



**LACONIA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2011
PHOENICIAN WAY – CUL DE SAC
5:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Seymour called the meeting to order at the above date and time.

The following Councilors were in attendance: Councilor Doyle, Lahey, Bolduc and Baer. Also in attendance City Manager Scott Myers, Public Works Director Paul Moynihan and Assistant Public Works Director Luke Powell.

The following members of the public were in attendance: Jeff Drouin, Ken Barrett, Mike Tovell, and Judy Tovell.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Seymour opened the public hearing at 5:30 p.m.

Director Moynihan began by explaining the purpose of this hearing is to complete the required review process in compliance with the guidelines for a Betterment Assessment, which has been requested by the property owners of Phoenician Way. At this time, the contractor has confirmed the quoted pricing will be consistent in the spring of 2012 at which time work is expected to begin. The Councilors were given the opportunity to review the road.

Assistant Director Powell explained that the first 150 feet of roadway will be rebuilt. The cul de sac is also too small to meet the needed diameter; Assistant Director Powell reviewed the marked points to demonstrate how far the cul de sac would be widened to accommodate the Fire Departments largest vehicle.

Councilor Bolduc expressed concern with the grade (steepness) of a section of the roadway being outside of the regulated grade which may now set a precedent with other contractors who may request the same waiver. Assistant Director Powell explained that when considering the grade the extension of the grade and the blend in the intersecting road. If the steep slope came into intersection with Meredith Center Road at a higher grade the variance would not have been allowed. Councilor Doyle asked Director Moynihan to confirm the grade was approved at the beginning of the project at which time they made it known that the original intention was to have Phoenician Way be a City road. Director Moynihan confirmed and explained that the additional blasting that would have been necessary to lower the grade would have made a hardship on the construction of the driveways. City Manager Myers explained that the variance granted by the Planning Board cannot be used as a means of justification for not moving forward.

City Manager Myers explained that because the work will not begin until spring but with a Council vote to accept the road will allow for maintenance to begin for the winter.

Councilor Baer asked who plows now. Mr. Tovell replied that the developer had plowed up until a few years ago but since that time the residents have hired a private contractor to perform the service.

City Manager Myers advised the residents present that this portion of the public hearing would be recessing and resuming during the regular Council meeting this evening, at which time a vote was anticipated.

Mayor Seymour recessed the public hearing at 5:41 p.m.

A True Record Attest,

Mary A. Reynolds
City Clerk