

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson David Elvig
 Councilmember John Dehen
 Councilmember Colin McGlone

Also Present: Mayor Bob Ramsey
 Councilmember Matt Look
 Deputy City Administrator Heidi Nelson
 Public Works Director Brian Olson
 Planning Manager Amber Miller
 City Engineer Tim Himmer
 Public Works Street Supervisor Grant Reimer

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Elvig called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:05 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember McGlone, seconded by Councilmember Dehen, to approve the agenda, as presented.

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Councilmember Dehen, seconded by Councilmember McGlone, to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2010 Public Works Meeting.

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

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Case #1: Public Works Site Inventory

Planning Manager Miller reviewed the staff report.

The Committee discussed screening, using Class 5, tire storage/disposal, dumpster access, and organics.

Case #2: Update on 161st Avenue & Armstrong Blvd Pedestrian Crossing

City Engineer Himmer reviewed the staff report.

Public Works Director Olson updated the Committee on recent conversations he has had regarding signage.

Councilmember McGlone believed on a high speed road whatever the City could do, would be good.

Councilmember Dehen stated increasing the sign by six inches was not worth the expense.

Chairperson Elvig stated because this was a busy road, it might be worth getting other resident support for increased site lines.

Motion by Councilmember McGlone, seconded by Councilmember Dehen, to recommend that the City Council allow staff to contact the owners to inquire about expanding the site triangles.

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

Case #3: Review City Policy Regarding Neighborhood Speeding and Posting of Children at Play Signs

Assistant City Engineer Jankowski reviewed the staff report.

Chairperson Elvig stated if there was a daycare in the neighborhood, the residents should police the situation.

Motion by Councilmember Dehen, seconded by Councilmember McGlone, to recommend that the City Council make no change in existing policy for not posting Children at play signs.

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

Case #4: Discuss Use of Plastic Pipe for Water Services Lines

City Engineer Himmer reviewed the staff report.

Chairperson Elvig stated he had no interest in downgrading the systems. He did not know if this was the right product, but recommended looking into the options further.

The Committee discussed the pros and cons of the plastic pipes.

It was the Committee's consensus to remain with the metal pipes, and to request staff keep open to looking at new systems as they were developed.

Motion by Chairperson Elvig, seconded by Councilmember McGlone, to recommend that the City Council to continue with the existing City policy for metal pipes only on the outside of structures and to direct staff to keep open to looking at new systems.

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

COMMITTEE INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember McGlone, seconded by Councilmember Dehen to adjourn the Public Works Meeting.

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Olson
Public Works Director

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