

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
May 20, 2020
Government Center Room 204

Members Present: Jenny Van Sickle, Esther Dalbec, Ruth Ludwig, Craig Sutherland (alt)

Also Present: Todd Janigo, Chris Carlson, Kara Czapinski, Thor Trone, Tonia Kittleson, Ada Tse, Brent Fennessey, Shelley Nelson

1. Election of committee chair and vice chair positions.

MOTION by Ludwig, Dalbec seconded and carried, to appoint Van Sickle as chair.
MOTION by Van Sickle, Ludwig seconded and carried, to appoint Dalbec as vice chair.

2. Approval of February 19, 2020 meeting minutes.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by Ludwig and carried, to approve the Public Works Committee minutes of February 19, 2020.

3. Parks, Recreation & Forestry Director Linda Cadotte: consider adding Millennium Trailhead parking lot (Wyoming Avenue & North 28th Street) to Schedule M Municipal Parking Lots, Section 4 – No Night Parking within Municipal Lots between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Director Janigo explained that the request was in response to individuals parking and sleeping in the municipal lot overnight. Traffic Lieutenant Trone discussed police interactions with individuals in these situations. The committee discussed the request.

No motion or action taken.

4. Councilor Fennessey requests the addition of 2-way stop signs at the intersection of 8th Avenue East and East 9th Street. Traffic on 8th Ave East would stop and yield to traffic on E 9th Street.

Fennessey reports that a constituent that lives near this intersection contacted him about motorists speeding in the area. He explained that 8th Avenue East is the only street that goes all the way from Highway 2/53 and connects to N 21st Street and many people use this as a quick route to get from Hwy. 2/53 to N 21st Street and vice versa. Along the way there are stop signs about every two blocks except for this intersection. Traffic Lieutenant Trone indicated he is not opposed to some type of traffic control. His recommendation would be to put in stop signs not yield signs. He did look at crash data from the last few years, and saw two crashes, one in 2013 and one in 2016 at that specific intersection. Not a crash problem but definitely a safety concern in that neighborhood.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded Ludwig and carried, to approve the addition of 2-way stop signs at the intersection of 8th Avenue East and E 9th Street with traffic on 8th Ave East stopping and yielding to traffic on E 9th Street.

5. Public Works Director Janigo: Fleet vehicle auction removals (to be received and filed).

Committee members received the auction recap paperwork in their agenda packet and Director Janigo reviewed this briefly.

Committee voted to receive and file.

6. Public Works Director Janigo: Declaring surplus equipment for disposal at public auction

Janigo explained that, per Ordinance, equipment which may bring over \$5,000 at auction must be declared surplus by the Council prior to auction.

MOTION by Dalbec, seconded by Ludwig and carried, to approve declaring surplus equipment for disposal at public auction.

7. Modify the existing calendar parking exemption on the 1400 block of Weeks Avenue by removing “from the east/west alley south to Belknap Street” and adding “from N. 14th Street to Belknap Street”.

Janigo stated that there was a request for more parking to accommodate construction of the Central Flats development. Expanding the calendar parking exemption to the entirety of the 1400 block of Weeks Avenue will allow for additional worker parking. Janigo explained that a change to the parking ordinance will likely be requested once construction is complete. Parking will either be reverted to as it was or changed in response to proposed diagonal parking along the west side of Weeks.

MOTION by Ludwig, seconded by Dalbec and carried, to approve modifying the existing calendar parking exemption on the 1400 block of Weeks Avenue by removing “from the east/west alley south to Belknap Street” and adding “from N. 14th Street to Belknap Street”.

8. ESD Staff Ada Tse, Andrea Crouse and Tonia Kittelson: Revisions to grading and drainage ordinance.

Tse stated the ordinance revision is to clarify requirements for sump pumps and clear water discharges. There is also language encouraging the use of rain barrels. The proposed ordinance revision is the latest recommendation being brought forward from the Green Infrastructure Code Audit. Ludwig asked if the city had retained all of the consultant’s language recommendations. Tse stated that most of the consultant’s language had been kept; although some language was altered to work within our city. Ludwig requested a copy of the consultant’s recommendations and requested time to compare the consultant’s language to what is being proposed.

MOTION by Ludwig, seconded by Van Sickle and carried, to table the item until the next Public Works Committee Meeting.

9. ESD Director's Report

Committee members received ESD Director Steve Roberts report via email. There were no questions.

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

10. Public Works Director's Report.

Janigo reported that the concrete replacement project at N 37th Street and Tower Avenue has been completed. As asphalt plants start reopening, crews will begin patching potholes and plans for paving will begin after July 4th. WisDOT's Hwy 2/53 concrete project is going well and major concrete replacement should be completed in the next couple of weeks. Work on the viaduct at 25th Ave E will be a summer long project. He also stated that the work to secure a contract for the Building Inspection software is moving forward.

MOTION by Ludwig, seconded by Dalbec and carried, to receive and file the Public Works Director's Report.

Van Sickle announced the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

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

Minutes submitted to the Council Meeting of June 2, 2020.