

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

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present:     Chairperson Chris Riley  
                            Councilmember Debra Musgrove  
                            Councilmember Matt Woestehoff (Remote)

Members Absent:     None

Also Present:         City Engineer/Public Works Director Bruce Westby

**1.     CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Riley called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:33 p.m.

**2.     CITIZEN INPUT**

There was none.

**3.     APPROVE AGENDA**

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

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Musgrove aye  
Councilmember Woestehoff aye  
Chairperson Riley aye

Motion carried.

**4.     APPROVE MINUTES**

**4.01:   Approve July 18, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

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

Regular Meeting Minutes dated July 18, 2023

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Musgrove aye  
Councilmember Woestehoff aye  
Chairperson Riley aye

Motion carried.

## **5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **5.01: Review Drainage Concerns at 5725 180<sup>th</sup> Lane NW**

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby reviewed the staff report.

Chairperson Riley asked the property owners at 5725 180<sup>th</sup> Lane NW, Scott and Lisa Monserud, if they wanted to add anything to staff's presentation. The Monserud's stated that more water has been ponding on their property since the street was reconstructed. They also stated they feel the City is responsible for fixing this issue since all stormwater runoff from their neighborhood ends up on their property.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby displayed the drainage plan from the Ford Brook Estates Street Reconstruction project, Improvement Project #19-01, and confirmed that stormwater runoff from the street and front yards of most of the properties do generally drain to the southeast corner of the Monserud's property via drainage ditches and a culvert crossing 180<sup>th</sup> Lane NW.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if the driveway culvert on the Monserud's neighbor's property to the east was upsized with IP #19-01.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby stated he was uncertain if the culvert had been upsized, but he recalled that the new culvert was raised several inches and the ditch bottom in this area was regraded to help remove the low point west of their neighbor's driveway to reduce the amount of standing water next to and on the Monserud's property.

Chairperson Riley asked if the drainage issues previously raised by the property owners Southeast of the Krypton Street cul-de-sac were proposed to or could be addressed with these drainage improvements.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby stated the improvements as currently proposed do not address the concerns previously raised by these property owners.

Chairperson Riley asked if the property owners drainage concerns could be addressed as part of these improvements.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby confirmed that staff could further explore this if the Committee directed staff to do so.

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Woestehoff, to direct staff to prepare preliminary design plans based on the concept plan presented and to update the cost estimate for further review at the October Public Works Committee meeting, and to explore proposed improvements to address the drainage concerns of the property owners Southeast of the Krypton Street cul-de-sac.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Musgrove aye  
Councilmember Woestehoff aye  
Chairperson Riley aye

Motion carried.

## **5.02: Receive Updates on Improvement Projects, Studies and Items of Interest**

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby reviewed the staff report and provided a brief update on the current status of pothole patching across the City, and noted that Staff plans to present a formal update on all 2023 pothole patching work to the City Council at an upcoming work session, as well as how Staff plans to prepare for 2024.

Councilmember Woestehoff stated that the south parking lot at Central Park was recently paved but that the pavement surface of the new basketball courts is slick and asked staff to look into this.

A vote was not called for.

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

### **6.01: Review Future Topics Calendar**

Chairperson Riley asked if Committee members had questions or comments on the calendar.

Chairperson Riley asked staff to add dates in place of “Future/TBD” for the last two items under “Topics for Discussion – Planning and Budget” titled “Replace City monument sign TH 47 & Bunker Lk Blvd” and “Targeted Trail Gap Connection Planning”. He noted that these items have been on the list for a long time and he would like them to be addressed in the near future.

Chairperson Riley inquired if others have noticed any traffic issues at the intersection of TH 47 and Bunker Lake Boulevard due to traffic backing up from the signal system at McKinley Street. He noted that this signal system is proposed to become permanent so he wanted to make sure no signal modifications were needed.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby stated staff is not aware of any issues resulting from the McKinley Street signal system.

None of the Committee members had noticed or heard of any traffic issues in this area either.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

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

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Musgrove aye  
Councilmember Woestehoff aye  
Chairperson Riley aye

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bruce Westby  
City Engineer/Public Works Director

Drafted by Katie Schmidt \*  
*City Clerk*

\* Timesavers did not prepare these minutes as the meeting was not recorded due to technical difficulties.