

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

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present:     Chairperson Michael Olson  
                            Councilmember Chris Riley  
                            Councilmember Dan Specht (arrived at 5:48 p.m.)

Also Present:         City Engineer/Public Works Director Bruce Westby  
                            Assistant City Engineer Joe Feriancek  
                            Parks and Assistant Public Works Director Mark Riverblood

**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 December 16, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

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

Regular Meeting Minutes dated December 16, 2025

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

**5.     COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**5.01: Appoint Chair and Vice-Chair of the Public Works Committee**

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby stated that annually, the Committee appoints a Chair and Vice Chair, which are the actions before the Committee tonight.

Chairperson Olson nominated Councilmember Riley for Chairperson.

Councilmember Riley accepted the nomination.

Motion by Chairperson Olson, seconded by Councilmember Riley, to appoint Chris Riley as Chairperson of the Public Works Committee for the term January 20, 2026, to December 31, 2026.

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

Chairperson Riley nominated Councilmember Olson as Vice Chair.

Councilmember Olson accepted.

Motion by Chairperson Riley, seconded by Councilmember Olson, to appoint Michael Olson as Vice-Chairperson of the Public Works Committee for the term January 20, 2026, to December 31, 2026.

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

#### **5.02: Consider a Recommendation to City Council Approving On-Street Parking Restrictions Around Skyline Apartments**

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby reviewed the staff report and recommendation to approve the on-street parking restrictions around Skyline Apartments as proposed.

Councilmember Olson stated that he does like this plan. He asked for additional information on resident parking and resident overflow parking.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby replied that the renters have spaces below the building on the east, as well as within the courtyard. He stated that he had not seen signage in the courtyard specifying resident-only parking.

Chairperson Riley commented that he supports the parking restrictions but was unsure why there were two different restrictions proposed rather than making the restrictions consistent.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby stated that it is his understanding that the salon business owner requested two-hour parking, as did the developer to accommodate future businesses. He was unsure why one-hour parking was proposed along Sunwood Drive.

Chairperson Riley commented that he would prefer to have two-hour parking on all of the streets for consistency.

Councilmember Olson stated that he would also support that change, absent any rationale for the one-hour parking.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby stated that the salon opens in March and stated that he can check back with the salon owner and developer to ensure they support that change, and if there are no changes, it can move forward to the City Council.

Chairperson Riley confirmed that input can be solicited and brought to the Council with the recommendation from the Committee.

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Chairperson Riley, to recommend City Council approval of on-street parking restrictions around Skyline Apartments, as discussed with the two-hour restriction only.

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

### **5.03: Receive Updates on Waterfront Water Play Park Improvements**

Parks and Assistant Public Works Director Riverblood provided an update on the Waterfront Water Play Park improvement project.

Councilmember Specht arrived.

### **5.04: Further Discuss Repairing Irrigation Damage Associated with Improvement Projects**

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek reviewed the staff report and asked for input from the Committee on the draft policy.

Chairperson Riley asked for information on commercial-grade sprinkler heads.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek reviewed the language within the draft policy that would cover that element.

Chairperson Riley confirmed the consensus of the Committee in support of the draft policy.

### **5.05: Consider Recommending City Council Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisements for Bids for Flintwood Hills 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #26-05**

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek reviewed the staff report and recommended City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorization of advertisements for bids for Flintwood Hills 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #26-05.

Councilmember Olson suggested placing temporary signs in the field using language such as “Park This Side Only” rather than directing residents via letters to park on the north, south, east or west side of a street since some residents may not understand these directions.

Chairperson Riley asked if any changes are planned to 142<sup>nd</sup> Avenue between Argon Street and Highway 47, which was converted from a street to a pedestrian trail many years ago.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek replied that the pavement is in good condition, so the trail will remain as is.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby commented that vehicles are often parked in the stub street area, which can prevent others from using the area to turn around. He stated staff have received complaints about vehicles backing up along Argon Street all the way to 142<sup>nd</sup> Lane when there is no room to turn around in the stub street so staff plan to stripe and sign the stub street to prevent parking and allow the area to be used by vehicles to turn around.

Chairperson Riley noted that it feels tight with the corner going up the hill and asked if there are any planned changes.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek replied that the street is proposed to be reconstructed as it is.

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Specht, to recommend City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorize advertisements for bids for Flintwood Hills 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Reconstructions, Improvement Project #26-05.

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

**5.06: Consider Recommending City Council Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisements for Bids for 2026 Crack Seal Improvements, Improvement Project #26-09**

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek reviewed the staff report and recommended City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorization of advertisements for bids for 2026 Crack Seal Improvements, Improvement Project #26-09.

Councilmember Olson asked if the toilet paper material will be applied on top of the crack sealing.

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek confirmed that it is used to prevent the crack seal material from sticking to tires.

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Specht, to recommend City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorize advertisements for bids for 2026 Crack Seal Improvements, Improvement Project #26-09.

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

**5.07: Consider Recommending City Council Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisements for Bids for 2026 Pavement Rejuvenation Improvements, Improvement Project #26-10**

Assistant City Engineer Feriancek reviewed the staff report and recommended City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorization of advertisements for bids for 2026 Pavement Rejuvenation Improvements, Improvement Project #26-10.

Motion by Councilmember Olson, seconded by Councilmember Specht, to recommend City Council approval of plans and specifications and authorize advertisements for bids for 2026 Pavement Rejuvenation Improvements, Improvement Project #26-10.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Riley and Councilmembers Olson 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. More detailed information was provided on the Water Treatment Plant and the plan to bring the facility online once ready. He confirmed that there should be no noticeable change in water pressure for residents.

Chairperson Riley noted grant funds have been awarded to Elk River for Highway 10 planning purposes and asked staff to present more information on this at the next Public Works Committee meeting.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Westby commented that he had not received information on that as of yet, but would follow up. He estimated that Elk River is at least three or four years away from starting any Highway 10 improvements.

**6.02: Review Future Topics Calendar**

Noted.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bruce Westby  
City Engineer/Public Works Director

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