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City of West Allis Matter Summary

7525 W. Greenfield Ave.
West Allis, WI 53214

File Number	Title	Status
R-2006-0156	Resolution	In Committee
	Communication from City Engineer regarding water ponding on sidewalks.	
	Introduced: 6/6/2006	Controlling Body: Public Works Committee

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION PLACE ON FILE

ACTION DATE:	MOVER	SECONDER		AYE	NO	PRESENT	EXCUSED
<u>6-6-06</u>			Barczak				
			Czaplewski				
		✓	Dobrowski	✓			
			Kopplin				✓
			Lajsic				
			Narlock	✓			
			Reinke				
			Sengstock	✓			
	✓		Vitale	✓			
			Weigel				
			TOTAL	<u>4</u>			<u>1</u>

SIGNATURE OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

Paul Vitale _____
 Chair Vice-Chair Member

COMMON COUNCIL ACTION **PLACE ON FILE**

ACTION DATE:	MOVER	SECONDER		AYE	NO	PRESENT	EXCUSED
<u>JUN 06 2006</u>			Barczak	✓			
			Czaplewski	✓			
			Dobrowski	✓			
			Kopplin				✓
	✓		Lajsic	✓			
			Narlock	✓			
			Reinke	✓			
			Sengstock	✓			
		✓	Vitale	✓			
			Weigel	✓			
			TOTAL	<u>9</u>			<u>1</u>



CITY OF WEST ALLIS

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Engineering Department

MICHAEL G. LEWIS
City Engineer

Memorandum

TO: Richard Narlock, Chair, Board of Public Works
Vincent Vitale, First District
Kurt Kopplin, Second District
Linda Dobrowski, Fourth District
James Sengstock, Fifth District

FROM: Michael Lewis, City Engineer

DATE: June 1, 2006

RE: Sidewalk Terrace Area

As we discussed previously, we are getting more complaints about water ponding on sidewalks, especially after sidewalk replacement. The problem many times is that the terrace area between the sidewalk edge and curb & gutter is too high, which is damming the water.

Maintaining this area is the property owner's responsibility. Since people are not very happy when they hear this, we have investigated the City's options. As we see it, we have three:

- 1) Keep current ordinance.
- 2) Include this in the sidewalk program at no additional cost.
- 3) Include this in the sidewalk program and creating a new special assessment rate.

After review, we are recommending that we keep the current ordinance. Property owners can deal with this situation a number of ways. They can remove and replace some sod inside the terrace area or even edge the grass along the sidewalk. Edging would allow the water to seep into the ground.

Including this in the sidewalk program would create a number of problems. Most times the problem shows up after the sidewalk replacement work is completed. Therefore, we would need to remobilize the contractor and their equipment back to the location. We would need to get a waiver for the special assessment, which is always time consuming and the assessment would be in the range of \$3 to \$5 per lineal foot.

Cc: Mayor Jeannette Bell
Paul Ziehler, CAO