

**Roseville Public Works, Environment and
Transportation Commission**

Agenda Item

Date: January 24, 2023

Item No: 3

Item Description: Approval of the November 22, 2022 Public Works Commission Minutes

Attached are the minutes from the November 22, 2022 meeting.

Recommended Action:

Motion approving the minutes of November 22, 2022, subject to any necessary corrections or revision.

Move: _____

Second: _____

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Roseville, Minnesota 55113

1 **1. Introduction / Roll Call**

2 Chair Ficek called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and at his
3 request, Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer called the roll.

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5 **Present:** Chair Bryant Ficek; and Members Jarrod Cicha, Edwin Hodder and
6 Allison Luongo

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8 **Absent:** Member Nancy Misra, Michael Joyce, Mike Collins (Excused)

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10 **Staff Present:** Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer

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12 **2. Public Comments**

13 None.

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15 **3. Approval of October 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

16 *Comments and corrections to draft minutes had been submitted by PWETC*
17 *commissioners prior to tonight's meeting and those revisions incorporated into the*
18 *draft presented in meeting materials.*

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20 **Motion**

21 **Member Hodder moved, Member Cicha seconded, approval of the October**
22 **25, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.**

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24 **Ayes: 4**

25 **Nays: 0**

26 **Motion carried.**

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28 **4. Appoint Member to Ethics Commission**

29 Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer explained the Commission needs to select
30 one member to serve as a member of the Ethics Commission, per City Code.
31 Annual meeting is held in December with meetings conducted on an as needed
32 basis.

Member Cicha nominated himself for this position.

Motion

Member Ficek moved, Member Luongo seconded, appointing Commissioner Cicha to the Ethics Commission.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

5. Communication Items

Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer provided a brief review and update on projects and maintenance activities listed in the staff report dated November 22, 2022.

Mr. Freihammer announced he is now the Public Works Director for the City, and the City will start interviewing for his previous position, hopefully before the holidays and he anticipated a new staff member for the Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer position to start work in January.

Chair Ficek thought Roseville was still in the lead for the Home Energy Squad.

Mr. Freihammer indicated that was correct.

6. Public Works 2023 Work Plan

Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer explained that each year Public Works staff monitor and evaluate the condition of City infrastructure for development of ongoing maintenance and replacement needs plans. He presented the 2023 Work Plan to the Commission and asked for comments.

Member Hodder asked how the City's pavement management reserves look like as far as the budget over the next few years.

Mr. Freihammer indicated short term it is doing okay. Long term, it will still need to be a discussion item, but the City Council does keep putting little chunks of money into it and the department has been consistent on what is being spent. He noted the City is good for the next ten years, longer term than that, certainly depending on which way inflation goes with costs like that the reserves may need to be re-evaluated.

Chair Ficek inquired, for the Hamline/36 replacement he assumed this is trying to be done before work starts on Fairview so that, if traffic diverts, it can go through and he wondered if this will be turned into an all-way stop for the school when lots of people are going through there.

Mr. Freihammer explained that project was supposed to happen this fall; both are MnDOT projects and there is a chance for delay, but he did know MnDOT wanted to start that early and he knew it would be before school. The County was confident that the all-way stop may work pretty solid and were not concerned about it being delayed for vehicles. A temporary signal was not justified for that.

Chair Ficek indicated Mr. Freihammer mentioned about doing services for Falcon Heights as well and might get up to one thousand hours or half a full-time staff person and he wondered what the City's agreement is with Falcon Heights and how that works.

Mr. Freihammer reviewed the Falcon Heights agreement and services being performed for them.

Chair Ficek indicated there are a lot of funding opportunities out there and he wondered if the City is applying for any of them.

Mr. Freihammer explained a lot of the big stuff, Roseville, as an individual project is a little more difficult to fund for. Staff is looking for opportunities where available and the City has been working with the County on some of the different funding options. He noted the City just got funding from Ramsey County and will be doing a study of critical corridors.

7. City Roadway Speed Limits

Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer explained at the September PWETC meeting, staff presented information about speed limits. The Commission asked staff for more information and staff has gathered that information. A 50th percentile speed map is available, in addition to the 85th percentile speed. The police department has also contributed detailed stats about traffic stops since 2017.

Mr. Freihammer presented the new information and asked for Commission feedback.

Member Hodder explained when looking at the 50th percentile for speeds on Roseville roadways, what is the current speed limit and would the 50th percentile represent.

Mr. Freihammer explained the 50th percentile is the median speed. Half the cars are going faster than the speed limit and half the cars are going less than the speed limit. He showed a slide of the speed limits in the City. If a change was considered, it would obviously be less than the current speed limit.

Chair Ficek asked for the cities Roseville borders that have changed the speed limit, are there signs going into it or is it individually posted.

Mr. Freihammer explained what Falcon Heights did was to post every street. St. Anthony posted a sign when going into the city at the major entry roads stating the city-wide speed limit on local roads. He believed New Brighton is doing the same thing as St. Anthony. He reviewed some of the other cities that have changed the speed limit on local roads. He noted if Roseville does decide to move forward the City probably would keep signage where it currently is and not add any more signs.

Member Cicha indicated he viewed a speed limit change as more of a long-term policy and thoughtfulness from the community. He explained as seen from data, people do not instantly change their driving style or speed, even with a speed limit posted and he did not know if there was any way to change that, but he did think there are benefits in the long term once younger people start driving. He thought Roseville could get feedback from cities that have had the speed limit change for a year or more, but he was not sure it would show a lot of change,

Chair Ficek agreed with Member Cicha. He asked the Commission what options the City could take moving forward. He reviewed the options staff has given with the Commission.

Mr. Freihammer indicated if the City did a citywide speed limit change it is a pretty simple process, if that becomes the recommendation. If the City does something that is by type, then he would recommend doing a study to document that and a little more work involved.

Chair Ficek thought the speed limit map was a good starting point.

Mr. Freihammer agreed and noted that is what some of the other cities started with.

Chair Ficek thought the PWETC could have an open house, if needed.

Mr. Freihammer indicated if the City had something to present there could be a meeting to present what is proposed for resident input.

The Commission discussed what should be included in the information to residents to respond to including costs, speed study, chart showing risk of death or serious injury, and the police enforcement report summarization.

Member Luongo thought this is a lot of information and people are not going to read it if there is too much so she would like for the information to be organized and condensed if possible.

8. Winter Plowing Update

Public Works Director Freihammer gave a presentation about winter maintenance done by the City of Roseville, including plowing of streets and pathways.

Chair Ficek asked after a snowstorm if the City goes out the next day to check on the pathways.

Mr. Freihammer indicated the City does go out the next day the majority of the time to clean up because some of the paths are next to County roads and get plowed over. The focus is on the County roads. One thing the City does not do a lot of is sanding or salting on the pathways, it is just plowing, and sweeping being done. The roads do get light salting.

Member Hodder thought the City did a tremendous job compared to other cities he has been in.

9. Items for Next Meeting

Discussion ensued regarding the January 2023 PWETC agenda:

- Sustainability Super Meeting – Volume 3

Mr. Freihammer noted there will not be a PWETC meeting in December.

Member Hodder updated the Commission on City Visioning meeting he attended.

10. Adjourn

Motion

Member Cicha moved, Member Luongo seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 8:32 p.m.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Motion carried.