

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

5.03: Consider Recommendation to City Council to Accept Bids and Award Contract for Improvement Project #25-01, Rivers Bend Regional Stormwater Improvements

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby reviewed the staff report and stated that staff recommends providing a recommendation to the City Council to accept bids and award a contract for construction of Improvement Project #25-01, Rivers Bend Regional Stormwater Improvements.

Councilmember Riley asked if the municipal well in that area is being abandoned and whether the pond will remain within the drinking water supply management area (DWSMA).

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby replied there are two municipal wells in this area, noting that well no. 1 will continue to be utilized although it would not be treated by the water treatment plant. He stated the pond will therefore remain within the DWSMA. He confirmed that the second well is only used for irrigation of Rivers Bend park.

Chairperson Musgrove referenced the grant dollars from the watershed, noting that those are legacy fund dollars allocated by the State. She explained that the Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization (LRRWMO), Upper Rum River Watershed Management Organization (URRWMO) and Anoka Conservation District worked together to develop a plan to allocate those dollars within the boundaries of both WMOs. She stated significant dollars were allocated towards this water quality improvement project and she was happy to see this project moving forward.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby commented that Ramsey received an allocation, and Anoka has passed on the \$40,000 they were allocated, which allows Ramsey to request those funds which would increase the total grant contribution to around \$290,000. He stated that the remaining funding would come from stormwater management funds.

Motion by Councilmember Howell, seconded by Councilmember Riley, to recommend that the City Council accept bids and award a contract for construction of Improvement Project #25-01, Rivers Bend Regional Stormwater Improvements.

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

6. COMMITTEE / STAFF INPUT

6.01: Consider Recommending City Council Order Request for Proposals for Sunwood Drive Concrete Pedestrian Crossing Replacement Topographic Survey

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek reviewed the staff report and stated that staff recommends that the Committee recommend the City Council order request for proposals for Sunwood Drive concrete pedestrian crossing replacement topographic survey.

Councilmember Howell asked if there is a difference in the cost and longevity of plain concrete versus colored concrete.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek replied that generally colored concrete is slightly more expensive. He stated that while he believes that the issues with the quality of colored concrete have been resolved, the City has had poor experience in the past.

Councilmember Riley commented that years ago this was a great idea, but it did not work as it was supposed to. He stated that while he likes the look of it, he would not want to put that back in without a better feeling that it would last the length of the street lifespan. He stated that if the improvement could be delayed to 2029, he would suggest doing that. Regarding the Center Street parking lane improvements, he would prefer adding a bike rack to deter vehicle access.

Chairperson Musgrove asked when Sunwood is planned to be redone, and it was confirmed that is scheduled for 2029. She asked if the colored concrete were installed would that then be ripped up in 2029.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek replied that staff proposes to split that project into two years, noting that in 2025 they would focus on the crosswalks as the concrete is deteriorating and poses a tripping hazard. He stated that there are other options that provide the aesthetics of colored concrete without coloring it and provided examples. He stated that the material could also simply be replaced with concrete and thermoplastic.

Councilmember Howell stated that she would be fine with the plain concrete as she did not believe the examples would add visual benefit, especially if they are more expensive with a lesser lifespan. She stated she likes the current black crosswalks.

Councilmember Riley asked if the crosswalks done in 2025 would be replaced again in 2029.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek replied that the 2029 project would be concrete repairs and would not require replacement of the crosswalks.

Chairperson Musgrove stated that while she likes the look of the black crosswalks, it would be hard to support that option without having the cost and therefore would support plain concrete.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek stated that the action tonight is just to authorize the topographic survey work, and he could bring back additional information on the costs and anticipated longevity of alternative crosswalk design options.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Howell, to recommend that the City Council order requests for proposals for Sunwood Drive concrete pedestrian crossing replacement topographic survey.

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

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek stated that this would most likely come back in November or December.

6.02: Consider Recommendation to City Council to Submit Application for 2024 MnDOT Metro Standalone Noise Barrier Program

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby reviewed the staff report stating that over the years, staff has received requests to construct a sound wall between Highway 10 and the properties abutting Beatty Avenue and Collins Drive. In 2022, MnDOT completed a study through their Metro Standalone Noise Barrier Program that showed this area ranked 135th out of 172 project areas and was found not to be cost-effective to construct sound wall improvements. He provided additional details on City costs and the application process.

Chairperson Musgrove asked if a noise study was completed.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby replied that MnDOT completes a study, to determine the benefit to residents that would be provided. He noted that when Riverstone South went in a noise study was completed as part of the EAW.

Chairperson Musgrove asked if that formula used by MnDOT has changed from 2022 to 2024.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby replied that the formula has not changed although the cost would have changed. He confirmed that this request was made by one resident.

Chairperson Musgrove commented that she would tend not to support this request because of the cost.

Councilmember Howell commented that this would seem to continue to rank low on the list and therefore would not recommend spending the time and resources to apply.

Chairperson Musgrove confirmed the consensus of the committee to not submit an application.

6.03: Update on Pavement Management Program

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek provided an update on the Pavement Management Program.

Councilmember Riley asked the range for the road ratings.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek replied there are a couple roads rated at 2 and a fair amount of 3's. He stated that many of the streets proposed for overlays or reconstructions over the next four to five years are rated at 3 or less. He noted that the dirt roads would be rated as zero but explained that those are not rated.