

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
June 19, 2019
Government Center Room 204

Members Present: Esther Dalbec, Keith Kern, Jenny Van Sickle, Brent Fennessey (alt)

Also Present: Todd Janigo, Chris Carlson, Angie Harker, Thor Trone, Dan Olson, Shelley Nelson, Scott Ely, Cari Reder, Mike Spinner

1. Approval of May 15, 2019 meeting minutes.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by Van Sickle, and carried to approve the Public Works Committee minutes of May 15, 2019.

Chair Kern asked to suspend the rules and move item #4.1 up on the agenda at the request of Councilor Fennessey. There were no objections.

4.1 Councilor Fennessey: Consider reducing speed limit from 30 to 25 mph on Hill Avenue between Belknap and North 21st Streets.

Councilor Fennessey explained he was contacted by a constituent who was concerned about the 30 mile per hour speed limit on Hill Avenue. Fennessey indicated children who live in Hayes Court must cross Hill Avenue to board the school bus, therefore a 25 mile per hour speed limit seems more appropriate in this residential area. There was a brief discussion.

MOTION by Van Sickle, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to approve reducing the speed limit from 30 to 25 mph on Hill Avenue between Belknap and North 21st Streets.

2. Councilor Olson: Review of ATV/UTV Road/Alley Route between Hammond and Banks Avenues with possible change of route from the alley to North 58th Street.

Councilor Olson explained that he had been contacted by constituent Greg Mertzig who had concerns about the ATV/UTV route being in the alley in his neighborhood. Olson indicated Mertzig was concerned for the safety of young children. After consulting with Public Works staff, Olson indicated that it seemed appropriate to move the year round route out of the alley and onto North 58th Street. The winter route would remain in the alley. A map of the proposed changed was reviewed. Cari Reder of 5403 John Avenue was present at the meeting and has lived in this area for many years. She asked questions and was not opposed to the suggested route change.

MOTION by Kern, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to approve removing the east-west alley route and related portions of Butler and Banks Avenues and add North 58th Street to the City of Superior Year Round ATV/UTV Road Routes.

3. Public Works Director Janigo on behalf of Husky Refinery: Reduce speed limit permanently to 25 mph on Stinson Avenue in front of the refinery between Bardon and Hill Avenues.

Janigo explained that the speed limit had been temporarily reduced from 35 – 25 miles per hour after the refinery fire and Husky is requesting that this change be made permanent for employee safety.

MOTION by Van Sickle, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to approving reducing the speed limit permanently to 25 mph on Stinson Avenue in front of the refinery between Bardon and Hill Avenues.

4. Public Works Director Janigo at the request of the DTA: Review & revise ordinances regarding no parking for DTA bus layover stops in the area of Banks/Broadway/Winter. Janigo indicated he was contacted by the DTA who indicated that since Charter Films made changes to their parking lot, DTA bus layover stops have been affected and need to be updated in ordinance as follows: No parking odd side - remove Banks Avenue from Winter Street 220 feet south and add Banks Avenue from Broadway north 150' to the alley. Add no parking on even side of street Broadway Street from Banks Avenue 200' east on the south side of Broadway. There was a brief discussion.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by Van Sickle, and carried to approve removing DTA bus parking only on odd side of Banks Avenue from Winter Street 220 feet south.

MOTION by Van Sickle, seconded by Dalbec, and carried to approve adding DTA bus parking only on odd side of Banks Avenue from Broadway north 150' to the alley and Broadway Street from Banks Avenue 200' east on the south side of Broadway.

5. ESD Director's Report

Committee members received ESD Director Roberts report with the agenda packet. Janigo recapped the report.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by Van Sickle, and carried to receive and file the ESD Director's Report.

6. Tabled from the May 15, 2019 meeting: Public Works Director Janigo & Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director Cadotte: Tree abatement assistance program draft. Dalbec reported that she met with Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director Linda Cadotte and Councilor Ruth Ludwig about this matter, however it is still in the discussion stage.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by Van Sickle, and carried to table the tree abatement assistance program draft.

7. Public Works Director's Report.

Janigo reported that the grand opening of Belknap Street was held this week. He indicated that some work on the street continues including line painting, cleanup items and tree and shrub replacement. He gave an update on the North 28th Street project indicating that WisDOT has pushed the project back to 2020 as the railroad estimate came in late. The State Municipal Agreement (SMA) for the 2020 South Superior signal project has been received. The Street Department is currently working on ditching, catch basins and manholes. They will also assist in tearing down the old fire hall. It is anticipated they will begin paving after the 4th of July. The line painting contractor is currently in the city working on the annual line painting.

Dalbec announced the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

The next Public Works Committee meeting will be held July 17th at 5 p.m. in Room 204 of the Government Center.

Minutes submitted to the Council Meeting of July 2, 2019.