

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

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Chris Riley
 Councilmember Debra Musgrove
 Councilmember Chelsea Howell

Also Present: Public Works Superintendent Grant Riemer
 City Engineer Bruce Westby
 Civil Engineer II Joe Feriancek

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 Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Howell, to approve the agenda, as presented.

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve March 15, 2022, Meeting Minutes

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

Regular Meeting Minutes dated March 15, 2022

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Riley and Councilmembers Musgrove. Voting No: None. Abstained: Councilmember Howell.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.01: Consider Recommending City Council Approval of Plans and Specifications and Award of Contract for Improvement Project #22-09, 2022 Pavement Rejuvenation Improvements

Civil Engineer II Feriancek reviewed the staff report and staff recommendation to recommend City Council approval of plans and specifications and award of contract for Improvement Project #22-09, 2022 Pavement Rejuvenation Improvements.

Councilmember Musgrove referenced the 8.45 miles of roads that were recently constructed and asked how much of that is in the total that would ideally like to be captured.

Civil Engineer II Feriancek replied that he did not have exact numbers but noted that they are catching almost all the new developments in this process.

City Engineer Westby replied that they are beginning to make good headway in catching up but still have a ways to go.

Civil Engineer II Feriancek stated that for Riverstone they are getting the first, second and third additions and will wait to do the second half of the development at a later time. He noted that some of the newer additions of the new developments do not yet have the final wear course.

Chairperson Riley asked if this length of road was chosen because of budget constraints.

Civil Engineer II Feriancek confirmed that they did work within the budget constraints.

City Engineer Westby replied that the COVID street maintenance funds were a one-time funding source, and the City chose to use its allocation on pavement maintenance for local streets.

Chairperson Riley referenced a street segment which is about five years old.

Civil Engineer II Feriancek noted that street is at the point where if that is not applied at this time, it may not be beneficial to apply pavement rejuvenator in a year or two.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if the goal is to complete 8.45 miles and whether the motion would include a not to exceed amount for the funding.

City Engineer Westby replied that the intent is to spend the full allocation of \$200,000 budgeted for pavement maintenance so the pavement rejuvenation project mileage will be adjusted accordingly depending on the crackseal bids received.

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Riley, to recommend City Council approval of plans and specifications and award of contract for Improvement Project #22-09, 2022 Pavement Rejuvenation Improvements.

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

City Engineer Westby stated that staff continues to monitor the methods used by other communities to replace sealcoating and review available data related to pavement maintenance.

5.02: Receive Updates on Temporary Signal System on Highway 47 at McKinley Street

City Engineer Westby provided an update on a temporary signal system under construction at the intersection of Highway 47 and McKinley Street in the City of Anoka.

Chairperson Riley commented that traffic already backs up on Highway 47, therefore placing a stoplight to stop traffic will not help traffic get out of Ramsey. He stated that he spoke with Bolton and Menk and MnDOT and is not getting the same story that staff is getting. He stated that MnDOT has stated that they are putting the light in because of Highway 10 construction and that the light is temporary and that it was a MnDOT decision. He stated that no one has mentioned the legislation that was brought up in the staff presentation. He commented that it is frustrating that Anoka and MnDOT are not including Ramsey in the discussions.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if TH 47 was just redone noting that she would think corridor improvements would have been considered at that time.

City Engineer Westby stated he believed that an overlay was recently completed on a portion of Highway 47 to extend the life of the road until the railroad crossing can be reconstructed. He noted that the ultimate plan is to reconstruct the section of Highway 47 from the railroad crossing to Bunker Lake Boulevard in conjunction with the proposed railway crossing grade-separation project, but those projects cannot move forward until the Highway 10 project is completed in Anoka. He noted that there are still discussions on whether that section will be four lanes, two lanes of traffic in each direction, or three lanes which would have one lane of traffic in each direction and a center turn lane.

Chairperson Riley appreciated that staff reached out to the City of Anoka but was disappointed that Ramsey continues to be left out of the loop.

City Engineer Westby commented that he continues to stay in touch with Anoka city staff. He noted that he will add this item to the future topics calendar to ensure continued updates.

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 and studies, and on other items of interest to the Committee.

6.02: Review Future Topics Calendar

City Engineer Westby reviewed the future topics calendar. It was confirmed that the outdated Highway 47 studies can be removed from the list and will be replaced with a new item to provide continued updates on Highway 47.

Councilmember Musgrove referenced recent discussion from the Park Commission related to a potential dog park in The COR. She was unsure if that would also be something the Public Works Committee would discuss.

Public Works Superintendent Riemer stated that action would be discussed at the Park Commission level. He noted that there were grant funds received to put in native plantings in that area of The COR as well.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Howell, to adjourn the Public Works Committee meeting.

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Riemer
Public Works Superintendent

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