

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

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Chris Riley
 Councilmember Mark Kuzma
 Councilmember Melody Shryock

Also Present: Public Works Superintendent Grant Riemer
 City Engineer Bruce Westby
 City Administrator Kurt Ulrich
 Anoka County Environmental Health Specialist Bart Biernat

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Riley called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve February 19, 2019, Meeting Minutes

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

Regular Meeting Minutes dated February 19, 2019

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

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

None.

6. COMMITTEE / STAFF INPUT

6.01: Public Information Meeting on Wellhead Protection Plan Part 1 Amendment

City Engineer Westby stated that the purpose of this case is to conduct a public information meeting on the Wellhead Protection Plan Part 1 Amendment. He stated that City staff has been working with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to amend the City's Wellhead Protection Plan since March 2017. The City's current Wellhead Protection Plan is effective until January 4, 2020 but must be amended by October 6, 2019.

City Engineer Westby provided details on the elements included in Part 1 and Part 2 of the WHPP. He stated that the MDH determined that a full update of Part 1 was not necessary and identified delineations and vulnerabilities in 2018. He stated that the MDH approved the Part 1 amendment on January 29, 2019. He noted that the amendment material was distributed to local units of government on March 1, 2019 and notification was published for tonight's public meeting.

City Engineer Westby provided information on the eight City wells and displayed a table with the specific information for each well.

Chairperson Riley asked why two of the wells are listed as not vulnerable and what that means.

Mr. Biernat explained that vulnerability is based on the construction of the well and the known information on the construction of the well.

City Engineer Westby continued to provide information on each of the wells including pumping rates and volume of water discharged. He identified the drinking water supply management area (DWSMA), which encumbers the six Ramsey COR wells, and highlighted the changes in the supply areas. He displayed similar information for wells one and two and the DWSMA around those wells.

City Engineer Westby stated that the only cost for this Part 1 amendment was some staff time. He noted that Part 2 would have a higher cost and would be more labor intensive. He did not think that staff would have sufficient time to complete the necessary work prior to the October 6, 2019 deadline and therefore staff would recommend enlisting a consultant to complete that work. He estimated the cost for the consultant to be between \$15,000 and \$30,000. He noted that the first step would be for staff to meet with MDH staff to better define the scope. He noted that once that scope is known, the decision could be made on whether an extension could be requested to allow staff to complete the work or whether it would be better to hire a consultant.

Councilmember Kuzma asked if Barr Engineering would be a willing consultant.

City Engineer Westby confirmed that he did speak with Barr Engineering, who estimated the cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000. He noted that the City of Andover also utilized Barr Engineering for their update.

Councilmember Kuzma asked if the County would participate on cost-sharing.

City Engineer Westby replied not to his knowledge.

Mr. Biernat stated that the cities, with the County, put together information on a website Know the Flow, which makes the information available to the general public through education and outreach. He stated that he is a part of the County health department and not the State health department, therefore the County does not have control over this measure.

Councilmember Kuzma asked if this would qualify for grant funds through the Lower Rum River Water Management Organization (LRRWMO).

City Engineer Westby stated that he did not think that this project would qualify but noted that he could surely ask. He provided additional details on the grant funds available to watersheds through the water-based funding. He explained that the WHPP requires amending every ten years.

6.02: Staff Updates on Improvement Projects and Items of Interest

City Engineer Westby provided an update on the City improvement projects, Anoka County improvement projects, MnDOT improvement projects and the Northwest Metro Surface Water Supply Feasibility Study.

City Administrator Ulrich stated that there was a press conference at the City of Anoka earlier today where the Governor and others advocated for the gas tax to be able to help support road projects, such as the Ferry Street rail crossing. He stated that the probability of flooding in Ramsey is low in regard to the Rum and Mississippi rivers.

Chairperson Riley stated that he continues to receive complaints on the condition of Highway 47 in Anoka and asked if there is scheduled improvement.

Public Works Superintendent Riemer replied that he is not aware of improvements planned, outside of pothole repair. He confirmed that he has called and left messages on the pothole complaint line for MnDot after receiving calls from residents.

City Engineer Westby commented that MnDOT has plans for 2022 to overlay Highway 47 from Highway 10 through a significant portion of Ramsey. He stated that if certain projects in Anoka move forward, that may impact that schedule. He noted that staff can speak with MnDOT and bring information back to the next meeting.

Councilmember Kuzma stated that he received a complaint from a resident on Jarvis, as there were problems with the culvert system. He stated that staff has been to the property and has

been working with the property owner. He stated that there have been discussions about working on the ditch system in that area.

6.03: Review Future Topics Calendar

No comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Riemer
Public Works Superintendent

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