing the televising, we did all of the main lines and followed with the laterals, we didn't know what the condition of the main was when the laterals were being televised.

**Councilman Ingemann** - The City is paying half the cost anyhow.

**Mr. Voller** - So what part of the main are you going from?

**Engineer Herdegen** - I would need to look at the plans to know exactly, it's between two manholes.

**Mike Weber, 1695 Kolff Street** - I had two quick questions. As far as restoration and watering, will you do seed or sod?

**Engineer Herdegen** - We'll be doing a blown compost seeding which is more of a rapid stabilization where the seed comes up quicker and gets established right before fall.

**Mr. Weber** - Will it be the homeowner's responsibility to water it?

**Engineer Herdegen** - It will be the contractor's responsibility to get it established, meaning 75% coverage. After that, it'll be the homeowner's responsibility.

**Mr. Weber** - Will we get a discount on our utility bill as far as watering? I know some people have larger yards.

**Engineer Herdegen** - I don't know that we've done that in the past.

**Mr. Weber** - Woodbury Road, since that manhole is off, is that being realigned too?

**Engineer Herdegen** - No, the road and manhole are still in the City's right-of-way and that's a reclamation project not a reconstruction project.

**Mr. Voller** - You say the City takes care of your water, what about the park off of Glen Road. Some of them go into the sewer and the rest goes through private property and you told him well once it comes out here it's your problem.

**Engineer Herdegen** - Where is this?

**Mr. Voller** - It starts at the park entrance.

**Engineer Herdegen** - I don't know if this affects the project. If it's not in the project scope it's another matter.

**Mr. Voller** - It's not in this but the water runs down the street to get to the pond and the other runs underneath the road and onto his property.

**Engineer Herdegen** - It doesn't sound like that's something that will be addressed with this project.

**Mr. Voller** - No but it's one of the things you have all the problems with everyone else and you don't take care of it properly either.

**Engineer Herdegen** - I would be happy to look at that, I'm not particularly aware of the problem and it's not in this project scope so I'm not sure this is the time to discuss it.

**Mr. Voller** - The last engineer left everything upside down.

**Jim Doppler, 1990 2nd Avenue** - You're going to rip from 21st to 17th correct?

**Engineer Herdegen** - Yes.

**Mr. Doppler** - What type of pipe are you putting for the service lines for water and sanitation?

**Engineer Herdegen** - The main line sanitary sewer...

**Mr. Doppler** - How big is your main line?

**Engineer Herdegen** - It'll be 10 inch sanitary and 6 inch water. The sanitary will be a water main quality pvc pipe and the water main will be ductile iron.

**Mr. Doppler** - What is the service?

**Engineer Herdegen** - I believe it's schedule 80 sanitary and it'll be a copper water service pipe.

**Mr. Doppler** - One inch?

**Engineer Herdegen** - Correct. To the curb stop and then connecting to whatever service diameter that goes to the house.

**Mr. Doppler** - You put in that schedule 80, how long do you expect it to last? One or two months, couple years.

**Engineer Herdegen** - I would anticipate it lasting longer than a month or two or a couple years.

**Mr. Doppler** - How many years do you think?

**Engineer Herdegen** - Given the conditions we talked about, probably 50 years.

**Mr. Doppler** - I've been putting this stuff in for 40 years so I know what I'm talking about and they go a lot longer than that.

**Councilman Gallagher** - They go a lot longer than 40 years?

**Mr. Doppler** - Yes. Anyhow, when I'm asking about the inches of mains that you're putting in, you're changing out from what lines now?

**Engineer Herdegen** - It's an eight inch line.

**Mr. Doppler** - So you're going to run up a ten inch? When you run in a new service to the homeowners, you'll run schedule 80. Will you put a new boot in?

**Engineer Herdegen** - The intention is...

**Mr. Doppler** - So homes that have schedule 80 against them and one inch copper that's all bad stuff so you throw it out and put new stuff in right?

**Engineer Herdegen** - I believe this has been covered but the intent of the project is to replace the water and sewer service from the main out to the property line.

**Mr. Doppler** - Which costs \$2,000 right?

**Engineer Herdegen** - Yes and unless the Council directs me to do otherwise that is the plan.

**Mr. Doppler** - That sounds like a bunch of shit to me.

**Bruce Wamstad, 1911 Kolff Street** - In 2001, one of the utilities went through and punched a hole through the sewer so they had to repair it five feet into the property line. When they replace the wye, which I'm getting charged for, how far in are they going, 30 feet? I have a \$1,000 charge.

**Engineer Herdegen** - It will go to the property line, which is about 30 feet.

**Mr. Wamstad** - So that would encompass where they already repaired the line?

**Engineer Herdegen** - Possibly, I have no record of the damage or repair.

**Mr. Wamstad** - I would assume whoever did it would have had to pull a permit for it.

**Superintendent Hanson** - I don't recall that.

**Engineer Herdegen** - I'll be honest, I didn't consult individual records for properties.

**Superintendent Hanson** - Our videotape should show that.

**Mr. Wamstad** - The video shows a section of pvc pipe and before that it was clay pipe. I understand why it would need to be repaired but I want to make sure it's going in far enough so that it's all reconstructed properly.

**Superintendent Hanson** - We should probably review the tape.

**Mr. Wamstad** - The curbs you're putting in, are they the rounded off curbs?

**Engineer Herdegen** - They would be barrier curbs.

**Mr. Wamstad** - Is that set in? My front yard is very steep and the grass comes down to the curb and it goes over the curb. If you cut into it, that hill is going to be even sharper and flatten out which I have no problem with, I'll just let it grow.

**Engineer Herdegen** - A lot of those issues we try to take care of in the field to make sure we tie into the edge of the new curb into the property line to make it either a mowable slope or to make it not too steep. We plan to tie everything in at no more than a three to one slope.

**Richard Beaumont, 1830 8th Avenue** - Last year, I was at the meeting and was told that I have a major wye crack and the first cost estimate was \$585 for the wye and \$280 per 10 feet of service pipe repair. This year, it's \$3,691. We want to know why it went up so much.

**Engineer Herdegen** - The figures you were quoted last year was based on the cost that we received from the low bidder. That low bidder had decided that they wanted to renegotiate the costs after the project was bid because he didn't feel he was well enough informed on the depths of some of the sewer repairs.

**Mr. Beaumont** - How deep is it on 8th Avenue?

**Engineer Herdegen** - I don't know for certain but I know that area is within 10 to 15 feet deep.

**Mr. Beaumont** - How much is it per foot going down?

**Engineer Herdegen** - Once the contractor decided he wanted to renegotiate the costs the Council elected to postpone part of that project due to the increased costs. This year, we were very particular to put in unit costs based on incremental depths. From 9 to 12, 12 to 15, 15 to 18, 18 to 21, and 21 to 24. We required the contractor to provide us a cost for each depths to remove the service line, replace the wye and connect it. The costs reflected on your assessment roll are the as-bid costs from the low bidder. That is the same process we went through last year but we couldn't control the contractor coming back and asking for additional compensation to do additional depths.

**Mr. Beaumont** - It's not even that deep though.

**Engineer Herdegen** - That's the price that they provided and they were the successful low bidder.

**Mr. Beaumont** - It doesn't make sense, they want six times the amount.

**Engineer Herdegen** - The numbers that were quoted before, we distributed those numbers and the contractor came back and said they would not do the work for that price. Rather than pay for that additional cost, the City postponed it to this year. The figures you see are the as-bid costs from the low bidder.

**Mr. Beaumont** - You can't challenge it?

**Engineer Herdegen** - We as the City can't. You are able to challenge it in writing tonight and then filed in District Court within 30 days of the adoption of the assessment.

**Mr. Beaumont** - I don't know how they can charge that much to go down 10 feet.

**Engineer Herdegen** - Again, I don't control the bid prices for the contractor, I can only provide the specs that they can bid to. It was competitively bid and these are the costs from the successful low bidder.

**Councilman Gallagher** - The City kind of got railroaded last year. Someone put out some bids and got on site and changed the amount. We told them, they were kind of blackmailing, we told them no more. If we would have done it with the prices from last year, it would have been more expensive than last year.

**Engineer Herdegen** - That's correct. Most went up.

**Councilman Ingemann** - We don't have that contractor anymore either.

**Mayor Geraghty** - If we renegotiated last year, you wouldn't have been paying that estimate either.

**Councilman Rahm** - That amount was sent out in error and didn't reflect the true costs.

**Mr. Beaumont** - We have a concrete driveway, how far in will they cut that out and redo?

**Engineer Herdegen** - It depends on what the road elevation is in that area. They shouldn't be changing much in that area. Any concrete they remove will be replaced with concrete.

**Mr. Beaumont** - I have a little patch that is bad and I was wondering if they could fix that.

**Engineer Herdegen** - If you watch for our inspector onsite, flag him down, or give me a call. We don't want to leave you with two seams really close together. We can possibly negotiate it with the contractor but that would be at your cost.

**Wayne Meredyk, 1453 3rd Avenue** - My father lives at 3rd Avenue. 3rd Avenue kind of became a lottery street in this project. If you look at some of the earlier plans 3rd Avenue was not included in them, in your five year plan. Why is 3rd Avenue being done at this time?

**Engineer Herdegen** - Because we are addressing a regional low area for water coming off of 3rd Avenue and 14th Street and we are further impacting that with more water. The City wanted to provide an outlet connection to 15th Street to improve the condition of that area.

**Mr. Meredyk** - Why is 14th Street being done?

**Engineer Herdegen** - It's part of the City's five year plan.

**Mr. Meredyk** - Are there any other reasons? To me, it seems like you're creating the issue on 3rd Avenue. Up till the very last minute, 3rd Avenue was never considered. You're doing 14th Street probably because of why? 14th Street is probably getting widened, in my opinion, because as an infrastructure street for a group home that was placed on that street is probably not adequate. I'm only guessing that that street is being addressed because of the capability for that street to handle any traffic that might be associated with that group home. The point is that when you make decisions based on where you place these particular homes, or any other decisions, you need to consider the impact it has on the residents that live in that area. I see that 3rd Avenue became a lottery street because you are widening 14th Street. I believe in one of the Council meetings there was a mention of a request by the City for transportation to widen that street for on-street parking, did I mishear that?

**Engineer Herdegen** - It's getting widened to the City's standard of 28 feet, which includes a drive lane and parking lane. It's getting widened the same width as 15th Street, 2nd Avenue, or 3rd Avenue.

**Mr. Meredyk** - The appearance of adding 3rd Avenue as a last minute call is one of that street being widened so it can accommodate off-street parking for a group home that was placed on that street several years ago. The decision to do that was perhaps, at the time, may or may not have been a good decision. If the City knew that that street didn't provide the proper infrastructure for that home to function properly then they should have kept that in mind. There are a number of people here that are being impacted by this project because of those decisions. When you make these decisions and I realize you have a difficult challenge to maintain the streets, you also have the challenge that you are the highest tax per capita cities in Washington County, District 833. These individuals pay far more taxes for the value of their home than any other property in District 833 or Washington County. When you make decisions please try to keep in mind the individuals that are on fixed incomes. It's pretty easy to stand up there and say that you're doing this because of roots and sewer systems but there is always a lead in as to what's going on or the perception to why some things are being done. Just keep in mind when you are faced with this challenge that you consider these individuals because this \$7,000 or \$8,000 has a huge impact on them and I know they have an option to appeal but I can't imagine the legal cost associated with that. As a City you are responsible for the residents of the City and please keep them in mind when you try to use your tax base dollars wisely to do the improvements.

**Councilman Sumner** - As far as making an improvements because of a group home, that never came up in any discussion. That had no impact on our decision making.

**Mr. Meredyk** - Why are you doing it then?

**Councilman Ingemann** - To bring it up to standard.

**Superintendent Hanson** - Width and condition and water issues. That street is one of the narrowest ones in town.

**Engineer Herdegen** - It's also important to note that when we're doing work on 14th and 15th and there is a known drainage issue on 3rd Avenue, the cost to repair the work is less than if we wait a certain amount of time.

When you're working right there, the opportunity now is to correct it and I believe it's being done at a reasonable cost for the issues.

**Joe Braun, 1889 2nd Avenue** - I've been waiting 20 years for this to happen and I was saying 20 years ago that we needed to do it then because it would be a lot cheaper than waiting. I paid \$1,500 with my driveway side and an extra \$1,000 to go over the corner so I have 50 feet left and it's going to cost me \$5,500. I thought better planning would have, I know they voted it down 10 years ago. I'm just disappointed with that. You said you scoped from the main to the house, he only showed us the cuppling of the main, aren't those videos here?

**Engineer Herdegen** - They should be here.

**Mr. Braun** - He didn't think they were.

**Engineer Herdegen** - Then I apologize, I'd be happy to meet with you after the meeting to show you or meet with you if we don't have it.

**Mr. Braun** - I can stay. I'm glad to see the curbs coming because that first picture you showed that's been like that for 30 years. Maybe the sewer wasn't as bad. I was pretty disappointed it got voted down 10 years ago.

**Troy Kingore, 780 Ford Road** - The comment you made earlier, between 8th Avenue and Valley Road, you mentioned that there would be positive drainage from all the driveways. My driveway has negative drainage, will that be corrected?

**Engineer Herdegen** - I would need to look at that area in particular. Some driveways are a lot tighter than others. If there is negative drainage from the street to your house, we'll put in an apron to at minimum keep the water from getting in to the driveway. That's our last resort if we can't lower the road enough. In some cases, the driveway sits below the road and in no way are we making that worse but sometimes we just can't physically lower the road enough.

**Mr. Kingore** - Will that be like a speed bump?

**Engineer Herdegen** - It kind of acts like one and that's our last course of action. If you would like to stay afterwards I'd be happy to take a look at it.

**Mr. Kingore** - It does drain into either my neighbor's yard and then my yard or my yard and then my neighbor's yard. Otherwise, I support this project. It is needed and I think it will improve the look of Newport overall. It is a hit for money but overall it will help.

**The Public Hearing closed at 8:29 p.m.**

**Mayor Geraghty** - Do you want action tonight?

**Engineer Herdegen** - I think we'll do something at the next meeting. If there is any direction from the Council on amendments to that Resolution I would be happy to bring a revised Resolution forward.

**Mayor Geraghty** - I think we want options on the schedule 80. I'd like to research that and see what options we have.

**Engineer Herdegen** - I can discuss that with City staff and bring back a few options.

**Councilman Gallagher** - We'll have copies of all the written requests?

**Admin. Hill** - Yes.

**Mayor Geraghty** - If you are protesting it make sure to fill out the written form.

**Engineer Herdegen** - There is no such form, you just need to provide your name, address and reason for the appeal.

**Councilman Rahm** - Someone was talking about how it cost \$2,900 20 years ago to replace a road, I went online to the U.S. Inflation Calculator and punched in \$2,900 for 1994 and asked what it would be equivalent to in 2014 and it came out to \$5,639.06. I thought that was interesting.

**15. NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Geraghty, seconded by Rahm, to adjourn the regular Council Meeting at 8:33 P.M. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Geraghty, Mayor

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Helm  
Executive Analyst

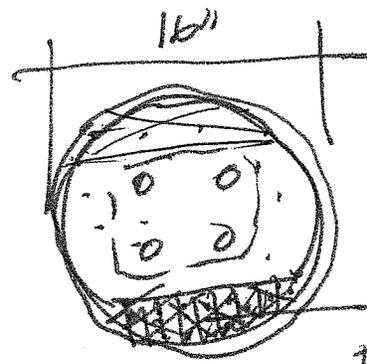
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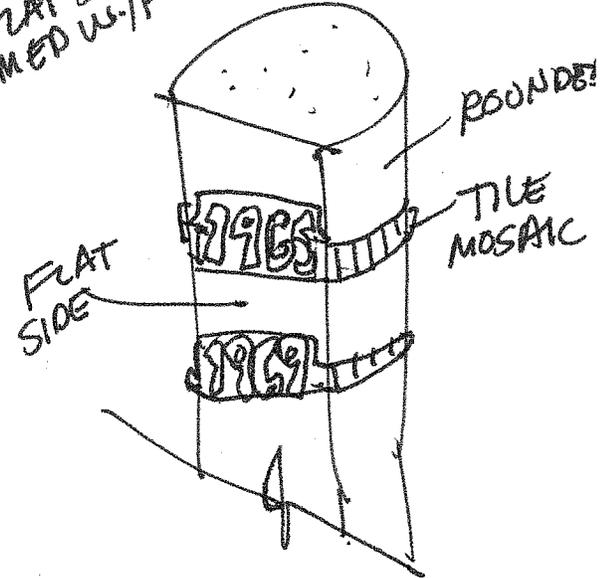
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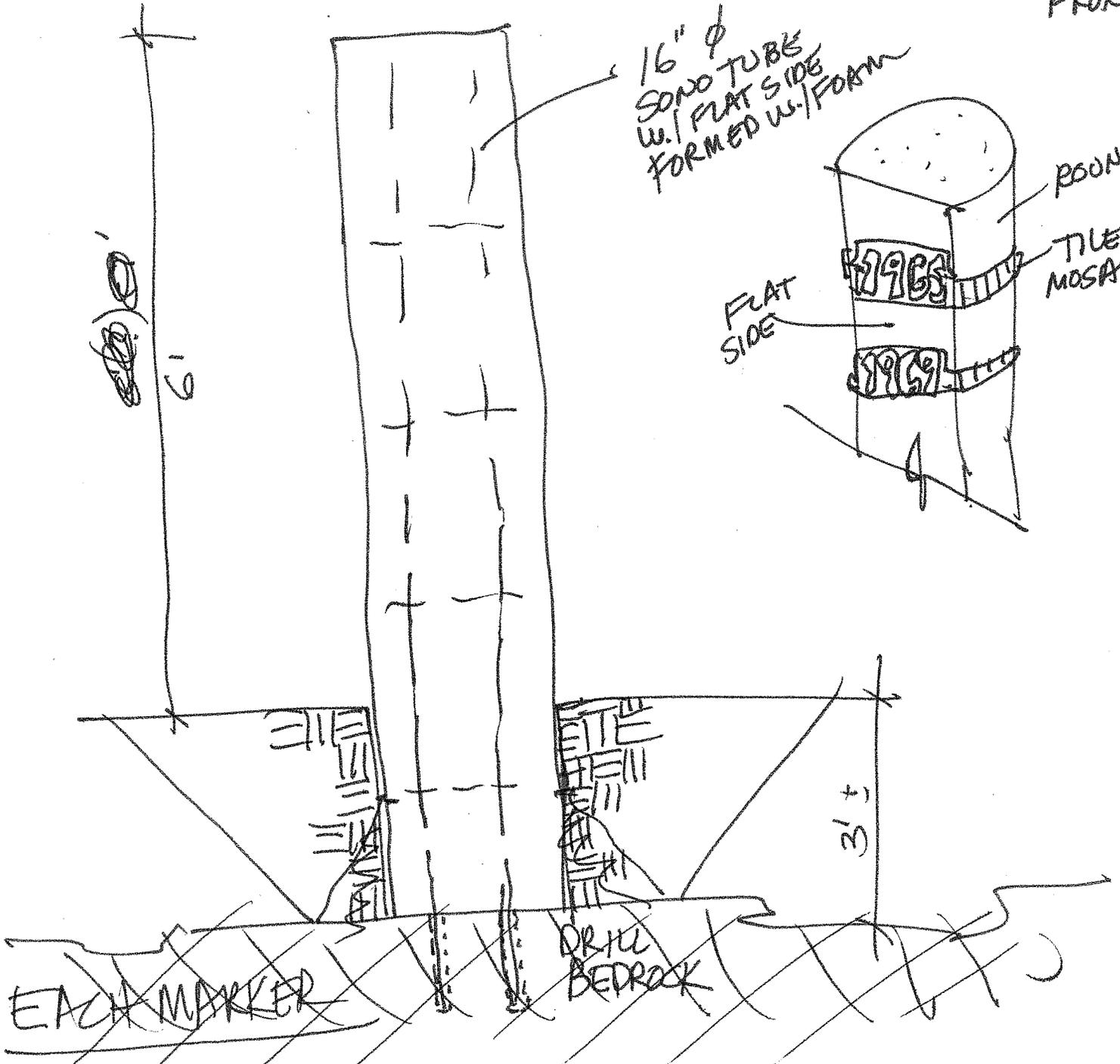


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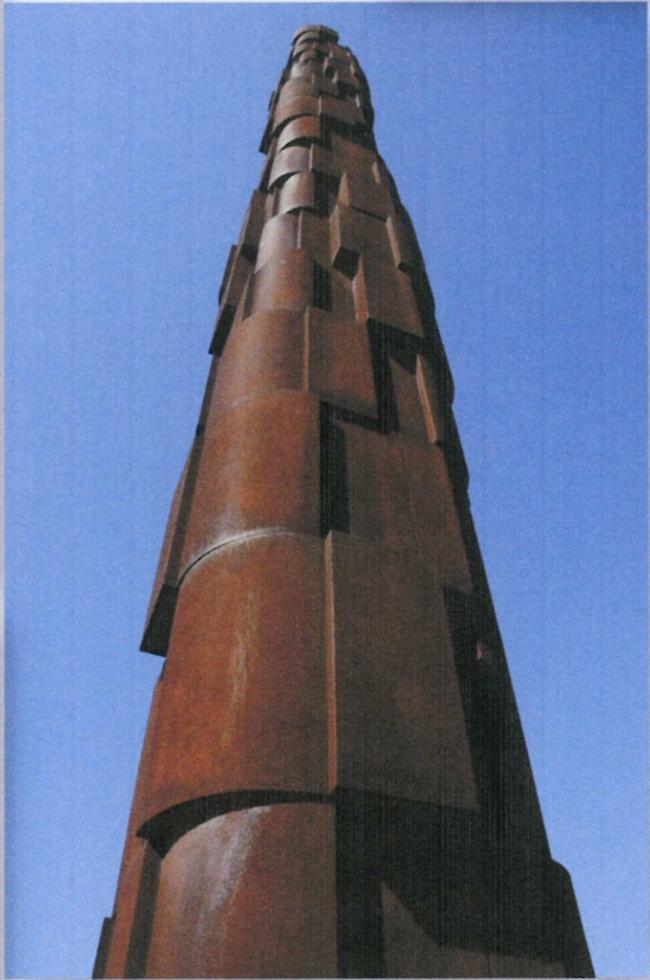
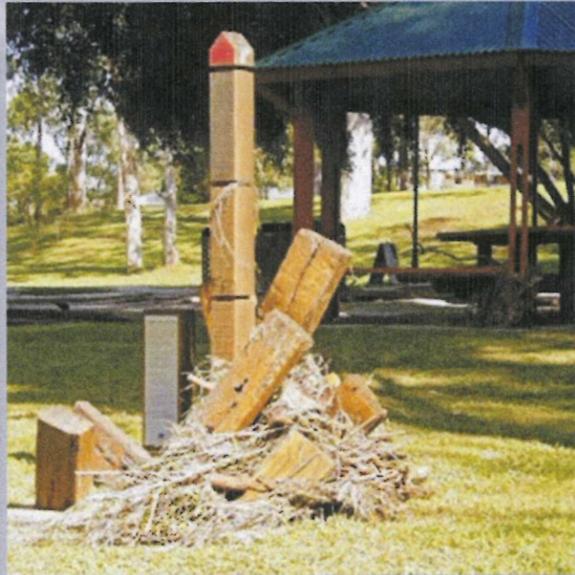
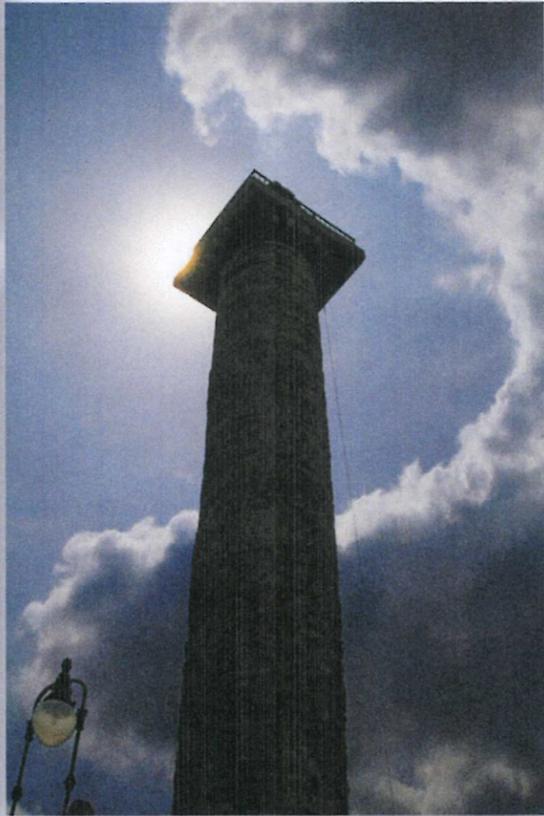
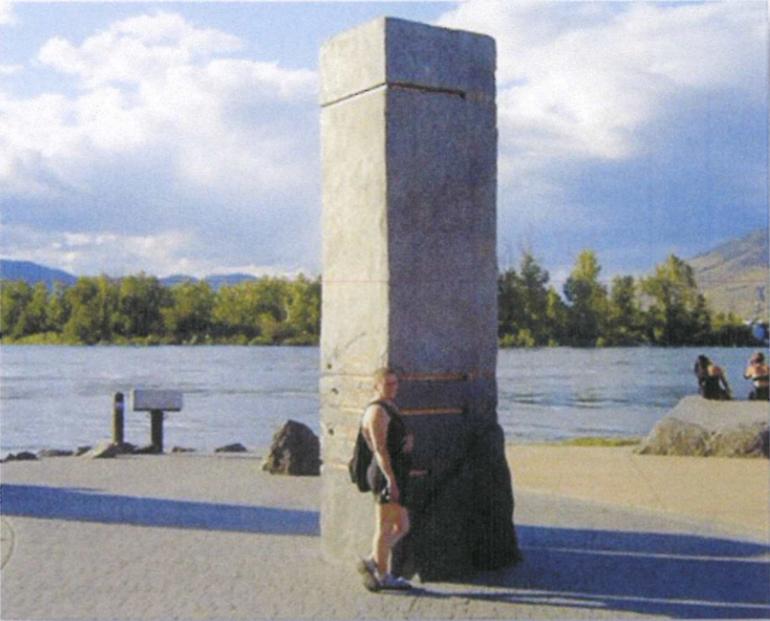
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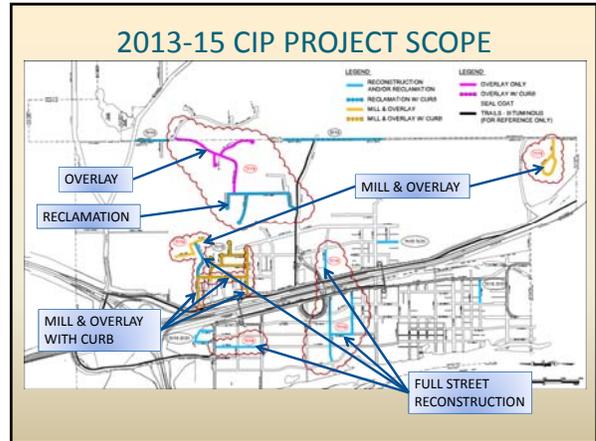


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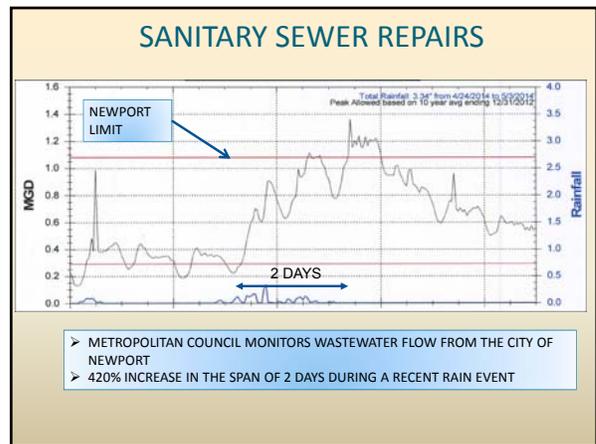


### PROJECT DESIGN SPECIFICS

- ❖ OVERLAY ONLY: NEW 1½" LIFT OF PAVEMENT ADDED TO EXISTING ROAD SURFACE (WILD RIDGE TR., WILD RIDGE COURT N., WILD RIDGE COURT S.)
- ❖ MILL AND OVERLAY: MILL TOP 1½" OF EX. PAVEMENT; PAVE STREET TO EXISTING WIDTH (LARRY LN, CIRCLE DR, OAKRIDGE DR.)
- ❖ MILL & OVERLAY WITH CURB: MILL TOP 1½" OF EX. PAVEMENT; ADD CONCRETE CURBING ALONG EX. PAVEMENT EDGE (FORD RD, 8<sup>TH</sup> AVE., 18<sup>TH</sup> ST., 21<sup>ST</sup> ST.)
- ❖ FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION: MILL EX. PAVEMENT AND BLEND WITH UNDERLYING GRAVEL BASE; REPAVE STREET TO EXISTING PAVEMENT WIDTH (WOODBURY RD., KOLFF ST., KOLFF CT., WILD RIDGE TRAIL)
- ❖ FULL STREET RECONSTRUCTION: COMPLETELY REMOVE PAVEMENT SECTION; ADD STORM SEWER & CURBING; WIDEN STREET TO 32' (FACE-TO-FACE); REPAVE (FORD RD., 2<sup>ND</sup> AVE., 3<sup>RD</sup> AVE., 14<sup>TH</sup> ST., 15<sup>TH</sup> ST.)

### PROJECT DESIGN SPECIFICS

- ❖ DRIVEWAYS: CONCRETE APRONS FOR FULL STREET RECONSTRUCTIONS ONLY OR AS NEEDED FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES
- ❖ STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS: AS NEEDED THROUGHOUT PROJECT AREA
- ❖ WATERMAIN RECONSTRUCTION: ON 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE ONLY
- ❖ SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS
  - ❖ MAINLINE REPAIRS
  - ❖ WYE REPAIRS
  - ❖ LATERAL REPAIRS



### PROJECT COSTS & ASSESSMENTS

TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$4,270,000
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS:	\$780,000
TOTAL SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS:	\$207,000
<b>UNIT ASSESSMENTS BY STREET IMPROVEMENT</b>	
OVERLAY ONLY:	\$2,400
MILL & OVERLAY:	\$2,400
MILL & OVERLAY WITH CURB:	\$2,900
FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION:	\$4,500
FULL STREET RECONSTRUCTION:	\$5,500

### SEWER REPAIR COSTS

<b>2013 AS-BID COSTS</b>	
REMOVE/REPLACE WYE (AS-BID)	\$585-\$615
CONNECT TO EX SERVICE (AS-BID)	\$220
SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT (AS-BID)	\$26-\$28
<b>2013 CONTRACTOR REFINED COSTS</b>	
EXCAVATE & REMOVE WYE	\$2,150-7,675*
EXCAVATE & REMOVE WYE (24' DEEP)	\$14,600
CONNECTION TO EX. SERVICE	\$220
SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT	\$30-\$60/FT*
<small>VARIES DEPENDING ON SIZE/DEPTH</small>	
<b>2014 COSTS</b>	
EXCAVATE & REMOVE WYE	\$1,270-\$3,670*
NEW WYE OR SADDLE	\$357-976*
CONNECTION TO EX. SERVICE	\$196
SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT	\$42-\$52/FT*
<small>VARIES DEPENDING ON SIZE/DEPTH</small>	

### SEWER REPLACEMENT COSTS

➤ MAINLINE UTILITY REPLACEMENT	
➤ WATERMAIN SERVICE (2 <sup>ND</sup> AVENUE ONLY)	\$1,000
➤ SANITARY SEWER SERVICE (VARIES 2 <sup>ND</sup> AVE., 3 <sup>RD</sup> AVE. 14 <sup>TH</sup> ST, & 15 <sup>TH</sup> ST)	\$1,000

### PROJECT SCHEDULE

<b>2014 PROJECT</b>	
BID DATE & AWARD	MAY 2014
ASSESSMENT HEARING	JUN 2014
CONSTRUCTION	JUN-NOV 2014
ASSESSMENT CERTIFIED TO COUNTY	NOV 2014
FIRST PAYMENT WITH PROPERTY TAXES	MAY 2015

### PUBLIC TESTIMONY

PLEASE PROVIDE NAME & ADDRESS ON  
SIGN-IN SHEET FOR RECORD

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!

Jon Herdegen, Project Engineer  
MSA Professional Services  
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To the Mayor Tim Geraghty and Councilmen Tom Ingemann, Steve Gallagher, Tracy Rahm, and Bill Summer

This is in reference to road work being done on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. this summer and assessments of \$3,500.

My name is Darl Schossow. I live at 1910 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and I own the lot to the north (lot 26.028.22.44.0033). You are doing assessments on every lot. This is a non buildable lot. This lot has never had water or sewer. In this lot if you dig down 18 in. you hit bedrock and the water will start coming thru the rock. When the house at 1910 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave was built they dug a basement in that lot. Every day for a week they pumped it out only to find it  $\frac{3}{4}$  full every morning. So they fill the hole with rocks from the basement of other houses being built in the area. The market value is only \$3,000 in which the assessment was done two years ago and the value dropped 67.7%. With the assessment you want to do on the lot would be more then the value of the lot. I am asking that I not be asset on this lot. I am asking that no water or sewer be put in or a cut out for a driveway. I was also told if it is a non buildable lot you cannot do assessment on it. I do not know if this is true or not.

I am writing this letter do to me being out of town for work the day that you are having the public herring of this.

Thank you for your time in looking in to this matter for me.

Darl Schossow

5/5/2014

Call me if you have any questions. 651-271-8210

 "Pee Wee"



Department of Property Records  
and Taxpayer Services

14949 62<sup>nd</sup> Street North PO Box 200  
Stillwater, MN 55082-0200  
(651) 430-6175 www.co.washington.mn.us

Property ID: **26.028.22.44.0033** Bill#: **25381**

Taxpayer: DARL SCHOSSOW  
PO BOX 189  
NEWPORT MN 55055-0189



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TAX STATEMENT			
		2013 Values for Taxes Payable in	
2014			
<b>VALUES AND CLASSIFICATION</b>			
	Taxes Payable Year:	2013	2014
	Estimated Market Value:	3,000	3,000
<b>Step 1</b>	Homestead Exclusion:	0	0
	Taxable Market Value:	3,000	3,000
	New Improvements/ Expired Exclusions:		
	Property Classification:	Res Non-Hstd	Res Non-Hstd
<i>Sent in March 2013</i>			
<b>Step 2</b>	<b>PROPOSED TAX</b>		
	<i>Did not include special assessments or referenda approved by the voters at the November election</i>		\$62.00
<i>Sent in November 2013</i>			
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>PROPERTY TAX STATEMENT</b>		
	First half taxes due:	May 15	\$51.00
	Second half taxes due:	October 15	\$51.00
	Total Taxes Due in 2014:		\$102.00

## Renee Eisenbeisz

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**From:** michael\_wolesky@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2014 4:47 PM  
**To:** Renee Eisenbeisz  
**Subject:** Contact Form from the Web Site

This was submitted on Thursday, June 5, 2014, 5:46 pm

\*\*\*\*\* Information from the web site \*\*\*\*\*

Name: mike wolesky and susan lindoo  
Email: [michael\\_wolesky@comcast.net](mailto:michael_wolesky@comcast.net)

### Comment / Question

We live on Wild Ridge Trail west of Kolff. Our road pavement is very torn up this year and has been poor for several years. The steepness of the street at this point also creates erosion problems along the roadside.

We think the city program to rebuild or repave the streets in this neighborhood is a good idea, and we are strongly in favor of it. Checking and repairing the sewer system at the same time is just good sense. We are happy to pay our assessment for this project and think the amount is reasonable.

Mike Wolessky and Susan Lindoo

(If you want to read this at the city council meeting to help counter any angry residents who show up to complain about the road work feel free to do so.)

Would you like City staff to follow-up with you on this comment / question? No