

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

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Michael Olson
 Councilmember Chris Riley
 Councilmember Dan Specht

Also Present: City Engineer/Public Works Director Bruce Westby

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 Councilmember Specht, to approve the agenda, as presented.

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve July 15, 2024, Meeting Minutes

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

Regular Meeting Minutes dated July 15, 2025

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

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.01: 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. He presented Connexus Energy's updated cost estimate for The COR Street Lighting Improvements in the amount of \$455,976.75 and noted that Winter construction fees (frost charges) may apply between November 1st and April 1st and that Connexus would need to order these lights therefore construction in 2025 would not be feasible or cost-effective.

Councilmember Riley agreed that the lighting should continue as planned and that the project could wait until 2026.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby confirmed the consensus of the Committee to proceed with the project as a 2026 project when the materials are available. He then reviewed the update for The Waterfront and stated a more thorough update will be provided in October by Parks and Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood.

Councilmember Specht asked for an update on the Sunfish Lake Boulevard roundabout landscaping.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby commented that the Contractor is focused on completing the work on Ramsey Boulevard first then, once that is open, some of the traffic will divert from Sunfish Lake Boulevard, at which time they can work on that landscaping more safely. He provided additional updates on landscaping and seeding for other projects. He provided details on the Village of Sunfish Lake neighborhood, noting that the original intent was to restrict parking on one or both sides of streets, but that no-parking signs were never erected. He commented on resident complaints received regarding too over-parked streets and the safety concerns this causes, and on staff's plan to post no-parking signs on the side of public streets with mailboxes, and to install no-parking signs on both sides of the horseshoe street surrounding the open green space west of Radium Street. He said staff plan to mail letters to residents in this neighborhood noting the proposed parking restrictions, and confirmed the consensus of the Committee to mail advance notice letters. He provided additional information on the typical process followed to address traffic control modification requests and asked if the Committee would support the creation of a policy to make the process smoother and easier for residents to understand. The Committee agreed.

5.02: Review Future Topics Calendar

Councilmember Riley asked if dates could be added to certain items on the list.

The Committee agreed to remove the "Use of Recycled Shingles for Pavement Patching" item from the list.

6. COMMITTEE / STAFF INPUT

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 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Westby
City Engineer/Public Works Director

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