

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

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present:     Chairperson Chris Riley  
                            Councilmember Jill Johns  
                            Councilmember Melody Shryock

Also Present:         City Administrator Kurtis Ulrich  
                            Public Works Superintendent Grant Riemer  
                            City Engineer Bruce Westby  
                            Civil Engineer IV Leonard Linton

**1.     CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Riley called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:53 p.m.

**2.     CITIZEN INPUT**

There was none.

**3.     APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Councilmember Johns, seconded by Councilmember Shryock, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Riley, Councilmembers Johns and Shryock. Voting No: None.

**4.     APPROVE MINUTES**

**4.01: Approve October 18, 2016, Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Councilmember Johns, seconded by Councilmember Shryock, to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting Minutes dated October 18, 2016

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Riley, Councilmembers Johns and Shryock. Voting No: None.

## **5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **5.01: Consideration of Recommending City Council Approval of Draft Water Supply Plan**

Civil Engineer Len Linton reviewed the plan with the Committee.

Chairperson Riley mentioned there are some blanks in the documents that he is wondering about.

Mr. Linton stated they will be filled in and updated before it goes before the City Council for review.

City Engineer Westby stated the City is blessed to have both surface and ground water for water supply options but right now they are still working through what the most appropriate water source(s) will be in the future.

Chairperson Riley stated from the facts and figures it appears the City has the capacity to do this plan over the next ten years.

City Engineer Westby stated that is correct.

Motion by Chairperson Riley, seconded by Councilmember Shryock, to recommend that the working document of the Draft Water Supply Plan be forwarded to the Environmental Policy Board and Planning Commission before it is reviewed by the City Council.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Riley, Councilmembers Shryock and Johns. Voting No: None.

## **6. COMMITTEE / STAFF INPUT**

### **6.01: Update on Anoka County Highway Department Flashing Yellow Arrow Signal System Improvement Projects**

City Engineer Westby provided an update on this plan and a copy of the lights Anoka County is proposing to update in 2017. He stated they want to know if the Public Works Committee thinks the intersection of Armstrong Boulevard/CSAH 83 and Sunwood Drive/147<sup>th</sup> Avenue should be considered for Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA) updates. He noted they look at crash incidents and other data before deciding if it is necessary ultimately.

Councilmember Shryock stated she thinks putting in the flashing yellow lights is beneficial overall however stated they should be cautious when deciding to put them in near the COR area due to the possibility that they will build it out more and it may become too busy for that type of light in the intersection.

Chairperson Riley stated he thinks they should keep them all consistent with each other.

City Engineer Westby stated he thinks it is a good idea to apply them in the same way.

Councilmember Shryock asked if they can wait to see what direction they go with the Bunker/Armstrong intersection goes before deciding what to do at the COR intersections.

It was the consensus of the Public Works Committee to recommend this plan move forward coinciding with Anoka County and proceed with the FYA study for the Armstrong Boulevard/CSAH 83 and Sunwood Drive/147th Avenue intersection with the condition that the study cost will not exceed \$2,400.

### **6.02: Staff Updates on Improvement Projects and Items of Interest**

City Engineer Westby stated the 8-foot stripe is done along Andrie Street and 164<sup>th</sup> Lane and they are currently working on the no parking signs and plan to get them in before Friday.

City Engineer Westby stated Phase 3 of the Mississippi River Trail south of Highway 10 is moving along quickly.

City Engineer Westby stated he scheduled a meeting with Mn/DOT to see what they may be able to bring to the table for the Trunk Highway 10 corridor study.

Chairperson Riley asked if they need to wait for the MSA funds to be fully replenished before they can start looking at other projects on MSA routes.

City Engineer Westby stated right now the MSA funds are repaying some bonds and are targeted for other projects and the 5-year street maintenance program includes MSA roads in it that will need to be completed first before they can start to work on other roads.

### **6.03: Review Future Topics Calendar**

Councilmember Shryock stated she had been asked by residents regarding tornado sirens. She was wondering when the last time they had communicated with residents about the sirens, when and where the sirens are, and what they mean when they sound.

Mr. Linton explained the sirens are tested every first Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Councilmember Shryock stated maybe it would be a good thing to have an informational meeting to speak about it.

City Administrator Ulrich stated they will put information on the City drills in the spring newsletter.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Shryock, seconded by Councilmember Johns to adjourn the Public Works Committee meeting.

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Grant Riemer  
Public Works Superintendent

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