# PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING MINUTES HINCHER STREET GROUP

DATE: July 16, 2012 TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Port Terminal Building, Waterfront Room, 1000 N. River Street

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

The purpose of the meeting was to present conceptual plans of the proposed street improvements for the Hincher Street Group Project including:

Hincher Street (Lake Ave. – West End) Corrigan Street (Lake Ave. – Estes St.) Fleming Street (Lake Ave. – Ruggles St.) Ruggles Street (Fleming St. – South End)

The attached meeting agenda was provided for all attendees.

After introductions Al Giglio opened the meeting by describing the scope of work to include pavement reconstruction, new curbing, sidewalk replacement as necessary, driveway aprons, catch basin replacement as needed, street lighting upgrades, new tree plantings, topsoil and seed;

The meeting was opened for any questions, comments, and/or concerns.

- Q. I reside at 69 Hincher Street and have some bad sidewalk in front of my house. Will the sidewalks be replaced?
- A. Yes. The sidewalks will be inventoried and replaced as necessary. A work request will be submitted to inspect the existing sidewalk conditions and address any immediate tripping hazards.
- Q. Will the sewers be replaced?
- A: The sewers will be cleaned and checked for integrity before any street work is done. The County will perform any repairs which are needed prior to the City beginning the street project.
- Q. There are two houses on Ruggles Street south of Fleming Street which do not have sewer service. Will the sanitary sewer be extended to provide service to these houses?
- A. The Rochester Pure Waters District will be notified of this deficiency and will be requested to investigate the potential of extending the sewer.
- Q. Since the right of way of Fleming Street ranges in width from 12' to 16', can it be widened to accommodate the right of way improvements by acquiring additional properties to the north?
- A. The City will investigate the need and potential for this request. If required, the properties will be appraised and the city council will be requested to approve the purchase of these properties.
- Q. The city is proposing curbs instead of concrete gutters. Instead of curbs we want gutters installed to enable us to pull off the pavement more to allow additional clearance to better snow removal efforts. Why can't the neighborhood receive new concrete gutters instead?
- A. The cost to install concrete gutters is slightly less than granite curbing. However, the longevity of granite curbs vs. concrete gutters is generally twice as long, which will lessen the annual maintenance costs to the city and its' property owners.

- Curbs will also inhibit cars from encroaching onto the grass tree lawns which detracts from the aesthetics of the neighborhood.
- Q. Will curbs be installed through the driveways? Won't that impede our ability to access our driveways?
- A. Curbs will be installed through the driveways with about 1 ½ inches of reveal. The curbs will taper from the full reveal to the driveway opening over a 3 ft. long piece of curb at each side of the driveway.
- Q. Can a four way stop sign be installed at the intersection of Hincher and Estes Streets?
- A. The Monroe County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) will be advised of this request.

  They will investigate this intersection and make their recommendations which will be implemented as part of this project.
- Q. Cars mistakenly travel on Fleming Street from Lake Avenue in an effort to gain access to the neighborhood to the west. Can the appropriate signs be installed at the intersection of Lake Avenue and Fleming Street to alert the driver of the dead end streets of Ruggles and Fleming west of Estes?
- A. The Monroe County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) will be requested to investigate this situation and make their recommendations which will be implemented as part of this project.
- Q. The Monroe County Department of Parks no longer maintains the grassy slope adjacent to Ruggles Street. Who can we contact for this to be corrected?
- A. The city will contact the Monroe County Department of Parks to inquire about the disposition of this area and maintenance responsibilities.
- Q. Can the guiderails on Ruggles Street be replaced?
- A. We will review the condition of these guiderails and include any remediation as part of the city's project.
- Q. Can the overhead utilities be installed underground?
- A. The city has approached the utilities previously concerning this issue with no success. The utility companies are required by the Public Service Commission to provide their utility to the general public. Since their utilities are currently being maintained overhead they are not required to relocate them below ground, as they are required to do so in new development.
  - When approached in the past the utilities have required the adjacent property owners to fund the relocation costs along with the re-metering of their existing homes to accommodate the underground service instead of the overhead service. There may be additional costs to the property owners if their panel box and/or existing wiring within their homes are found to be non-standard by the UL Electrical Inspector for the City of Rochester.
- Q. The lighting in the area is poor. Will the street lighting system be changed or improved? This neighborhood is part of the Harbor town District and we would like to have the same features as the remainder of the District
- A. We will review the design standards established for features within the right of way for this district for consistency. Typically the type of street lighting system for each street will remain the same. The fixtures will be upgraded to high pressure sodium as needed to bring the lighting on each street

to current standards and as uniform as possible.

- Q. Will the wood utility poles be replaced?
- A. As part of the design effort we contact all utilities to coordinate planned improvements. The utilities on the wood poles own the poles and are required to maintain them. As part of the project the utilities will review their equipment and assess the need to replace or upgrade their facilities. We anticipate some wood poles will be replaced as part of this project.
- Q. Will all of the improvements be constructed within the existing rights of ways?
- A: Small di minimus properties may need to be acquired for additional right of way to install sidewalk access ramps at the intersections. The City's Law Department will contact the property owners to negotiate a fair market value for the property.
- Q. The front porch of 22 Fleming Street is reportedly within the public right of way. Can the owner be ordered to remove it to make the right of way wider at this point?
- A. In cases such as this the city will notify the owner of the encroachment. We would attempt to install the planned improvements in such a way to avoid any conflicts if possible. If it becomes necessary to remove a portion of the structure within the right of way the city would work with the property to get the situation resolved.
- Q. The proposed height of the curb (7 1/4 ") is too tall for the older residents of the area. Can the curbs be installed lower?
- A. The new curbs could be installed with a lesser reveal, such as 6" if necessary to alleviate construction impacts and other concerns. We will review this issue as part of our design.
- Q. Will there be any tree removals as part of the project?
- A. Similar projects in the past with no existing curbs tend to have trees with roots growing under the street making it necessary to cut the tree roots. Depending on the size and quantity of the tree roots impacted it may be necessary to remove the tree. As part of design efforts the City Forester will provide us with their recommendation for removals.
- Q. Will there be new tree plantings as part of the project?
- A. Yes. As part of the project the City Forester will identify proposed tree planting locations. If the project budget allows new street trees will be installed.
- Q. Instead of installing new trees along the north side of Hincher Street (Estes St. West End) which will impede the view of the lake by the property owners can planting beds be installed?
- A. We will work with the neighborhood to install planting beds if there is a neighborhood group committed to maintain them.
- Q. Will the grass areas impacted by construction be restored?
- A. Yes, all areas impacted by construction will be restored with topsoil and seed.
- Q. What is the City's construction schedule?
- A. If there are no major complications the project is scheduled to start in the summer of 2013 and be substantially completed in the fall.
- Q. Will there be a pre-construction public meeting?
- A. There will be a public meeting prior to the start of construction. At this meeting the contractors

schedule will be presented along with key personnel contacts. A Resident Engineer will be on site at all times the street contractor is working. If there are any concerns or questions the residents will be provided with contact information for the key personnel involved with the project.

- Q. There are some areas of the streets which tend to flood during rain storms. Will the street drainage be improved?
- A: As part of the project we review the drainage needs of the right of way. We typically install new catch basins where needed, which should alleviate drainage issues.

There were no further questions or comments. The meeting was adjourned.

The above represents my understanding of the topics discussed at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Giglio, P.E. Managing Engineer/Street Design

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## HINCHER STREET GROUP – PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

HINCHER STREET (Lake Ave. – West End)
CORRIGAN STREET (Lake Ave. – Estes St.)
FLEMING STREET (Lake Ave. – Ruggles St.)
RUGGLES STREET (Fleming St. – South End)

#### **AGENDA**

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#### I. Introduction

City of Rochester, Department of Environmental Services: Al Giglio, Managing Engineer/Street Design Division

### II. <u>General Project Description</u>

Roadway Reconstruction

Roadway widths:	<b>Existing</b>	<u>Proposed</u>
<ul><li>Hincher St. (Lake – Estes)</li></ul>	26'	26'
<ul><li>Hincher St. (Estes – W. End)</li></ul>	20'	26'
<ul><li>Corrigan St.</li></ul>	18'	26'
<ul><li>Fleming St. (Lake – Estes)</li></ul>	12'	14'
<ul><li>Fleming St. (Estes - Ruggles)</li></ul>	24'	24'
<ul><li>Ruggles St. (Fleming – South End) 20'</li></ul>		24'

- New roadway sub-base and asphalt pavement
- New granite curbing with underdrain system
- o New driveway aprons
- New catch basins
- New concrete sidewalks to replace existing as needed
- Street lighting system improvements
- Utility Work
  - o Water main, hydrants and services
- o Existing parking regulations will remain.
- o Restoration of grass areas affected by the construction.

#### III. <u>Maintenance of Traffic</u>

- o Two-way traffic will be maintained, using flag persons when necessary.
- o Some access disruptions during curb, sidewalk and driveway placement.

### IV. <u>Schedule</u>

Advertise
 Street Construction
 Complete Construction
 Fall, 2013

## V. <u>Questions and Comments</u>

VI. Al Giglio, DES/Street Design Division – Design Phase City of Rochester 585-428-7164
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