

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

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Debra Musgrove
 Councilmember Chelsee Howell (via Zoom)
 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.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Howell	aye
Councilmember Olson	aye
Chairperson Musgrove	aye

Motion carried.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve April 16, 2024, Meeting Minutes

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

Regular Meeting Minutes dated April 16, 2024

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Olson	aye
Councilmember Howell	aye
Chairperson Musgrove	aye

Motion carried.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.01: Consider Recommending City Council Order Request for Proposals for 2025 Capital Improvement Program Projects Topographic Surveys, Geotechnical Services and Utility Testing

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek reviewed the staff report and recommendation to recommend City Council order request for proposals for 2025 Capital Improvement Program projects topographic surveys, geotechnical services and utility testing.

Councilmember Olson asked the generally accepted life expectancy of an overlay.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek replied that when building from scratch they would overlay at years 20 and 40 and reconstruct at year 60. He stated that varies significantly with the existing roadways because of the varying base. He stated that 15 to 20 years is the general target but some roads are not lasting that long and will need a reconstruction instead.

Chairperson Musgrove stated that the plan would be to put together the proposals and asked if the plan would change for some of the roads based on that data.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek stated that the streets identified for reconstruction need reconstruction and will not fall back up to overlay status. He stated that those identified for overlay could change to reconstruction if the data supports that, noting that big changes can occur to pavement condition in the last few years of the lifespan.

Chairperson Musgrove recognized that some roads have better underlying bases than others and therefore this data is always helpful. She recognized the work staff does to track the life and condition of roads in the community. She asked if there have been any residents expressing concerns with roads that could impact the plan for roads this year.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek stated that he typically receives a lot of calls in the spring but with the amount of patching that was done last year, the number of calls was greatly reduced. He stated that he has received calls, but those roads are included for 2025 and 2026 projects already and noted that some of those roads are proposed to be skim patched this year.

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Howell, to recommend City Council order request for proposals for 2025 Capital Improvement Program projects topographic surveys, geotechnical services and utility testing.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Howell	aye
Councilmember Olson	aye
Chairperson Musgrove	aye

Motion carried.

5.02: Consider Recommendation to City Council to Request Proposals for Intersection Control Evaluations for Riverstone North

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby reviewed the staff report and recommendation to recommend City Council approval to request proposals for Intersection Control Evaluations for Riverstone North.

Councilmember Olson asked if there an estimated length of time for the outside consultant to complete their evaluations.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby replied that they would request the work to be turned around within one month. He noted that this would be much faster than staff would be able to complete this. He noted that in total it could be two months before the data is back for review from a consultant, where it could be in excess of five months if staff were to try to do the work.

Chairperson Musgrove commented that she does see the value in having an outside consultant do this work in order to get accurate counts. She stated that she would also like the no change option to be included in the proposal.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby agreed that collecting all the data at once will provide a truer picture. He stated that doing nothing is always an option in a study.

Councilmember Olson stated that perhaps a less obtrusive answer would be to find the more traveled directions and use a yield for those directions with stop signs at the other directions.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby commented that there are very few yield signs in Ramsey, noting that is something Ramsey has shied away from historically. He noted that the consultant could provide that recommendation.

Chairperson Musgrove stated that input from public safety on accidents and which direction they are coming from could be helpful.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby confirmed that data is collected for the study. He stated that this action would just be to go out for RFPs.

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Howell, to recommend City Council approval to request proposals for Intersection Control Evaluations for Riverstone North.

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Olson	aye
Councilmember Howell	aye
Chairperson Musgrove	aye

Motion carried.

5.03: Receive Update on Water Treatment Plant Construction Contingency Expense Funds

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby reviewed the staff report, providing an update on the status of the Construction Contingency Expense funds for the Water Treatment Plant.

Chairperson Musgrove appreciated the update and overview that there is no anticipation of needing more than the contingency funds allotted.

Councilmember Olson agreed.

5.04: Review Final Elk River Highway Corridor Study

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

Councilmember Olson asked for, and received clarification on road locations.

Chairperson Musgrove asked and received confirmation that an option is chosen and then the environmental review is completed. She asked if this project occurs between two counties.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby commented that he started in his position in Ramsey in 2013 and the first meeting he attended was related to the Highway 10 access planning study. He noted that Elk River was included in that meeting as a partner and noted the other partners as this corridor spreads across two counties and two MnDOT districts. He stated that Elk River would be the driver of this project/study, just as Ramsey was for its project.

Chairperson Musgrove referenced a low-income number that is referenced that she believed to be incorrect and was unsure that information would be helpful. She noted similar concerns with minority populations and other metrics. She commented that as the corridor has been improved from Coon Rapids, through Anoka and into Ramsey, this corridor would be more vulnerable to accidents. She recognized the estimated timeline of eight to ten years for construction and hoped that Elk River stays vested in this corridor.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby commented that in Ramsey there are not hot spots for accidents in this corridor, noting that the problem intersection is in Elk River at 171st Avenue. He recognized that signal systems will be removed from the corridor in Ramsey which will impact the gaps in traffic that currently exist and could impact those access points in Ramsey, but staff will continue to monitor that.

Chairperson Musgrove commented that previous members of the Committee were interested in the study and asked if the information could be shared with the full Council. She confirmed that could be done through email, recognizing the full agendas for upcoming work sessions.

Councilmember Olson noted that the City Administrator did send out an email with a link last Friday.

5.05: 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 for additional details on who would be liable for costs due to the gas main that was recently hit during work on Highway 10.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby stated that the first priority is to repair the issue and then liability is discussed after that. He anticipated that the contractor and CenterPoint Energy would work together to determine who would be responsible for costs and that the City has no control or responsibility for this issue.

Councilmember Olson asked for details on the grinding of pavement and related dust that is kicked out.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby commented that the City has received many complaints about Ames pavement grinding operations from businesses along the corridor, which have been forwarded to the Ramsey Gateway project management team who will work with MnDOT and Ames to determine what can be done to reduce the dust. He stated that is the location where the work needs to occur and they have been trying to minimize dust, noting that they will continue to work with the property owners to resolve their concerns.

5.06: Review Future Topics Calendar

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby reviewed the future topics calendar noting that staff is attempting to move items off the list.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

A roll call vote was performed:

Councilmember Howell	aye
Councilmember Olson	aye

Chairperson Musgrove aye

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce Westby
City Engineer/Public Works Director

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