

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

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

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

Also Present: City Engineer/Public Works Director Bruce Westby
 Parks & Assistant Public Works Director 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 Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Woestehoff, to approve the agenda, as presented.

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve September 19, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Woestehoff, to approve the following minutes with a note that the minutes were not drafted by Timesavers via recording:

Regular Meeting Minutes dated September 19, 2023

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

5.02: Consider Replacement of Entrance Monument at TH #47 and Bunker Lake Boulevard

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood reviewed background information noting that around the later 1990s, the City places an entrance monument at the northwest intersection of Bunker Lake Boulevard and St. Francis Boulevard and several years ago an automobile crash destroyed the same sign. The entrance sign to the city was not replaced due to the substantial construction taking place at the intersection, which has now been completed. The purpose of this case is to ascertain if the Committee wishes to recommend to City Council to replace the entrance monument at this time.

Chairperson Riley asked if the sign would be lit.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood replied that this design did not call for the sign to be lit. He noted that the previous lit sign received a power drop from Super America and the gas station has changed ownership since that time. He noted that the intersection has a lot of light spill from the well-lit location and therefore lighting would not necessarily be needed.

Chairperson Riley commented that he prefers the aluminum design.

Councilmember Musgrove commented that she also favors that design. She noted that this style does seem similar to Riversbend, which she likes.

Councilmember Woestehoff asked if it would be possible to have a design similar to Riversbend with the faux timbers.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood replied that they could, but they may look odd with the scale of this sign proposed.

Councilmember Musgrove asked if the Riversbend sign uses the blue color that has been used in newer signage.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood replied on the colors that he recalled in the Riversbend sign and did not believe there was blue in that sign.

Councilmember Specht commented that they have been discussing the consistency in branding and asked if that has been considered.

Chairperson Riley commented that the same logo and style is carried through as well as the sign design that they have chosen. He noted that the Highway 10 bridges will also have the City logo.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood commented on the time that was spent by the Council in developing the sign plan which does provide consistency at an affordable price range.

Councilmember Musgrove referenced the landscaping and asked if they would add flowers or plantings that would need to be maintained. She recognized that there are plantings along 47 that require maintenance and that does add ongoing costs.

Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood replied that he did not put much thought into the landscape other than understanding that this area is impacted by salt and snow storage and does not have irrigation, therefore he believes that some type of minimal green landscaping could be added that may hold up better in those conditions.

Motion by Councilmember Musgrove, seconded by Councilmember Woestehoff, to proceed with the aluminum monument sign with plantings as directed by staff with tolerance for salt at a cost not to exceed \$26,000.

Further discussion: Parks & Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood asked for direction on funding, noting that the EDA budget does have available funds. Councilmember Woestehoff stated that he believes that EDA would be appropriate to fund a portion but believes the funding could be left to staff.

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