

CITY OF BLAINE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
MEETING DATE: November 27, 2006

SUBJECT: Resolution 1447-06 Adopting 2006 Street Advisory Committee Recommendations

SUBMITTING DEPT: Public Works

PREPARED BY: _____

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AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications ☐; Consent ☐; Committee Reports ☐
Unfinished Business ☐; Council Action Items ☒; Public Hearing ☐; Standing Committees ☐

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution No. 1447-06

ANALYSIS / SUMMARY:

Current funding for residential street improvements is provided by a ten-year (1997-2006) levy which ends this year, and also by a four-year (2003-2006) maintenance levy. Both levies have provided opportunities for street improvements that have been widely acknowledged as enhancing the residential environment, increasing property values and improving public safety.

Knowing that these funding sources were to end this year, Council appointed a nine-member advisory committee with Council liaison early this year to make recommendations on future street improvements and funding options. Staff supported the committee effort with information on the history of improvements, current street network configuration, current deficiencies and inventory of substandard roadways, roadway safety concerns, availability of funds, and current estimates of street construction costs.

Following eight committee meetings and two open houses for the public, the committee recommended Council endorsement of a list of improvements with funding as specified in the attached resolution.

RECOMMENDATION: ☒ Waive 2nd Reading: Staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution No. 1447-06 as drafted.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager _____ Finance Director _____ City Clerk _____
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COUNCIL ACTION:

☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Tabled/Deferred ☐ Assigned to: _____

COUNCIL ACTION: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 1447-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON ACCEPTING
THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE 2006 STREET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, City Council considers good roads and streets to be a solid and lasting investment in the community, inviting visitors, business and new residents, improving public safety and improving and maintaining the overall value and livability of the community, and

WHEREAS, the current 10-year (1997-2006) residential street levy funding program approved by Blaine voters in 1996 to be dedicated to residential street improvement has been very successful in improving the quality of Blaine streets and will expire at the end of 2006, and

WHEREAS, the current 4-year (2003-2006) street maintenance levy funding program approved by Blaine voters in 2002 to be dedicated to maintaining streets and sidewalks has been very successful in extending the life of existing Blaine streets and also expires at the end of 2006, and

WHEREAS, the City Council appointed a 2006 Street Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee"), representing a cross-section of community residents, which convened eight times in 2006 to consider future street improvement and maintenance needs, and

WHEREAS, the Committee heard presentations from the Public Works Director, Public Safety Director (Chief of Police) and City Finance Director including information on the history of improvements, the street network configuration, current deficiencies and inventory of substandard roadways, roadway safety concerns, availability of funds and current estimates of street construction costs, and

WHEREAS, the Committee identified and applied weights to a wide range of criteria including: safety and lighting, pedestrian and bicycle needs, volume of traffic, current street condition and appearance, prior listing for improvement, and drainage, and then used these criteria to evaluate more than 26 different streets for their merit to be reconstructed to current standards, and

WHEREAS, the Committee reviewed the amounts of funds being allocated for construction and maintenance and established a recommendation on the appropriate division of these funds for the future, and

WHEREAS, the Committee presented their recommendation to the City Council and hosted two community meetings in July 2006 to present its deliberations to the general public for their comments, and

WHEREAS, the Committee's recommendation has City Council support and appears to have broad support from the community as well, and

WHEREAS, there is limited other funding that can be dedicated to street reconstruction and maintenance, and the use of property tax for this purpose has in the past been supported by voters as the preferred method for making street improvement on existing streets rather than formation of local road improvement districts (LIDs), and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to continue to make street improvements by allocating a portion of the property tax levy rate to street improvements and maintenance consistent with the recommendations of the 2006 Street Advisory Committee,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the City Council of the City of Blaine, Washington, as follows:

A. The City of Blaine will continue to dedicate **\$.90 per thousand** of assessed value of its regular property tax levy during each of the next 10 years (from 2007 to 2016) for the **design and major reconstruction** of currently substandard streets. These tax revenues are to be used to fund improvements to the following streets in the priority order listed below:

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| 1. Boblett Street | Peace Portal Way to Mitchell Avenue |
| 2. Bayview Avenue* | Peace Portal Way to Clyde Street |
| 3. 4th Street | A Street to D Street |
| 4. 9th Street | G Street to H Street |
| 5. B Street | 1 st Street to 5 th Street |
| 6. E Street | 6 th Street to 12 th Street |
| 7. Cedar Street | Peace Portal Way to Mitchell Avenue |
| 8. H Street* | Ludwick Road to Harvey Road |
| 9. Hughes Avenue* | Peace Portal Way to Odell Road |
| 10. Clark Street | Peace Portal to 3 rd Street |
| And, if funding permits, | |
| 11. 11th Street | H Street to cul-de-sac south of B Street |

Those streets indicated by an asterisk above are intended to receive only partial funding, with the balance of funding coming from state or federal grants or developer contribution in association with planned development on adjacent parcels. These street improvement projects should be grouped together and constructed as early as possible using bond funding to achieve the greatest economy and benefit to the community. If any of these streets can not be completed during this 10-year cycle as a result of inadequate funds, they will be given special consideration in ranking streets for the next improvement cycle. Residential streets are to be constructed generally to the residential standard established by the earlier street levy, a 28'-wide pavement with curb and gutter and a single sidewalk on either the north or east side (to minimize effects of winter shade). As part of the planning process, City and franchise utilities within the right-of-way of these streets shall be evaluated for future capacity and compliance with current standards so that they are upgraded with the street construction. These projects should also consider means of enhancing Blaine's bicycle and pedestrian network, and incorporate traffic calming and low impact development techniques to discourage speeding and reduce stormwater impacts.

B. The City of Blaine will continue to dedicate **\$.50 per thousand** of assessed value of its regular property tax levy during each of the next 10 years (from 2007 to 2016) for the principal purpose of **street maintenance and operations**. These funds are to be used for resurfacing roadways nearing the end of their life cycle and for replacement of deteriorated sidewalks and pathways. Where possible, as much as 40% of these funds may also be reserved to provide matching funds to be used to leverage various state grants or developer contributions to complete additional street improvements to current city standards. These funds may also be used for streetscape improvements such as sidewalks, bicycle and pedestrian paths, street lighting and street trees. Those streets and sidewalks recommended for application of these funds will be

presented annually to the City Council by the Public Works Director as part of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON, on the _____ day of _____, 2006, and approved by the Mayor on the same day.

MIKE MYERS, Mayor

ATTEST:

MEREDITH RILEY
Finance Director