

#### AGENDA MEMORANDUM

City Council Meeting of November 19, 2013

**DATE:** November 1, 2013

**TO**: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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#### **UPDATE TO CITY COUNCIL**

Presentation on amending Chapter 49 of the Code of Ordinances, "Streets and Sidewalks"

## **STAFF PRESENTER(S):**

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Dan Biles, P.E.
Director of Engineering Services
Valerie Gray, P.E.
Director Storm Water & Street Operations
Engineering Services
Street Operations

**OUTSIDE PRESENTER(S): None** 

Name Title/Position Organization

### **BACKGROUND:**

This ordinance amends several of the existing provisions found under Chapter 49 of the City's Code of Ordinances, Streets and Sidewalks. It provides certain measures to assist in maintaining the City's streets and sidewalks in good and safe condition. Amendments related to street cuts would apply to anyone that wants to cut a street for a utility installation. Amendments related to sidewalks would apply to anyone that owns property abutting a sidewalk.

Highlights of the changes related to street cuts:

- No cuts allowed for utilities under 6" without variance
- All permits issued by Development Services & work inspected by Engineering (includes city work)
- Updates fees & adds a pavement cost recovery fee
- Ask utilities for a projected 5 year work plan
- Warranty on work is 24 months not 12
- Prohibition on street cuts on new streets (less than 5 yrs. old)

Highlights of the changes related to sidewalks:

- Clarifies responsibility for sidewalk construction, repair and replacement
- Clarifies that if a sidewalk is defective and creates a hazardous or unsafe condition to the public, the abutting property owner must repair or replace it upon notice from the City
- Provides authority for an optional sidewalk repair program that could be implemented, whereby
  - City could offer to an abutting property owner whose defective and unsafe sidewalk must be repaired or replaced, that the City would agree to perform the repairs and the property owner would agree to pay the City for its costs over a period of time.

# **LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance PowerPoint Presentation