

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
Wednesday, February 24th, 2016
Government Center Room 204

Members Present: Bob Finsland, Mike Herrick and Tom Fennessey

Excused: Esther Dalbec (alt)

Also Present: Todd Janigo, Chris Carlson, Warren Bender, Dennis Dalbec, John Kiel, Chris Bronson, Angie Harker

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

Approval of January 20th, 2016, minutes.

MOTION by Fennessey, seconded by Herrick, and carried to approve the Public Works Committee minutes of January 20th, 2016.

1. Held in committee from 01/20/16: Councilor D. Dalbec requesting installation of pedestrian lighting along Wyoming Avenue between Wellington and North 28th Streets. Public Works Director Janigo presented information on pedestrian lighting that he received from the City of Duluth and SEH. The cost is about \$7500 per light which would be assessed to residents through the special assessment system. In Duluth, residents have three options for the light fixtures and residents must agree on one style, for uniformity and also for future maintenance so that the city doesn't have different lights throughout the city to repair/replace. The city would bear the cost of the power and any maintenance i.e. bulb replacement, and if one were hit, any necessary repairs, which can be costly. Janigo will contact SEH's lighting expert Ken Taillon and have him look at the area (from the ravine to 28th Street, sidewalk side only), do a sketch, give us a rough number of how many lights would be needed in that area and the cost estimate. Janigo will bring this back to committee and Councilor D. Dalbec can then present this information to the residents in the area to determine their interest.

MOTION by Fennessey, seconded by Herrick, and carried to hold in committee Councilor D. Dalbec's request for installation of pedestrian lighting along Wyoming Avenue between Wellington and North 28th Streets.

2. Referred from 01/19/16 Council meeting: Janigo review of 2-hour parking on Ogden Avenue from Broadway Street (North 10th) to Belknap Street. Janigo explained that two business owners on Ogden Avenue were ticketed for parking in front of their businesses and are requesting that the 2-hour parking be eliminated. Committee members were concerned that other business owners in the area may be opposed to removing 2-hour parking as it would eliminate customer parking for their businesses. The Public Works Committee on November 20, 2013, did go on record recommending adopting a consistent business district parking policy throughout the city which allows two-hour parking from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and no parking from 3:00 to 6:00 a.m. Fennessey recommended that the businesses that oppose 2-hour parking be in contact with the BID (Business Improvement

District) to work on parking issues. Janigo offered to contact the BID director to let her know about this situation.

MOTION by Fennessey, seconded by Herrick, and carried to deny the request to change the 2-hour parking on Ogden Avenue from Broadway Street (North 10th) to Belknap Street, and encourage the BID director to work with the businesses regarding downtown parking issues.

3. Referred from 01/19/16 Council meeting: Councilor Bender requesting revision of Chapter 58 – Garbage and Trash, to revise the pricing for small and large residential premises. Bender spoke on behalf of landlords who own buildings larger than a 4-plex. As an example, a landlord who owns an 11-plex pays for 11 cans, but can only get 4 cans. He doesn't feel this is equitable. D. Dalbec mentioned a concern from a landlord in his district that owns a 4-plex, but only needs 2 cans. Janigo explained the fee structure (per residential unit) and indicated that the current system works for 96% of the city and there will always be a few exceptions. We have no data back yet as we haven't completed our first billing cycle. The issue was discussed at length and the committee agreed that this item should be held in committee and no changes should be made until such time that more data is available.

MOTION by Fennessey, seconded by Herrick, and carried to hold in committee Councilor Bender's request to revise Chapter 58 – Garbage and Trash, revising pricing for small and large residential premises.

4. Referred from 02/02/16 Council meeting: Janigo consider adding one additional disabled parking space on the west side of John Avenue in front of Bethel Lutheran Church between North 58th and 59th Streets. Bethel Lutheran Church contacted their city councilor Dan Olson with this request.

MOTION by Herrick, seconded by Fennessey, and carried to approve adding one additional disabled parking space on the west side of John Avenue in front of Bethel Lutheran Church between North 58th and 59th Streets.

5. Janigo advising of final 2015 Fleet Vehicle Auction Removals. Janigo reviewed and committee members were provided the reports from the 2015 auction sales.

MOTION by Herrick, seconded by Fennessey, and carried to receive and file the 2015 Fleet Vehicle Auction Removals.

6. Janigo advising of 2016 surplus Vehicle/Equipment disposal. Janigo explained the process that will be used for the 2016 surplus Vehicle/Equipment disposal.

MOTION by Herrick, seconded by Fennessey, and carried to approve the 2016 surplus Vehicle/Equipment disposal.

7. ESD 2015 Wastewater Permit Compliance Summary. Assistant Public Works Director Chris Carlson gave an overview of the 2015 Wastewater Permit Compliance Summary and indicated the ESD has had 545 days without an SSO (sanitary sewer

overflow) and 231 days without a permit violation and commended the staff on these fantastic numbers.

MOTION by Herrick, seconded by Fennessey, and carried to receive and file the 2015 Wastewater Permit Compliance Summary.

8. Public Works Director's Report.

Janigo indicated that things in general have been relatively quiet. The D-9 Dozer at the landfill is in need of a pin and bushing turn. Originally it was thought that a lot more items would need to be replaced and this work was estimated to be in the \$40 - \$50,000 range; however the latest quote we have is for around \$6700. This will prolong the life of the undercarriage for a couple of more years to put us to a replacement schedule that will bring us to the end of the life of the landfill. Janigo then spoke with the committee about exceptions to ordinances, pertaining to the garbage & trash ordinance and asked the committee for their direction on exceptions. The committee agreed these issues should be noted and tracked, however no exceptions should be made until we have more data and ordinance changes are made.

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

MOTION by Herrick, seconded by Fennessey, and the meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

The next Public Works Committee meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2016, 2:00 p.m., in Government Center Room 204.

Minutes submitted to the Council Meeting of March 15, 2016.