

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

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Debra Musgrove
 Councilmember Chelsee Howell
 Councilmember Michael Olson

Also Present: City Engineer/Public Works Director Bruce Westby
 Assistant City Engineer Joe Feriancek

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve March 19, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Howell, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting Minutes dated March 19, 2024

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

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.01: Consider Recommendation to City Council to Approve Cooperative Construction Agreement No. 1056358, Approve Plans, and Authorize Advertisements for Bids for Improvement Project #22-17, Ramsey Villas North Sound Wall Improvements

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby presented the staff report and the recommendation to recommend City Council approval of plans and the Cooperative Construction Agreement and authorization to advertise bids for the improvement project, if the Committee supports construction of the sound wall.

Councilmember Olson asked how the plan for the new wall would compare to the existing wall.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby replied that this would be exactly the same detail as the existing wall further to the north.

Councilmember Olson asked if the wall would go over sanitary sewer lines.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby confirmed that would be accurate. He commented that it is a deep line and therefore it will not be impacted.

Councilmember Howell commented she is pleased to see this moving forward for the residents.

Mr. Ted Blakley, 5041 Xkimo Court NW, commented that he is grateful to have forward motion on this as it has taken much longer than they anticipated.

Mrs. Blakley asked for the timing of things, should the group choose to proceed.

Mr. Richard Bailey, 5021 Xkimo Court NW, stated that he also has questions related to the timing as they are anxiously awaiting to have this completed and have some noise reduction in the neighborhood.

Chairperson Musgrove asked for details on the anticipated start and completion dates, should this be approved.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby replied that if the recommendation is provided to move forward, this would go forward to the City Council at its first meeting in May. He provided details on the bidding timeline noting that construction would most likely begin in July or August, noting that the wall construction is fairly quick. He estimated a maximum of two weeks for the actual construction of the wall. He stated that restrictions can be placed upon the construction timeline but that could increase the cost.

Chairperson Musgrove stated that she would like to see it completed this year and would not want to increase the cost of the project by placing additional time constraints.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek stated that the Xkimo Street project has a substantial completion date of August 31st and perhaps this should be timed to not occur after that date.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby commented that would allow a window of two months for construction and therefore would find that acceptable.

Motion by Councilmember Howell, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to recommend City Council approval of plans and Cooperative Construction Agreement No. 1056358, and authorization to advertise bids for Improvement Project #22-17, Ramsey Villas North Sound Wall Improvements, specifying final completion no later than August 31, 2024.

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

5.02: Consider Recommending City Council Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for 2024 NE Ramsey Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #24-03

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek reviewed the staff report and recommendation to recommend City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for 2024 NE Ramsey Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #24-03.

Chairperson Musgrove asked if the three different areas would be completed simultaneously or whether one section would be completed before moving to the next.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek explained that one contractor would bid the project and the phasing would be determined by the contractor. He stated that he would expect the contractor to have a few different crews working on different items in each section for efficiency, explaining that perhaps the first crew works on soil corrections throughout the entire project area and the next crew follows with the next task and so on.

Chairperson Musgrove acknowledged that this work is needed.

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Howell, to recommend City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for 2024 NE Ramsey Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #24-03.

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

5.03: Consider Recommending City Council Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for 2024 Neighborhood Pavement Overlay Improvement, Improvement Project #24-07

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek presented the staff report and recommendation to recommend City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for 2024 Neighborhood Pavement Overlay Improvements, Improvement Project #24-07.

Councilmember Olson asked for more information on the maintenance plan and anticipated life expectancy of the drainage structures proposed for Bowers Drive.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek replied that the City would routinely remove debris from the hydrodynamic separators using the vacuum truck, and estimated the lifespan for these structures to be 60 to 100 years.

Chairperson Musgrove asked for clarification on whether the finger streets are also included for town center.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek replied that only public roads would be completed and not the side private streets.

Chairperson Musgrove asked why PIR funds would be used rather than pavement management funds for paving Basalt Street.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek replied that the intent of the pavement management funds is for reconstruction and overlay improvements and that paving a gravel street would be considered new construction and therefore would not qualify for use of pavement management funds.

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Howell, to recommend City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorize advertisement for bids for 2024 Neighborhood Pavement Overlay Improvements, Improvement Project #24-07.

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

5.04: Consider Recommending City Council Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Advertise for Bids for 2024 Pavement Rejuvenation Improvements, Improvement Project #24-09

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek presented the staff report and recommendation to recommend City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for 2024 Pavement Rejuvenation Improvements, Improvement Project #24-09.

Chairperson Musgrove commented that this has proven to be a better product than what was previously being used and therefore seems to make sense to continue.

Motion by Councilmember Howell, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to recommend City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for 2024 Pavement Rejuvenation Improvements, Improvement Project #24-09.

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

5.05: Consider Recommending City Council Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Advertise for Bids for 2024 MSA Pavement Marking Improvements, Improvement Project #24-10

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek reviewed the staff report and recommendation to recommend City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for 2024 MSA Pavement Marking Improvements, Improvement Project #24-10.

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Howell, to recommend City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for 2024 MSA Pavement Marking Improvements, Improvement Project #24-10.

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

6. COMMITTEE / STAFF INPUT

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

City Engineer/Public Works Director 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.

Chairperson Musgrove asked if there is an update on the Ferry Street/Highway 47 railroad crossing.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby replied that MnDOT has officially paused this project but previously allocated funds are secure for the time being.

6.02: Review Future Topics Calendar

Chairperson Musgrove provided input on street sweeping studies as discussed by the Watershed Implementation Funding group today and asked for information on the City's street sweeping policy.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby provided additional details on the street sweeping process and its benefits, and that Staff plans to review and update the street sweeping policy to address everything practicable to reduce the transport of sediment and phosphorus to receiving waters.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce Westby
City Engineer/Public Works Director

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