

**CITY COUNCIL
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vizcarra called the City Council Regular Meeting to order at 8:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 5938 Kauffman Avenue, Temple City.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmember-Blum, Sternquist, Yu, Chavez, Vizcarra
ABSENT: Councilmember-None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Pulido, Assistant City Attorney Murphy, Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs, City Clerk Flandrick, Assistant to the City Manager Flod, Community Development Manager Lambert, Financial Services Manager Molina, Public Services Manager Tidwell, Public Safety Officer Ariizumi

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

4. APPROVAL OF ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO THE FREER STREET ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECT

Due to the high saturation levels on the first part of the Freer Street Asphalt Overlay Project, the City Council was asked to consider one of two options to finish this project.

City Manager Pulido stated this special meeting was scheduled in order to move forward with the Freer Street Asphalt Overlay Project. A couple of issues arose that required staff to provide options for Council's consideration. One will entail additional City expense and the other option will forgo a portion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) monies the City received for this project. The project can be completed successfully with either option.

Public Services Manager Tidwell reviewed the project's progress, stating on March 8, the City's contractor, Elite Bobcat Service (EBS), began removal of the existing asphalt concrete pavement on Freer Street between Arden Drive just west of Persimmon Avenue. The contractor and project inspector noted that the existing material below the pavement was saturated with subsurface water. He stopped the job and met with the project management team, contractor and Geotechnical Engineer who determined the subgrade was much more saturated than expected or discovered during the initial pavement inspection in early 2009. By stopping the project, the City accrued \$16,000 in additional costs.

It is suspected that the large amount of rain experienced the past few months combined with the cracked condition of the existing asphalt and unfavorable properties of the subgrade material combined to lead to the high level of saturation. This made for an unstable base to build the design structural section. A number of options were discussed and staff presented two options for Council's consideration.

Option One was to complete the entire length of the project with geogrid fabric placed beneath twelve inches of new class II base material, capped with four inches of asphalt concrete. This construction method is expected to last 40 years. The total cost to complete the geogrid material for the entire street is estimated at \$171,915, with a total construction cost of approximately \$766,815. This option would require a budget amendment in the amount of \$124,670 to cover

the cost difference from the original contract to the new amended contract. These figures are calculated by maximizing the Federal ARRA funds budgeted for the project.

Option Two is to complete the geogrid material on the first excavated section of the roadway to adequately repair the existing conditions, and complete the project limit with the two inches of asphalt concrete overlay without removing the existing roadway base material. The area receiving the two inches of asphalt concrete overlay is expected to last 20 years and will improve the street's surface to an acceptable level. In addition, this option will effectively lower the overall construction contract value and subsequently the City will forfeit federal ARRA stimulus funding that reimburses the City at a 100% reimbursement rate for the contract value up to \$599,000.

Public Services Manager Tidwell and Jason Welday, representing RKA Consulting, responded to questions from Council. Councilmembers expressed concerns of the source of the water.

Councilmember Blum stated, in looking at the life cycle cost of these things, if you do it right and maintain it well, you will spend less money in the long run.

Councilmember Yu stated, by digging everything out and putting the geogrid down, he felt confident we will get a better road than the other option.

Councilmember Sternquist agreed with Councilmember Blum, stating she did not like the band-aid approach. Do it right and do the same thing with both segments of the road.

Jim Clift, Temple City resident, asked about the soil composition. Mr. Welday responded that the soil is on the border of a silty sand and clay sand.

Peggy Miller, Temple City resident, agreed with Councilmembers Blum and Sternquist and felt it should be done right and suggested that better signage around the area would be helpful.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez agreed with the need to do the project right and moved to approve Option One to complete the entire length of the project with the geogrid fabric placed beneath twelve inches of new class II base material, capped with four inches of asphalt concrete, seconded by Councilmember Sternquist and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Councilmember-Blum, Sternquist, Yu, Chavez, Vizcarra
NOES:	Councilmember-None
ABSENT:	Councilmember-None
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember-None

Councilmember Yu expressed concern with the source of the water not being identified. He agreed the project should be completed correctly, but would prefer to be even more conservative and remove everything. He granted approval reluctantly.

Mayor Vizcarra said he tended to agree with Councilmember Yu, but also had experience with de-watering areas and so would put his faith in the geogrid.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council Special Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk