

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

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Chris Riley
 Councilmember Debra Musgrove
 Councilmember Matt Woestehoff

Also Present: Public Works Superintendent Grant Riemer
 City Engineer Bruce Westby
 City Administrator Kurt Ulrich
 Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent Mark Riverblood

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Riley 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 Woestehoff, seconded by Councilmember Musgrove, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Riley, Councilmembers Woestehoff and Musgrove.
Voting No: None.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve February 16, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Musgrove noted on page four, the first paragraph should end with, "...based on the fact that Bowers is not on the street name grid, and neither are Pearson or Snowy Owl, and the names follow no order."

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Woestehoff, to approve the following minutes as amended:

Regular Meeting Minutes dated February 16, 2021

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Riley, Councilmembers Musgrove and Woestehoff.
Voting No: None.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.01: Tennis Court Maintenance and Consider Adding Pickleball Courts

Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood reviewed the staff report and recommended proceeding with the reconditioning of the courts at Central Park as soon as practical and adding six pickleball courts in lieu of two of the four tennis courts at the park at the same time as the maintenance occurs.

Councilmember Woestehoff recognized that the City is not required to get bids for this price level but asked if the pricing falls within industry standard.

Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood commented that these prices do fall within the standard for this work. He noted that the City has does work with this contractor in the past and he was satisfied with the work.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if this contractor did the Anoka High School tennis courts.

Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood commented that he is unsure but believes that the contractor did the work.

Councilmember Musgrove asked for additional input on the funds proposed to be used.

Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood explained that the Parks Trust Fund are funds collected by developers and to be used for new parks or trails improvements. He stated that the Capital Maintenance Fund is to be used for maintenance of capital items.

Councilmember Musgrove commented that she likes this idea, especially if residents are requesting pickleball courts.

Chairperson Riley asked if there are numbers to support the increased demand in pickleball.

Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood noted that when they drive by the courts, they see the increased use on pickleball courts compared to tennis courts. He stated that he hears input from residents each week asking that the courts be improved and for dedicated pickleball courts. He stated that dependent upon weather the construction process should take about three to five days beginning around May 1st.

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Woestehoff, to recommend to City Council, the reconditioning of the courts at Central Park in the amount of \$28,028 to be funded by the Capital Maintenance Fund, and adding six pickleball courts at the park for \$16,939 with proceeds from the Park Trust Fund.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Riley, Councilmembers Musgrove and Woestehoff.
Voting No: None.

Chairperson Riley referenced other existing courts in different locations.

Parks and Assistant Public Works Superintendent Riverblood provided an update on the condition of other courts. He noted that perhaps staff could put signage up asking for input on whether residents would like the courts to continued to be used for tennis or considered for pickleball and/or basketball.

5.02: Consider Recommending City Council Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorization for Bids for Business Park 95 Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #21-03

City Engineer Westby reviewed the staff report and recommended approval of plans and specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for Improvement Project #21-03, Business Park 95 Street Reconstruction.

Chairperson Riley asked if it would make sense to speak with Anoka related to the cul-de-sac area and creating a connection.

City Engineer Westby replied that the City has had discussions on that idea, but it has been met with opposition on the Anoka side. He noted that the cul-de-sac would allow for future connection if that possibility came forward in the future.

Councilmember Musgrove noted that it would seem beneficial to both cities.

Deputy City Administrator Gladhill commented that Anoka County may be willing to facilitate the discussion as it would also create a benefit to the Highway 10 corridor. He noted that perhaps a joint meeting with both Councils would be helpful as well.

Chairperson Riley stated that he agrees other funds should be used for the cul-de-sac and agreed PIR would seem appropriate.

Councilmember Woestehoff agreed.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if there would be a negative to using the PIR fund.

City Engineer Westby replied that staff does not see a negative.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if this would impact the Bunker Lake Boulevard project.

City Engineer Westby replied that there should not be an overlap between the projects.

Councilmember Musgrove commented that this project has been discussed for some time and is needed. She asked for additional details on the alternates mentioned.

City Engineer Westby replied that the extension and cul-de-sac would be bid separately, and the Council would then make the decision as to whether to approve those portions of the project.

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Woestehoff, to recommend City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for Improvement Project #21-03, Business Park 95 Street Reconstruction.

Further discussion: Chairperson Riley agreed that this project is necessary as the roads are in bad shape and are used by businesses.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Riley, Councilmembers Musgrove and Woestehoff. Voting No: None.

6. COMMITTEE / STAFF INPUT

6.01: Staff Updates on Improvement Projects and Items of Interest

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

6.02: Review Future Topics Calendar

Chairperson Riley commented that the cardboard recycling container seemed to be popular and asked if that could be available year-round.

Public Works Superintendent Riemer confirmed that staff could reach out to ACE Solid Waste to potentially bring that back.

Councilmember Musgrove stated that perhaps it would be nice to follow that up with numbers supporting that request.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Woestehoff, 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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