



## City of Goodyear

### Meeting Minutes

#### City Council Work Session

Meeting Location:  
Goodyear Justice Center  
14455 W. Van Buren St.,  
Suite B101  
Goodyear, AZ 85338

Mayor Georgia Lord  
Vice Mayor Sheri Lauritano  
Councilmember Joanne Osborne  
Councilmember Joe Pizzillo  
Councilmember Wally Campbell  
Councilmember Bill Stipp  
Councilmember Sharolyn Hohman

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Monday, October 3, 2016

5:00 PM

Goodyear Justice Center

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#### 1 CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Lauritano called the Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Lauritano announced that Mayor Lord is out of town and will not participate in the Work Session.

**Present** 6 - Vice Mayor Lauritano, Councilmember Osborne, Councilmember Pizzillo, Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Stipp, and Councilmember Hohman

**Excused** 1 - Mayor Lord

Staff Present: City Manager Brian Dalke, City Attorney Roric Massey, and City Clerk Maureen Scott

#### 3. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 3.1 [16-5888ws](#) Council will receive information on our current sidewalk maintenance practices, development obligations, and allow for dialogue on future programs to address the existing gaps.

Director of Engineering Rebecca Zook and City Traffic Engineer Luke Albert, presented. The presentation discussed the city's existing maintenance practices, typical developer requirements, and current gaps as it relates to city sidewalks. Staff would like Council feedback on options moving forward to address critical sidewalk gaps.

The city of Goodyear currently has approximately 540 linear miles of existing public sidewalks that are adjacent to a public arterial, collector, or residential roadways. These miles do not include sidewalks owned or operated by a homeowners association, trails that are not adjacent to roadways, and sidewalk paths that diverge from the roadway into city parks or private property.

City sidewalks vary in width between four and ten feet, however, Goodyear's current standard for sidewalk widths are eight feet on arterial and collector roadways and five feet on residential

streets. These widths may vary based on rights-of-way or site specific conditions.

The city's current inventory of concrete sidewalks are very durable and last for decades under normal conditions. Due to their reliability, major repair work is seldom required and maintenance of sidewalks are completed on an as needed basis. When a request for repair comes in, via phone, email or Public Stuff, a staff member will inspect the location of the damaged sidewalk within 1-business day. After inspection, the sidewalk is marked for repair and the surrounding area is inspected for other necessary repairs. The damaged sidewalk is barricaded to ensure the safety of the public, and a request for repair is sent to our contractor for an estimate. Once the quote is approved, the contractor typically completes the work within ten days. Outlying causes for concrete sidewalk damage include: tree roots, excessive rain or water, weather, settling, and vehicular traffic striking or driving on the sidewalk.

During the 2012 Engineering Design Standards update, in order to reduce the potential for trees to damage and uplift sidewalks, a standard requirement was added that calls for root barriers to be installed by all trees within 5 feet of a sidewalk.

In addition to requests for sidewalk repair, the city will update any Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramps that do not meet the 1991 standards for ADA compliance when pavement management projects are scheduled that are considered an alteration per the Department of Justice (DOJ). Projects such as a micro surface or hot in place recycling would require the ADA ramps to be inspected prior to the project commencing, and updated as needed per DOJ standards. On average, over the last five fiscal years, the city has spent approximately \$33,000 annually on ADA ramp improvements and \$70,000 annually on sidewalk replacements.

Proposed improvements from the current plan:

- >Establish a 10-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to address sidewalk gaps
- >Implement private development requirements

Sidewalks identified for the Gap Program, which staff is proposing through the CIP:

1. Litchfield Rd. (west) - Virginia Ave. to Palm Valley Blvd. (693 ft.)
2. McDowell Rd. (north) - 146th Ave. to Bullard Ave. (510 ft.)
3. La Pasada Blvd. (south) - Central Ave. to Loma Linda Park (554 ft.)
4. 158th Ave./Roosevelt St. (east & south) - Travis Park at Canyon Trails to Parkway Village (1,039 ft.)
5. Sarival Ave. (west) - Van Buren St. to Elk Grove at Canyon Trails (747 ft.)
6. Van Buren St. (north) - Sarival Ave. to Encantada at Canyon Trails (676 ft.)
7. 158th Ave. (west) - Van Buren St. to Harrison St. (2,520 ft.)
8. Lilac St. (north) - Oasis at Canyon Trails to Cotton Ln. (424 ft.)

Additional areas not included in the proposed Gap Program:

- >Van Buren St. (north) - Manzanita drive to Central Avenue.
  - Goodyear and Avondale jurisdiction (roadway and right-of-way are in Avondale)
  - Potential benefit to Goodyear North Subdivision residents
- >Cotton Ln. (future SR Loop 303) - Interstate 10 to Elwood St.
  - Significant freeway construction

Policy Questions:

>Staff wants to know if Council has an interest in a sidewalk program proposal being brought forward during the Budget Supplemental time-frame.

Council Discussion:

>**What is the total cost for all eight projects?** Zook presented estimates for the top eight projects. \$50K is not enough to cover all the projects. Projects would be completed on a priority basis each year. This would be a long-term project that will occur over approximately eight years.

>**Has staff reached out to Avondale?** Zook responded no.

>**Asked if the city has taken an inventory of the sidewalk repairs needed city-wide.** Zook responded that staff is not currently assigned to walking the sidewalks for this purpose. Most issues are discovered in the course of other work being done.

>**Asked if there is any money in the pavement roadway funds that could be rolled over to sidewalks.** Monies in the pavement management program are allocated to projects.

>**Are timelines established during the Preliminary Plat process to ensure that sidewalks are constructed in a timely manner?** Zook responded yes, that no building permits are issued until those types of construction issues have been completed. Sidewalks are constructed as sections of the roadway are completed.

>**Thinks eight years is too long to complete the gap projects. Would like to move up the timeline.**

>**Have we received any Federal Grants to assist with the ADA ramp projects?** No

>**Thanked staff for the comprehensive report.**

>**Residential areas should be included in the Gap Plan too because people in wheelchairs need to first get out of the residential area in order to reach an arterial street.**

>**Where is the \$50K coming from? Are we reducing a current CIP project?** City Manager Dalke responded that \$50K is a starting recommendation. Staff has not done funding appropriations, but that can be an area of discussion for this coming budget year. One possibility could be one-time funding with larger amounts to get more projects done, or one-time funding could be blended with an on-going fund in order to prioritize projects.

>**Asked if it is possible to roll the \$141K required for sidewalks near the proposed Recreation Center into the Recreation Center project funding. That could reduce the overall expense total for the proposed projects.**

>**Would like to see proposed funding options during the budget discussions.**

>**In favor of this type of funding option.**

#### 4. INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Mayor Lauritano adjourned the Work Session at 5:41 p.m.

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Maureen Scott, City Clerk

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Georgia Lord, Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_