

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
Wednesday, November 18th, 2015
Government Center Room 204

Members Present: Mike Herrick, Bob Finsland, Tom Fennessey and Esther Dalbec

Also Present: Todd Janigo, Chris Carlson, Steve Roberts, Mark Unger, Angie Harker, Dennis Dalbec, Denise McDonald, David J. Johnson, Shelley Nelson, and Brett Brodeen.

Bob Finsland called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of October 21st, 2015, minutes.

MOTION by Herrick, seconded by Fennessey, and carried to approve the Public Works Committee minutes of October 21st, 2015.

1. Held in committee from 10/21/15: Councilors Herrick and D. Dalbec requesting review of the 4-way stop signs at Wyoming Avenue & North 19th Street.

Councilor D. Dalbec was present and indicated that the 4-way stop was to be temporary. He stated neighbors in the area have been calling him asking that it be removed. The committee discussed a report submitted by Lieutenant John Kiel outlining the data from the speed signs he put up on both Wyoming and Susquehanna Avenues. In summary Kiel indicated that the stop signs on Wyoming do not appear to have any effect on reducing the speed or limiting violations. He recommended a single permanent stop sign be placed at whatever intersection that the majority of students cross at. Cooper School Principal Brett Brodeen was present and re-stated his preference that the 4-way stop remains. The committee agreed that since there is a crossing guard in the morning and the afternoon, the 4-way stop could be removed, however D. Dalbec suggested that the principal inform children and families that they should cross at one intersection only, where the crossing guard is stationed. Brodeen plans to speak with Kiel about moving both the crossing guard and the fold-out stop signs to Wyoming Avenue and North 19th Street as they have students working other intersections on North 19th and this would be the most logical place for the guard to be stationed. He did ask that this change not be implemented until after the students return from their holiday break. He asked that the 4-way stop be removed sometime after December 18 and before January 1. This will allow him time to notify students and their families.

MOTION by Herrick, seconded by Fennessey, and carried to approve removing the north-south stop signs at Wyoming Avenue & North 19th Street (removing the 4-way stop) after December 18, 2015 and prior to January 1, 2016, (leaving the stop signs on North 19th at Wyoming Avenue making this a 2-way stop).

2. Held in committee from 10/21/15: Councilor Bender requests establishment of a Community Compost Tumbler at the City garage on 24th and Hill Avenue.

Councilor Fennessey indicated that Bender asked that this item be held in committee for another month.

MOTION by Fennessey, seconded by Herrick, and carried to hold in committee Councilor Bender's request to establish a Community Compost Tumbler at the City garage on 24th and Hill Avenue.

3. Held in committee from 10/21/15: Councilor D. Dalbec requesting installation of street lights along Wyoming Avenue between Wellington and North 28th Streets. Council D. Dalbec explained that this isn't a request for street lights, but rather for pedestrian lighting, as it is dark in this area for people that are walking. He stated he informed the homeowner that called him about the issue, that this type of improvement would generally be placed on the tax bill and shared amongst neighbors (like special assessments for blacktop alleys) and committee members agreed that this would be appropriate. Since the city has not installed pedestrian lights before, the Public Works department will look into the issue and report back to the committee with costs, etc.

MOTION by Fennessey, seconded by Herrick, and carried to hold in committee the installation of pedestrian lights along Wyoming Avenue between Wellington and North 28th Streets, pending more information from Public Works.

4. Referred from 10/20/15 Council meeting: Public Works Director Janigo requesting review of speed limits on Belknap Street.

Janigo explained that since the roundabout construction, there is a need to amend the speed limit ordinance in this area. Our current ordinance states:

30 Miles Per Hour

(1) Belknap Street – between East 2nd Street and Maryland Avenue

25 Miles Per Hour

(3) Belknap Street – between Maryland Avenue and North 21st Street

The ordinance needs to be changed to state:

30 Miles Per Hour

(1) Belknap Street – between East 2nd Street and the US Highway 2 and Belknap Street Intersection (Roundabout)

25 Miles Per Hour

(3) Belknap Street – between the US Highway 2 and Belknap Street Intersection (Roundabout) and North 21st Street

MOTION by Fennessey, seconded by Herrick, and carried to approve amendments to Chapter 112, Traffic Code, Schedule O, Speed Limits.

5. Referred from 10/20/15 Council meeting: Councilor McDonald requesting to amend calendar parking on the 600 block of 3rd Avenue East.

Councilor McDonald was present and explained that this is a very narrow section of street and that the garbage truck and snow plow cannot access it if calendar parking is in place. Residents have always parked on the even side to allow this access, however have been receiving parking tickets recently.

MOTION by Fennessey, seconded by Herrick, and carried to exclude from calendar parking and designate “no parking odd side”, the 600 block of 3rd Avenue East from the alley east to the railroad crossing.

6. ESD Director Roberts & Facility Planning Coordinator Unger: Memorandum recommending purchase of a trailer mounted diesel driven pump.

Roberts stated they have one pump and it is used heavily, thus there is a need to add a second one. The funds are in the budget as a skid steer that was to be purchased this year was not. Therefore this can be purchased via the National Joint Powers Alliance, waiving the bid procedure.

MOTION by Fennessey, seconded by Herrick, and carried to approve the ESD purchase of a trailer mounted diesel driven pump, through the National Joint Powers Alliance, waiving the bid requirement.

7. ESD Director's Report. Roberts reported on the following:

- 1) Construction and Contracting
 - a) LS 4 nearing completion
 - b) Clough & Fisher project nearing completion, penalties being assessed for failure to complete within contract term
 - c) Sewer Lining
 - i) Combined sewer in the alley between Maryland Avenue and Missouri Avenue from North 18th Street to North 17th Street
 - ii) Storm sewer along 23rd Avenue East from East 5th Street to East 4th Street
 - iii) Work scheduled to begin this week.
 - d) Billings Park RFP advertised
- 2) Treatment Operations
 - a) Optimizing activated sludge process to reduce effluent ammonia
 - b) Zero October effluent violations (141 days and counting)
- 3) Collection System Operations
 - a) Cleaned E 2nd Interceptor (Newton Creek to WWTP)
 - b) Zero SSOs YTD (454 days and counting).
 - c) Zero CSOs YTD (1,244 days and counting)
 - d) No water-in-basements due to surcharged City sewer mains reported during the rain that fell over the last few days.

MOTION by Fennessey, seconded by Herrick, and carried to receive and file the ESD Director's report

8. Public Works Director's Report

Janigo reported that with the nicer weather, crews have continued to work on ditching, sweeping and excavating alleys in preparation for paving them in 2016. An RFP has gone out for a facility study at the Municipal Services Building as the building is in need of upgrades. One firm has been interviewed and we are currently negotiating with them.

MOTION by Herrick, seconded by Fennessey, and carried to receive and file the Public Works Director's report

MOTION by Herrick, seconded by Fennessey, and the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2015, 2:00 p.m., in Government Center Room 204.

Minutes submitted to the Council Meeting of December 1, 2015