

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

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 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: Public Works Director/Principal City Engineer Brian Olson
City Engineer Tim Himmer
Public Works Street Supervisor Grant Reimer
Parks Supervisor, Mark Riverblood

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Elvig called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:35 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Chairperson Elvig wanted to add this comment to Case #2. Chairperson Elvig stated this similar situation that this neighborhood maneuver itself into a few years back because of rumors and pure factures the neighborhood ended up counter petitioning the roadway improvements in its own initial petition.

Motion by Councilmember McGlone, seconded by Councilmember Dehen, to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2010 Public Works Meeting.

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

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Case #1: Consider Paving Bituminous Trail Along Alpine Drive

City Engineer Himmer presented additional trail segments which coincide with the mill and overlay projects scheduled for this fall which might be considered to increase connectivity of the City trail system.

Chairperson Elvig wanted to add into this discussion about getting golf carts on these trails.

Public Works Director Olson stated, what staff is asking is the timing right, the idea was to bring this forward now because we are already doing an overlay from Puma Street to Highway 10 and maybe the opportunity is there to piggy back on that project and see if there is a potential cost savings involved.

Chairperson Elvig stated that it should be staff's opinion if the timing right.

Councilmember McGlone commented we would be getting savings for the contractor using the millings from the road as base for the trail and Public Works Director Olson said that could put in the specifications.

Councilmember McGlone would like staff to look into following the road contour instead of going north up to Lake Itasca. City Engineer Himmer said staff will investigate the wetland implications and if it's feasible and if there would be any easement requirements.

Motion by Chairperson Elvig seconded by Councilmember McGlone to propose Segment B from Armstrong Boulevard to the golf course parking lot, and investigate the ability for a straighter alignment trail near Lake Itasca.

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

Case #2: Consider Pedestrian Crosswalk Modifications on Ramsey Boulevard North of 149th Avenue

Staff is proposing to go to the County to look request relocating the existing crosswalk on Ramsey Boulevard south approximately 400' to the intersection of 149th Avenue and is asking for authorization to advance this with Anoka County.

Motion by Councilmember Dehen, seconded by Councilmember McGlone to authorize staff to draft a letter to Anoka County requesting the relocation of the crosswalk on Ramsey Boulevard to the intersection of 149th Avenue.

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

Case #3: Upgrades to Well House #3 Exterior

Utilities Supervisor Nelson reviewed the staff report and would like to discuss improving the exterior finish of well house #3.

The consensus of the Committee is for staff to get pricing on the removal of the propane, hooking up to natural gas, painting or siding the brick and then bring forward those figures to a future Public Works meeting.

Case #4 Discuss Use of Plastic Pipe for Water Service Lines

City Engineer Himmer stated that a local builder, Mr. Tom Purmort was present with his sales representative, Mr. Brad Anderson to discuss the use of polyethylene pipe for water services to residential homes in the City.

The consensus of the Committee was this is an engineering decision more than it is a City Council decision and staff should work with Mr. Purmort and his representative to see if this type of technology makes sense to bring into the City.

Case #5 Policy Regarding Traffic Sign Retro Reflectivity

Street Supervisor Reimer reviewed the schedule that the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices requires of all agencies that maintain roadways open to the public and adopt a sign maintenance program designed to maintain traffic sign retro reflectivity at specific levels.

Chairperson Elvig discussed that we haven't had a policy on our major crossroads to rename them and to go along with that upgrade on those major roadway signs to larger ones and asks that staff start moving on it and develop a program.

Motion by Chairperson Elvig, seconded by Councilmember Dehen to recommend to the City Council adopts the Sign Maintenance Policy.

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

COMMITTEE INPUT

Discuss Creation of Survey for Proposed Street Reconstruction Policy

Staff is asking the Committee for input for distributing a survey to the residents on the street reconstruction policy.

Chairperson Elvig thought we had a great tool with the utility billing.

Councilmember McGlone likes the website or Ramsey Resident and suggested they can return their response through the website or return with their bill.

Councilmember Dehen thinks a City Council survey should be done.

Motion by Chairperson Elvig, second by Councilmember McGlone to advance the survey by drafting some sample questions and bringing them forward for Council review at a future work session

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Elvig, Councilmember McGlone. Voting No: Councilmember Dehen.

Chairperson Elvig asked staff to take another look at other alignment options for 167th Avenue going through to Variolite and bring it back to the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Olson
Public Works Director

Drafted by Mary Jo Warner
City of Ramsey Public Works Secretary