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Jim Kalb, Mayor
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Re: Pavement and Utility Problems on Cleveland Avenue

I previously sent correspondence #07-033 dated March 12, 2007, to report constituents concerns with the uneven surface and rough patchwork of pavement at the south end of Cleveland Avenue. This portion of the street was inspected by the City Engineering Department and was selected to be included in the 2007 Capital Improvement – Asphalt Paving Projects.

On April 22, 2007, I witnessed a parked truck, belonging to a resident of Cleveland Avenue, embedded up to the rear axle within the street pavement. At the April 23, 2007, Regular City Council Meeting; I expressed my thanks to the City employees for their quick response and for supervising the careful removal of the resident's vehicle from the sink hole. Also, I relayed the concerns expressed by the residents of this area for a long-term solution to the uneven surface and ongoing utility repairs at this location. It appears based on the pavement conditions north of this area the pavement surface is sinking which may cause further utility issues. To date, the above mentioned sink hole was backfilled with a granular base but all other conditions still exist.

Recently residents of Cleveland Avenue have expressed to me their concern at the City's inability to solve the problem in this area. The City's long-term goals should be to provide a smooth driving surface by avoiding further patchwork that causes uneven surfaces and utility failures in this area. If the existing surface of the pavement is a direct reflection of what is going on under the surface it does not appear only repaving this area will solve the problem for the long-term.

This area is similar to another area within the City which needs attention. The area is located north of Kinneys Lane on Waller Street.

I am forwarding the concerns expressed by our constituents and I am requesting a long-term solution and a timeline for the repairs.

Respectfully,



Bob Mollette, 3rd Ward Advocate and Representative on City Council

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cc: Engineering Department
Public Service Director
Constituents on Cleveland Avenue
Jo Ann Aeh, Clerk (Record)