

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

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Mark Kuzma
 Councilmember Jeff Menth
 Councilmember Chris Riley

Also Present: Public Works Superintendent Grant Riemer
 City Engineer Bruce Westby

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kuzma called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Menth, seconded by Councilmember Riley, to approve the agenda, as presented.

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve March 16, 2020, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Menth, to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting Minutes dated March 16, 2020

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

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.01: Provide City Council Recommendation to Relocate Sand Stockpiled on COR Infiltration Basin Site

City Engineer Westby reviewed the staff report and recommendation that the Committee recommend City Council approval to solicit quotes to relocate the sand stockpile from the COR Infiltration Basin site to use as fill on the Municipal Plaza park property. He stated that a mix of stormwater funds and park dedication funds could be used for this purpose.

Councilmember Riley stated that the City has trucks and a loader and asked if staff could complete this.

Public Works Superintendent Riemer replied that would be a large project for the public works staff and would take time away from their regular duties.

Councilmember Menth asked if the land would be placed for sale.

City Engineer Westby confirmed that parcel is listed for sale. He confirmed that the City does have the topsoil to place on the site.

Councilmember Riley asked the timeframe.

City Engineer Westby stated that the City can dictate the timeframe.

Councilmember Riley stated that he would like to see the pile of sand moved but would not want it to interfere with Happy Days and would like to see the work completed after that time. He asked if the City would need to go for bid.

City Engineer Westby replied that the City could solicit quotes because of the lower cost.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Menth, to recommend City Council approval to solicit quotes to relocate the sand stockpile from the COR Infiltration Basin site to Municipal Plaza park.

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

Councilmember Riley asked for an update on the infiltration basin.

City Engineer Westby stated that the contractor wired the drives backwards, therefore when the switch was powered it fried the drives and new drives are needed. He stated that the City requested a three-month extension from the Lower Rum River Water Management Organization (LRRWMO). He stated that all the work is completed with the exception of that control panel. He confirmed that it was a contractor error and will have no additional cost to the City.

Councilmember Menth asked the name of the electrical contractor.

City Engineer Westby was unsure.

Councilmember Menth commented that he has installed many drives and typically that part is available on the shelf. He asked staff to follow up and provide him with those details.

5.02: Provide City Council Recommendation to Reallocate Excess 2020 Crackseal Improvement Funds

City Engineer Westby reviewed the staff report and asked the Committee for input on reallocation of excess 2020 Crack Sealing Improvement funds.

Chairperson Kuzma commented that he would not be opposed to holding the funds for the next year.

Councilmember Riley stated that it is a tough position because there is an ongoing concern with deteriorating road conditions but then this is a situation where there are funds available to be used.

Public Works Superintendent Riemer commented that some funds could be allocated to the spray patching contract but did not believe the full amount could be utilized this year.

Councilmember Riley commented that he would be okay with allocating some additional funds to spray patching.

City Engineer Westby stated that staff is working on the performance measurements. He stated that staff reviewed the average PASER ratings today and there has been a gradual decline in the average City-wide PASER ratings since 2015. He reviewed the reallocation of funds from the annual crack seal and sealcoat funds that was previously directed by Council. He stated that \$250,000 was reallocated for a mill and overlay project for Business Park 95. He stated that there was not a follow up discussion as to whether the project should include assessments, either in whole or in part based on the timing of the improvements. He stated that staff did not move forward on that project since most streets in Business Park 95 would not support a mill and overlay project and had concentrated their efforts on Variolite Street during the pandemic. He stated that significant patching has occurred on Business Park 95 and perhaps it would make more sense to delay that project to allow additional discussions on Pavement Management Program funding options to take place.

Chairperson Kuzma noted that if franchise fees move forward, there will not be a need for assessments.

City Engineer Westby stated that once the GPR data is received, the City may identify other projects more in need for 2021, other than Business Park 95.

Councilmember Menth asked if core drills have been completed on Business Park 95 to determine if mill and overlay would work.

City Engineer Westby confirmed that core drillings were done and a reconstruct would be needed rather than a mill and overlay.

Chairperson Kuzma noted that there is already \$25,000 set aside for additional spray patching and confirmed that staff would not anticipate needing more than that. He stated that leaves \$287,000 that could be carried over into 2021.

Councilmember Menth agreed that the funds should remain and be carried over to 2021.

Councilmember Riley stated that the funds were budgeted for road maintenance and if not spent in 2020, there should be a firm plan on how those funds would be used in 2021.

Chairperson Kuzma commented that this excess should be in addition to the \$500,000 that is budgeted annually for road maintenance.

Motion by Councilmember Menth, seconded by Councilmember Riley, to recommend to the City Council to reallocate excess 2020 Crack Sealing and Seal Coating Improvement funds as follows: use as needed for spray patching and bank the remainder for road maintenance use in 2021.

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

6. COMMITTEE / STAFF INPUT

6.01: Receive Staff Update on 2020 Reclamite Rejuvenator Pilot Project

City Engineer Westby provided an update on the proposed 2020 reclamite pavement rejuvenator pilot project.

Chairperson Kuzma asked the age of the majority of the City streets.

City Engineer Westby estimated between 30 to 40 years old on average. He stated that they could do the test strips and use that data to determine if this would be a helpful step to incorporate into the City's road maintenance plan following new road construction and overlays. He stated that many cities are doing pilot projects this year, similar to this request.

Chairperson Kuzma commented that while this could be a good incorporation, he would be more concerned with how sealcoating will be replaced.

City Engineer Westby stated that he would not recommend sealcoating any longer because of the stripping under sealcoat issues that have occurred across the metro and have been observed in Ramsey over the last couple of years. He stated that staff will continue to look for alternative options.

Councilmember Menth stated that this is a problem within the industry, and he would believe that the industry is working to find a solution.

Councilmember Riley asked the cost of Reclamite compared to sealcoat.

City Engineer Westby replied that the cost is less for Reclamite.

Councilmember Riley asked if it would make sense to do a few streets rather than simply doing the free test strips, as there are available funds.

City Engineer Westby stated that staff would welcome that option. He stated that he has only heard positive input from cities that have implemented this practice. He stated that staff could reach out to the contractor to obtain a cost estimate for a few streets.

The consensus of the Committee was to reach out to the contractor to determine the cost to complete a full street that could be used for comparison against another street of the same age to gain that data. Based on the cost Staff will bring back that cost estimate to the Committee.

6.02: Receive Staff Updates on Improvement Projects, Studies, and Items of Interest

City Engineer Westby provided an update on current and proposed City, County and MnDOT improvement projects and studies, and on other items of interest to the Committee.

6.03: Review Future Topics Calendar

City Engineer Westby reviewed the future topics calendar.

Councilmember Riley asked if there has been participation in the water savings.

City Engineer Westby replied that there have been one or two toilet replacements with the remainder being irrigation audit requests. He noted that there are still funds available for residents to apply.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Menth, seconded by Councilmember Riley, to adjourn the Public Works Committee meeting.

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Riemer
Public Works Superintendent

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