



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 23, 2003

Council Session

Item E7

Public Hearing on Acquisition of Sidewalk Easement Located at 3990 West Capital Avenue - G.I. Retirement L.L.C.

Background:

As properties develop they are required to install public sidewalks in the right-of-way along public streets. The council has waived this requirement in a few instances such as when drainage ditches make it difficult to install walks. It is much easier to install sidewalk when the property is being developed rather than to try and construct sidewalks a number of years later after initial construction is complete. City staff feels that the sidewalks should be installed now. The developer agreed to install the walks at this time; however, the only location that is conducive to the installation of the sidewalks is on private property. Therefore an easement is required.

Discussion:

The subdivision agreement along Capital Avenue on the Primrose Subdivision property requires installation of public sidewalks. The contours of the right-of-way adjacent to the property does not allow for installation of sidewalk without extensive modification to the existing drainage ditch along Capital Avenue.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Council conduct a Public Hearing. It is appropriate to solicit public comment. The action item is contained under the Consent Agenda.

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