

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

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present:     Chairperson Michael Olson  
                            Councilmember Chris Riley  
                            Councilmember Dan Specht (virtual attendee)

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

**1.     CALL TO ORDER**

Acting 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 Olson, seconded by Acting Chairperson Riley, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Acting Chairperson Riley, Councilmembers Olson and Specht. Voting No: None.

Chairperson Olson recalled that he was appointed Chairperson at the January meeting and took control of the meeting.

**4.     APPROVE MINUTES**

**4.01: Approve January 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

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

Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 21, 2025

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Olson, Councilmembers Riley and Specht. Voting No: None.

## **5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **5.01: Consider Recommending City Council Approving Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for High Point Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #25-05**

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek presented the staff report and recommendation to recommend City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorizing advertisement for bids for High Point Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #25-05.

Councilmember Specht recognized the plan would include a smaller cul-de-sac. He asked and received confirmation that the City would retain ownership of the remaining right-of-way. He noted that could be more complicated when property owners sell to a new person.

Chairperson Olson commented that information is included in the paperwork when selling a home.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Specht, to recommend City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorizing advertisement for bids for High Point Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #25-05.

Further discussion: Councilmember Riley commented that he appreciates they are working ahead and will be able to start and complete projects earlier than they had in the past. He recognized the work of staff to get them on this schedule.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Olson, Councilmembers Riley and Specht. Voting No: None.

### **5.02: Consider Recommending City Council Approving Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for Sorteberg's Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #25-06**

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek presented the staff report and recommendation for City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorizing advertisement for bids for Sorteberg's Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #25-06.

Councilmember Specht asked if there is a calendar that shows the open house dates.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek replied that he does not have those on a calendar but could make the members of the Committee aware of the meeting dates should they wish to attend.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby cautioned against issues of a quorum of Council attending an open house meeting without proper posted notice. He asked for and received confirmation that Committee members would like to be notified in advance of open houses.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Specht, to recommend City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorizing advertisement for bids for Sorteberg's Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #25-06.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Olson, Councilmembers Riley and Specht. Voting No: None.

**5.03: Consider Recommending City Council Order Requests for Proposals for 2026 Capital Improvement Program Projects Topographic Surveys, Geotechnical Services and Utility Testing**

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek presented the staff report and recommendation for City Council to order Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for 2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects topographic surveys, geotechnical services, and utility testing.

Councilmember Riley asked if these are judged to be the worst roads that best fit together, outside of the road that was included to take advantage of TIF funds.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek agreed that these are the roads requiring overlays and reconstructions that best fit the CIP schedule and can utilize available funding. He stated that staff's goal for overlays is to complete an overlay before it is no longer a feasible option and a more costly reconstruction is required.

Councilmember Specht recognized that this plan also helps to address road maintenance before it creates a pile-up of roads that need reconstruction.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Specht, to recommend City Council order Requests for Proposals for 2026 Capital Improvement Program projects topographic surveys, geotechnical services, and utility testing.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Olson, Councilmembers Riley and Specht. 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.

Councilmember Riley stated that he has received questions about the "City of Ramsey" name on the side of the Sunfish Lake Boulevard bridge and asked if the plans could be shared publicly.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby stated that he is waiting for the graphic from MnDOT to show what it will look like once painted. He stated that he can bring that to the March Committee meeting, and they can then discuss how to share that with the public.

#### **6.02: Review Future Topics Calendar**

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby noted items that will move forward for discussion at the March Committee meeting.

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Specht, to adjourn the Public Works Committee meeting.

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bruce Westby  
City Engineer/Public Works Director

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