

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

Agenda Item

Date: January 26, 2021

Item No: 3

Item Description: Approval of the November 24, 2020 Public Works Commission Minutes

Attached are the minutes from the November 24, 2020 meeting.

Recommended Action:

Motion approving the minutes of November 24, 2020, subject to any necessary corrections or revision.

Move: _____

Second: _____

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Roseville, Minnesota 55113

*Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13.D.021, Public Works, Environment
and Transportation Commission members, City Staff, and members of the
public participated in this meeting electronically due to the
COVID-19 pandemic.*

1 **1. Introduction / Roll Call**

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

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5 **Present:** Chair Joe Wozniak; Vice Chair Karen Huiett; and Members Jarrod
6 Cicha, Nancy Misra, Shane Spencer, and Youth Commissioner Jana
7 Lynch

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9 **Absent:** Member Stephanie Hammer, Michael Joyce (Excused)

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11 **Staff Present:** Public Works Director Marc Culver; City
12 Engineer/Assistant Public Works Director Jesse
13 Freihammer; Environmental Specialist Ryan Johnson, and
14 GreenCorp Member Will Ristow.

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16 **2. Public Comments**

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19 **3. Approval of October 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

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

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24 **Motion**

25 **Member Misra moved, Member Spencer seconded, approval of the October**
26 **27, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.**

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Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Abstain: 1 (Wozniak)
Motion carried.

4. Communication Items

City Engineer Jesse Freihammer provided a brief review and update on projects and maintenance activities listed in the staff report dated November 24, 2020.

Vice Chair Huiett inquired what the acronym SCADA meant.

Mr. Freihammer indicated it is the communication for the lift station, but he was not sure what the acronym meant.

Mr. Culver explained the acronym stands for Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition. He noted this is a wide industry term and not just for utility use or public works use.

Chair Wozniak asked if the bike path along County Road C extended to the diagonal trail is complete.

Mr. Freihammer explained the Walnut Trail was completed approximately two to three weeks ago and is usable for the public.

Chair Wozniak indicated he looked forward to hearing more about the trail along County Road B2.

Youth Commission Lynch arrived at the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

5. Minnesota GreenCorps Member Introduction and Presentation

Mr. Johnson provided a brief review and update of the Minnesota GreenCorps program listed in the staff report dated November 24, 2020.

Mr. Johnson introduced Mr. Will Ristow who reviewed his background and gave a presentation to the PWETC.

Chair Wozniak asked what interaction Mr. Ristow has had with County staff, if any. He wondered what the County goals are with GreenCorp activity.

Mr. Ristow indicated right now he is getting an inventory of what cities are looking for and what the cities will be willing to collaborate on in regard to sustainability.

Member Spencer asked for more information on fleet electrification and prioritization.

73 Mr. Ristow reviewed the information on fleet electrification and prioritization with
74 the Commission. He noted this will be coming forward later in 2021.

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76 Vice Chair Huiett inquired about the B3 data being entered and she wondered how
77 that interfaces with the GreenStep Cities Program.

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79 Mr. Ristow reviewed the information with the Commission.

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81 Chair Wozniak asked for an update on the Utility rates since the October meeting.

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83 Mr. Culver reviewed with the Commission the Finance Commission and City
84 Council meeting outcomes regarding the Utility rates. He noted the Finance
85 Commission recommended Option One and the City Council is still considering it.

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87 **6. Civic Campus Master Plan Update**

88 Mr. Culver reviewed the Civic Campus Master Plan update with the Commission.
89 He noted there are no current plans to do anything and no money is earmarked for
90 this.

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92 Member Spencer indicated he did go through the presentation and also went to the
93 site. He explained was glad to hear the City reconsidering doing away with the
94 little pocket park because he thought it does get used by the apartment complex.
95 When looking at the presentation some of the plans put in greenspace in the main
96 City Campus as it sits now, and he did not see that working and being used other
97 than grass that will need to be mowed. The reuse of the City buildings is a definite
98 plus in his mind. One of the bigger things is the City just installed solar panels and
99 would the City want to take them down and reinstall them somewhere else. The
100 other thing is doing away with Veterans Park and the VFW, when looking on
101 Google Maps there are actually two little soccer fields in Veterans Park and seems
102 to get a little use. One thing he did see is if Veterans Park is taken away would
103 there be some upgrades done in the Howard Johnson Park area to help
104 accommodate for some little league soccer or something like that.

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106 Mr. Culver explained regarding the park area, the City actually has a policy of no
107 net loss of park land so the City would need to figure out how to make up that park
108 area if Veterans Park were taken away.

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110 Member Misra indicated she appreciated the initial comments about the design and
111 the idea of preserving a certain amount of green space which is one of the areas she
112 is interested in. It seems like Roseville has had a sort of identity as the City that
113 has paid some respects to that and is reflected in the area around City Hall and the
114 area just east of City Hall. She thought it was beautifully designed and would like
115 to see that sort of concept built into this somehow.

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117 Vice Chair Huiett mentioned one of the goals of the Comprehensive Plan is for
118 more sustainable designs so as the City goes forward some of the building massing

119 orientation does lend itself to a better sustainable, net zero type of reproach and she
120 hoped that does come forward and rise up in some of the discussion.

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122 Chair Wozniak asked if there was any intent of trying to work in an COVID related
123 impacts or potential long term effects of COVID into the final presentation, in terms
124 of does the City need a license center as big as the current plan given that people
125 may be doing more online activity rather than coming into the site.

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127 Mr. Culver thought that was a good point and staff has done some additional
128 surveys with department heads as far as staffing levels and how many people will
129 be working at home or need to be at the office.

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131 Chair Wozniak thought Mr. Culver was making a case that more storage space was
132 needed but \$60,000 a year does not seem all that much to pay for additional space
133 as compared to some of the costs for a new complex.

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135 Mr. Culver appreciated the comment. On the one hand \$60,000 over five years is
136 \$300,000 and is still a long ways from three million dollars but the buildings the
137 City already has, some are already extremely old and trying to make them energy
138 efficient and sustainable is limited and the buildings will need investment in the
139 future as well. There are also general inefficiencies on how the areas are set up for
140 example there is not a wash bay. All of the inefficiencies help justify this in staff's
141 mind.

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143 **7. County Road B2 at Lexington Ave Intersection Improvements**

144 Mr. Freihammer introduced the County Road B2 at Lexington Avenue Intersection
145 Improvements project and noted Mr. DJ Sosa would be making a presentation.

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147 Mr. DJ Sosa made a presentation to the Commission on behalf of Ramsey County.

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149 Member Spencer asked what the main reason is to change this. Is it just to alleviate
150 the traffic coming from the High School and how does it impact the neighborhood
151 there overall.

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153 Mr. Sosa explained it is not just the traffic coming the school but also traffic coming
154 from County Road B2 to Lexington to Hwy 36 and vice versa at night-time. The
155 additional turn lane will help to add capacity at the intersection and help to move
156 the traffic.

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158 Mr. Culver explained County Road B2 and County Road B are alternate corridors
159 when Lexington backs up and the lack of turn lanes there really causes as significant
160 amount of congestion on County Road B2 at Lexington. There are also some safety
161 issues as well. The funds that are being used are actually the HSIP (Highway Safety
162 Improvement Program) funds. This is a needed improvement and impacts the
163 residents adjacent to the intersection.

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165 Vice Chair Huiett asked how accessible is County Road B2 for pedestrians. Will
166 this create some isolated accessible improvements or will this really be a good
167 connector or the start of making this more accessible.
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169 Mr. Sosa noted there is an existing trail on the south side of the project. An
170 additional trail is not being added and the crossing will stay the same. Pedestrian
171 accessibility is not a part of the project. The main purpose of the project is to
172 improve the intersection capacity and the shoulder is wide enough for bike access
173 as well.
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175 Member Misra wondered how this will coordinate with the Highway 36
176 improvements.
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178 Mr. Culver explained MNDot keeps pushing the Highway 36 project out so he
179 would need to check the current transportation plan to see where specifically it is
180 identified. He noted there currently are not any dollars identified to add a MNPASS
181 lane on Highway 36.
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183 **8. Public Works 2021 Work Plan**

184 Mr. Freihammer presented the 2021 Work Plan to the Commission and asked for
185 feedback.
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187 After a question from Chair Wozniak about the location of Brenner Pond, Mr.
188 Culver highlighted the water quality improvement features of the new iron
189 enhanced sand filter in this new storm water basin.
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191 Member Misra wondered if anyone has looked at Hamline around County Road
192 C2. She thought that County Road C2 has become a heavily traveled east/west
193 corridor, but Hamline is a pretty unregulated intersection.
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195 Mr. Freihammer noted that in response to some crash history at this intersection the
196 City had the County look at that a few years ago and the County upgraded the
197 signage at that intersection but there was not anything to warrant anything higher
198 at this time.
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200 Mr. Culver added that part of the issue is sight distance especially looking north
201 where a large tree limits some of the sight distance. But currently there just isn't
202 enough traffic to warrant any additional control measures.
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204 Mr. Culver pointed out all of the trail and sidewalk connections that the City has
205 filled in over the past few years. A highlight from 2020 is the trail connection to
206 the Northeast Diagonal Regional Trail that terminates at Walnut Street just south
207 of County Road C. With the roadway improvements along County Road C and
208 Walnut the City now has a multiuse trail connection from 35W to this trail head.
209 Looking ahead to 2021, as part of the County Road B2 resurfacing project, the City
210 is working with Ramsey County to pave a classic "goat trail" that many people

211 clearly use on the north side of County Road B2 under the Snelling Ave bridge.
212 These are examples of working to enhance the City’s pathway system.
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214 Chair Wozniak recognized those efforts and stated how this past year has
215 demonstrated how important those pathways for nonmotorized users are for public
216 health.
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218 **9. Items for Next Meeting – January 26, 2021**

219 Discussion ensued regarding the January PWETC agenda:

- 220 ▪ Partners in Energy Update
- 221 ▪ Recycling RFP Review
- 222 ▪ Equity and Inclusion work discussion
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224 **10. Adjourn**

225 **Motion**

226 **Member Huiett moved, Member Misra seconded, adjournment of the meeting**
227 **at approximately 8:27 p.m.**
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229 **Ayes: 5**

230 **Nays: 0**

231 **Motion carried.**
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