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Mr. Smith asked if there was anything else from the Council.

Mr. Greene asked if City Hall would be closed for one or two days this week.

The Mayor stated it will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup> and will re-open on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Smith asked if anyone from the audience would care to speak this evening?

Mr. Bud Upstreet, Greystone Cove Drive and is, also, on the Homeowners Association for Greystone Cove, and he appreciates the City of Hoover coming out and fixing some the pot holes and some of the sink holes they had in the neighborhood. Our subdivision was built in 2004 or somewhere thereabouts. Our roads need some attention. He has come down tonight to talk about this and wanted to appeal to their own enlightened self-interest, that is going way back in literature when we were in school. We have 113 homes and the value of each home is conservatively and I think I am about 100,00 to low, but conservatively each home is worth \$500,000, so when we look at the values and he stated he is getting ahead of himself, they want to close the gates to their subdivision and maintain the roads, but before they do that they need to get the roads repaved. This goes way back, the guy who built the subdivision did not close the gates. He stated that then they heard you had to have 100 percent of the property owners to vote to close the gate and as y'all know, being politicians, a 113 people are not going to agree on anything. We have it on good authority now that if we get a majority, we can ram rod this thing through. We would like to get our roads paved and the enlightened self-interest comes here, on average the houses in there are worth \$500,000 apiece and at 113 and that is \$56,500,000, so he stated he called Shelby County Courthouse and talked to one of the ladies down there about property taxes, so the Homeowners Association thinks by closing the gates that property values will go up 10 to 15 %, somewhere in there. So if you do the calculations \$56,500,000 times 10 percent times the millage rate, you would have \$172,000 increase in taxes a year at 10 percent and if it goes to 15 percent you would get \$258,000 more in taxes, so those developers that were over here that were going to pay their money back to you in whatever number of years, in a year or a year and a half you get your money back for paving the streets and you would make a lot of folks in extreme east Hoover, extreme east Hoover, Brock Point just got built and they are a little more east than us over there by Shoal Creek, but we a lot of times feel like we send you a check but we don't get a check because we got Finley Center in the west, then on Lorna Road we got Hoover East, that is not Hoover East to us, that is Hoover Central and then hear we are and every time we get to go to Lacrosse or football or baseball or whatever. He stated that he is thinking Lacrosse because his son plays Lacrosse. We have a trek to Acton Road or a trek to Finley Center and that is great. He wishes at Spain Park they had something, where we could do something there, so they would not have to drive all over God's green earth. Now, hopefully, this will be the only time to address the Council, he appreciates it and hopes with the enlightened self-interest that this will push y'all over the edge and get the streets repaved. He thanked the Council.

Mr. Posey asked Mr. Rice if this was something that was being looked at in the budget next year.

Mr. Rice stated that Mr. Westhoven has taken a look at this and we operate under a grading system and schedule. An outside firm is used to be objective as possible. They grade our streets each year and give us a priority list. We are not bound to that, but it is a guide. We can go out and evaluate from an engineering standpoint where Greystone Cove stands. The gentleman raises some interesting possibilities there and we may need to have a conversation with the HOA and see if they are willing to negate an agreement which he may have outlined for us and may allow us to pull them out of the stack and do something different, not preferential but something along the lines of what he explained. He brought up some interesting possibilities.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Westhoven and Mr. Long that Mr. Shaw and he had conversations during the budget process this last year and unfortunately it was one of many, many projects that was not able to be funded, he asked if he recalled what it would cost to repave those roads. It is not that large.

Mr. Westhoven stated that he does not recall. He thinks it may have been between \$200,000 and \$400,000, but is not for sure.

Mr. Upstreet stated that the number he has is \$340,000 and if you subtract the number you already patched it would probably bring it down about \$100,000.

Mr. Smith stated that all of it would have to be repaved. The patched areas would have to get repaved as well.

Mr. Ron Covellance, 1131 Greystone Cove Drive, stated there are 9 homeowners from 116 homes here tonight, he stated that is probably the most Greystone people you have had in this building from there because of their frustration. At the last HOA meeting there was significant conversation about spending on a single fiber wire from here over to the Finley Center, at \$390,000 which is way more than it would take to pave the streets. In another proposal \$455,000 to run a single fiber wire over to Valleydale, is that a correct assessment, because our neighborhood thinks that's what we are spending our money own and the sole beneficiary of that fiber wire is City of Hoover employees, is that correct? Who else benefits?

Mr. Smith stated that 911 callers benefit.

Mr. Covellance stated 911 callers, ok. Do we have a reference of how many people in the City of Hoover have access to that fiber? It is a pretty small number, right?

Mr. Smith stated that it is growing. There are a number of vendors that are laying fiber in Hoover right now.

Mr. Covelance stated that what he gets is in the Hoover Sun and as much digging as he can find. He asked if there was documentation or a presentation here at the City Council meeting about spending that money on the fiber?

Mr. Smith stated that there was an extensive presentation.

Mr. Covelance stated that it is not posted anywhere.

Mr. Smith stated it was about two meetings ago.

Mr. Covelance asked if it is a document or anything the public has access to?

Mr. Rice stated that there is a PowerPoint document.

Mr. Covelance stated that secondly what he hears about from homeowners is when? He stated he has gone through all the .pdf files in the past and looked at the roads and how money is allocated, but if there is something that he can show the neighbors to help them understand when that would really be great. He stated that he does not know if there is current, because he just went through this budget, but stated that he cannot tell you what we are spending on paving in the City of Hoover this year. He stated he can tell you that we want to pay our principal and interest down by 2036 to \$6 million, but cannot tell about the paving schedule in it.

Mr. Smith stated that it is around \$7 to \$7.5 million.

Mr. Covelance asked if there was anything he could share at the next HOA meeting before we have 15 or 16 more homeowners show up at the next meeting.

Mr. Smith stated that he stands corrected, it is \$2 to \$3 million. He stated that he knows the City's gas tax has to be spent on paving the roads. The State just upped that and the City will get a small portion. He does not think his issue has fallen on deaf ears, we just could not get in the budget this last fiscal year, but we did better than the \$3 million loss that was anticipated last year.

Mr. Covelance stated that he understands that there is always people asking for money, but the perspective from a homeowner when money is being spent on a single fiber wire that could literally pave our neighborhood with 3 times what we are proposing and what is being paid for a single fiber that we don't have access to. We are looking at our home values and pot holes still in our streets and we could pave the pot holes every year for 5 years and that would cost a lot more money than just getting it done. He appreciates the Council and thanked them.

Mr. Murphy stated that this Council has been extremely aggressive in trying to incorporate the feeling of, or lack thereof, for not being a part of Hoover and by not having representation on different Boards in the area. We are trying to go above and beyond to ensure that there is representation by placing members on the School Board, Library Board, and several others since his administration. One thing he can guarantee is that we do listen. We went from having 15 minute meetings to about 1 ½ hour meetings, because the President has established that he wants

to listen to the public. You have a Council that is very proactive and the Mayor is very proactive and actually listens. He would like for him to look at the track record of the last 2 ½ years and the Council is listening. This administration is trying to listen to its citizens.

Mr. Posey stated that they had mentioned closing the gates and taking over the responsibility of the roads and said that they need a majority vote. Do you have all that in writing? I think that is a good conversation to have when we talk about budgets next year. What he is proposing is totally different than what most people propose when they come in here. This conversation gets that moved up in the budget process next year.

Mr. Covellance stated that he would love to carry the conversation on.

The Mayor stated that he went out and road the streets about 10 days ago and came back and talked to Mr. Westhoven about this, so it already in the works looking at it and evaluation it. He stated that he appreciates them coming out and it reinforces how they feel about it. The Mayor stated that one of the neighbors had requested that he come take a look at the roads and he wanted to make sure that he went out to look at it and he came back and spoke to Mr. Westhoven about it, so we are listening.

Mr. Greene stated it came across that prior administrations did not allow for citizens to speak the full time if they wanted it, but never, ever, ever any citizen not allowed the full amount of time and more if they needed it to speak during any meeting in the two terms he was on the Council prior to this one.

Mr. Shaw stated that he agrees with Mr. Posey. The Council needs to get a fresh legal view that reconcile, because the last he had heard was that it would take 100 percent, so he needs to get that clarified. The consultant that grades the streets, is that graded as is or do they give a projection? We have a lot of roads that came on in the late 90's and early 2000's era, so it would be good if we could get a 3 to 5-year projection so the Council knows what is coming. We may need to add to the budget for repaving streets.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Gene Smith  
Council President

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Frank V. Brocato  
Mayor

**ATTESTED BY:**

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Wendy Dickerson  
City Clerk