

NOTES/QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS
from 14 May 1997 Road Committee Forum with Subdivisions

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Can we reduce the number of garbage trucks going through subdivisions?

Can we go with a "single hauler" concept for garbage pickup for each subdivision or for the entire city?

Should we go to a "single hauler" concept before we set the specifications for these roads?

How was the overlay project funded?

How were the "per lot" prices for these subdivisions calculated for tonight?

What is included in the project scope for a repaving project? Does it include drainage?

Homeowners paid for the road when it was built (part of home price). Why should homeowners have to pay to replace them? (City is at fault for not maintaining the roads; the citizens trusted us to do that; and now we're here asking for money to do what we were supposed to have been doing all along.)

We don't need to replace all the roads and road beds. We can just mill the surface and put in new asphalt. The city is doing more than necessary to fix the roads.

Put the same millage from November 1996 ballot on the next ballot; keep putting it on every six months until it passes.

The November 1996 millage failed because it was "permanent".

Hold more of these meetings; invite a subdivision with good roads to attend a meeting with a subdivision with poor roads; might get people to change their minds.

Forbid the discharging of sump pumps into the roadway. However, don't worry about sprinkler systems, because they aren't a problem.

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Is the city planning to put the millage back on the ballot?

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How do you ensure accountability that the roads will be maintained once they're replaced?

Can an SAD assessment be paid off at any time, or must it be amortized?

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The millage amount was too large; if it had been only 25% of the original amount, it would have passed.

The city's trying to do too much! We don't need to replace all the roads, just fix the poor spots.

We don't need whole subdivisions done; just do sections of roads.

People who received the overlays won't vote for a millage.

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We have a problem. We need to cure it as fast as possible, and we need funding for it.

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Avon Hills cooperative maintains its roads well; how do they do it? How much does it cost?

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