PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA

The Public Works Committee conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at the Ramsey Municipal Center, 7550 Sunwood Drive NW, Ramsey, Minnesota.

Members Present: Chairperson Chris Riley
Councilmember Michael Olson

Members Absent: Councilmember Dan Specht

Also Present: Public Works Director Bruce Westby

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Riley called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 5:43 p.m.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

3. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.01: Approve July 21, 2026, Meeting Minutes

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

Regular Meeting Minutes dated July 21, 2026

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

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

There was none.

6. COMMITTEE / STAFF INPUT

6.01: Receive Updates on Improvement Projects, Studies, and Items of Interest

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.

Chairperson Riley asked what staff's plans are for connecting sidewalk segments around the well house on Center Street.

Public Works Director Westby replied that while the goal was to complete that connection this year, it was not completed and should be completed in the spring. He continued to provide project updates.

Chairperson Riley stated that connecting the TH 47 trail gap has been discussed for over ten years. He recognized that the sidewalk and bike route signs along Xkimo Street is a workaround, but there should be a trail along TH 47 and he is frustrated that it has not happened and believes the City should move ahead with it regardless.

Public Works Director Westby replied that they are continuing to work on that and noted that MnDOT staff leave of absences and position changes caused significant delays. He stated that staff will keep pushing to get it done. He anticipated that they would connect with the new project manager from MnDOT within the next month.

Chairperson Riley asked that an update be provided at the next meeting and if there are further delays, the City should pursue the trail gap on its own.

Public Works Director Westby stated that there is a jog in the right-of-way by Holiday that MnDOT was planning to obtain an easement for, which is why they have been driving the project. He estimated that it would be a few thousand dollars for Bolton & Menk to update the plan and cost estimate, but staff has delayed that while waiting for more information from MnDOT. He stated that if desired, staff could direct Bolton & Menk to update the plans and estimate.

Chairperson Riley confirmed that he would like Bolton & Menk to update the estimate for the next meeting. He commented that they have kicked this can down the road for more than a decade by waiting for one thing or another, and he wants this to be completed.

Public Works Director Westby confirmed that he would place this item on the October agenda. He continued to provide updates on projects of other agencies. He provided additional updates on the Highway 10 mill and overlay project proposed by MnDOT as a 2027 project. He said has still not heard anything about an open house meeting for the project, which he believed was to occur this fall. He stated staff recently received a maintenance agreement concerning the proposed at-grade uncontrolled pedestrian crosswalk for Highway 10 at Alpine Drive with a request for City Council to execute the agreement by September 24th. He said staff responded to MnDOT by stating staff do not support uncontrolled at-grade pedestrian crossings of Highway 10 and will therefore not take action to execute the Maintenance Agreement.

Chairperson Riley asked if MnDOT responded to any of the comments/suggestions of the City.

Public Works Director Westby stated that MnDOT had generally not incorporated any of staff's comments into the plans.

Chairperson Riley asked if there would be an opportunity for the City Administrator to go further up the chain at MnDOT.

Public Works Director Westby stated that he could escalate the issue. He confirmed that staff have spoken with Elk River staff, who have similar comments to Ramsey about the project. He stated that he will speak with the City Administrator to determine the best path forward. He asked if the Center Street/Bunker Lake roundabout grant application should be added to the monthly update list.

Chairperson Riley confirmed that it could be added to the list and updates can be provided as they are available.

6.02: Review Future Topics Calendar

Chairperson Riley recognized that the list is short and asked if they need to consider adding things to the list.

Public Works Director Westby stated calendar entries do serve as helpful reminders to staff of items the Committee feels are important to track.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce Westby
Public Works Director

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