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Council Special Meeting 9/29/08 Summary – Sidewalks Discussion

The Gilroy City Council held a Special Meeting on Monday, September 29th to further discuss strategies to repair sidewalks citywide. The obvious challenges that are faced are reduced budgets, and other competing priorities requiring city staff resources and funds. Although Mayor Al Pinheiro was in Japan, he was able to participate and vote via the internet and telephone.

After some initial opening comments, Councilmember Dillon requested a straw vote to gauge the Council's stance on requiring a 100% reimbursement to property owners for required repairs by the City. This vote was 4-3 in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Councilmember Woodward directing that \$2,000,000 be taken annually from the General Fund, or from the Capital Improvement Budget, to fund a more aggressive sidewalk repair schedule. This passed 5-2.

Councilmember Gartman suggested that the sale of open space lands at Gilroy Gardens be looked in to as a possible source of sidewalk funding. This item will be placed on the agenda for the October 20th, 2008 Council meeting.

The entire meeting can be viewed for more detail on this website under On-Line/Webcasts/Council Videos.