

Councilmember Elvig stated as a resident that shares this easement, he was shocked to see the size of the project and the lack of uniformity. He understood from the City Attorney that he was the sole owner of the top of the land. He explained he wanted to put a dock on the top of the rock, and that cannot happen now. This has severed access along any easement he owns.

Chairperson McGlone clarified the City intends to change the structure as it is now.

City Engineer Himmer replied the City does intend to make changes that include this Committee's and the Council's direction. This will be a separate case on the Council agenda, and the City Attorney will be present to aid in the discussion. He added the contractor performed the work they were asked to do, and any changes would be paid by the City.

Case #5: Consider Amendments to the City's Topsoil Ordinance

Motion by Councilmember Elvig, seconded by Chairperson McGlone, to recommend that the Public Works Committee table this item to call the City Council Work Session to order.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson McGlone and Councilmembers Elvig and Tossey.
Voting No: None.

The Public Works Committee meeting recessed at 7:06 p.m. and reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

City Engineer Himmer reviewed the staff report. He added that Staff did attempt to determine the potential cost savings on a typical family home between the current standard and without, however the numbers were inconclusive.

Motion by Chairperson McGlone, seconded by Councilmember Elvig, to recommend that the City Council amend the topsoil ordinance in City Code to reduce the thickness requirement from 6 inches to 4 inches.

Discussion: Councilmember Tossey expressed concern in how readily available the topsoil compound is and how expensive it is. City Engineer Himmer explained it is a MNDOT specification now. The City gives reminders of its ordinance to all the contractors. It is more expensive. The builders have mentioned it is \$1,500 more per lot. It is readily available. Chairperson McGlone noted every state highway project uses this topsoil compound. He also noted that the soil Ramsey has is unable to hold water so this kind of compound is necessary. Public Works Director Olson stated this is a good compromise to help hold the water, and for the builders that have already graded their lots. This is a good step in finding another management tool to decrease water consumption and decrease the demand on the system.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson McGlone and Councilmembers Elvig and Tossey.
Voting No: None.

COMMITTEE INPUT