

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

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Michael Olson
 Councilmember Chris Riley

Members Absent: Councilmember Dan Specht

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Olson and Councilmember Riley. Voting No: None.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve May 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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

Regular Meeting Minutes dated May 20, 2025

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Olson and Councilmember Riley. Voting No: None.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.01: Consider Recommending City Council Authorization to Prepare Plans and Specifications for 2026 Pavement Management Program Projects

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek reviewed the staff report and recommendation, which recommended City Council authorization to prepare plans and specifications for 2026 Pavement Management Program projects.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby commented that as they continue to work their way north, where ditches are more prevalent, they continue to receive comments related to ditches holding water for long periods of time. He stated that residents ask why stormwater utility fees are required to be paid when ditches are not being re-graded during street reconstruction projects. He stated that staff more and more frequently need to meet with property owners to discuss concerns related to ditches and potential drainage improvement projects. He stated the majority of homeowners are just happy the roads are being fixed, but that some want all of the ditches re-graded at the same time. He stated staff do add drainage improvements to street reconstruction projects, such as when there is the potential for homes to be flooded, but that wholesale re-grading of ditches are not considered. Then during construction, staff will work with property owners who voice drainage concerns on a one-on-one basis to address their concerns, if possible.

Councilmember Riley asked and received confirmation that they are continuing to address the roads in the worst condition first. He referenced a street segment that appears to be part of a neighborhood street reconstruction project and asked why that street is not included in the project.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek replied that is a separate subdivision and the street was constructed at a different time therefore this street is scheduled for repairs within the CIP at a later date.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Chairperson Olson, to recommend City Council authorization to prepare plans and specifications for 2026 Pavement Management Program projects.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Olson and Councilmember Riley. Voting No: None.

5.02: Consider Recommendation to City Council to Approve Plans and Authorize Advertise for Bid for 2025 Pavement Skim Patching Project

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby reviewed the staff report and recommendation, which recommended City Council approval of plans and authorization to advertise for bids for a 2025 Pavement Skim Patching Project.

Motion by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Chairperson Olson, to recommend City Council approval of plans and authorization to advertise for bids for a 2025 Pavement Skim Patching Project.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Olson and Councilmember Riley. 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.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby provided additional details on the water treatment plant project and related delays.

Councilmember Riley requested monthly updates on the Waterfront splash pad project moving forward, as well as more detailed updates moving forward on the Water Treatment Plant project, the Ramsey Gateway Highway 10 project, and the 2027 MnDOT Highway 10 mill and overlay project.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby presented a short video clip of staff using the new 19” wood chipper on emerald ash borer infested trees removed from Peltzer Park.

6.02: Update on Minnesota Department of Transportation 2027 Highway 10 Mill and Overlay and Reduced Conflict Intersection Improvements Project

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby stated that staff were recently made aware of a proposed Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) 2027 Highway 10 Pavement Mill and Overlay and Reduced Conflict Intersection Improvements project. He presented the information to the Committee, reviewed staff comments, and welcomed additional comments from the Committee.

Councilmember Riley commented that it makes sense to request another westbound J-turn within the City of Ramsey. He stated that while he agrees that something should be done to improve safety at these intersections, he was unsure that this was the answer, noting several problems were identified by staff.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby explained that Elk River has also voiced concerns with these plans.

Councilmember Riley commented that while the overlay will be a good project, this would remove a lot of access and does not seem well thought through.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby stated that he will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available.

6.03: Review Future Topics Calendar

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby reviewed the future topics calendar.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby commented that the concrete pavement on Sunwood Drive heaved next to PSD’s office building a few years ago and provided information on two

potential repair options. The first and less costly option would be to remove as minimal a strip of concrete pavement as possible and repave the street using bituminous pavement, which would require a one-day shutdown of Sunwood Drive. The second and more expensive option would be to remove two full-width concrete pavement panels and repave them with concrete, which would require a full week shutdown of Sunwood Drive. Staff recommend the first option to allow the work to be done as soon as possible.

Councilmember Riley stated that while he would lean towards the second option, he supports the staff-recommended first option.

Chairperson Olson agreed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Olson adjourned the meeting.

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Westby
City Engineer/Public Works Director

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