

March 1, 2022  
City Council Meeting  
Position Statements

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**O1 – Report Regarding Food Trucks**

***COMMENT ONLY***

Meg Collins – Leave the food trucks alone. They provide a service to Naperville residents—offering tasty, quick, reasonably-priced food options for people on the go.

**O2 – Receive Report: 248<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 95<sup>th</sup> St to 103<sup>rd</sup> St**

***COMMENT ONLY***

George Howard – Honorable Council Members: I support expenditures for roadway improvements, but do not support the noise barrier walls for the 248th Avenue project. No additional funds should be spent for further consultant review. The walls would be an unwarranted discretionary expenditure of government funds, which would be better spent for bridge and roadway repairs. The city should be fair to all subdivisions having similar noise impact concerns from contiguous roadways in expenditures for noise barrier walls. Many subdivisions in Naperville are adjacent to roads with significant traffic and noise, far in excess of the area under review. The developers and homeowners associations bore the entire cost to construct and maintain similar noise walls. In the area under review, walls exist on both sides of 248th adjacent to the right of way, including Tall Grass and Pencross Knoll. My relevant experience is regarding traffic on Hassert Boulevard, between Route 59 and Naperville Plainfield Roads. Hassert Blvd is a major arterial, four lane road, with the Vulcan and Boughton Quarries adjacent thereto. The road is a county truck route. The adjacent residential subdivisions of High Meadow, Saddle Creek, and Harmony Grove have noise barrier walls built and maintained at their own significant expense. The Naperville staff report for this item number states that federal funding could cover up to 70 percent of the eligible cost, not to exceed \$\$6.5 million. The roadway estimate is \$\$7.5 million and the noise barrier walls estimate is \$\$3.5 to \$\$4.5 million. The grand total would be up to \$\$12 million dollars. Where would the funds in excess of \$\$6.5 million come from? Is this project funded in the city capital improvement program? If the noise barrier wall project is pursued, then I strongly request council to consider a Special Service Area be established for repayment by the respective property owners of a share of the cost to design and construct the walls. Thank you for being fair and equitable for all taxpayers. George Howard, Naperville, Illinois