

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, October 7, 2009
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Paul Skrede, Teresa Pendleton, Public Works Supervisor Jerry Hudlow, John Menzel, Police Chief Cory Johnson, City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Jon Monson

Traffic Monitor Results on Circle Drive

The Committee reviewed the results of the traffic monitor that was installed on Circle Drive as a response to Elizabeth Burton's (4240 Circle Drive) complaint regarding the speed of vehicles on both Circle Drive and Heathcote Road.

Police Chief Johnson reported that the monitor was installed on Circle Drive from September 26th to October 4th. He stated that the monitor showed that 90% of the traffic traveled at less than 35 mph, the average vehicle speed was 26 mph, and that there was an average of approximately 170 cars on Circle Drive each day. He stated that this demonstrates that there doesn't appear to be any evidence of excessive speeding on this street but stated that he would have his officers patrol the area more frequently.

Traffic Backup at the Elementary School

Dana Young stated that Elementary School Principal Brian McGinley requested that the City consider the installation of a right turn lane into the Elementary School and install a sign by Ridgewood Road facing northbound traffic on Vine Hill Road that stated "No Left Turn Except Buses from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. that he felt would improve traffic congestion issues at the Elementary School.

Dana Young stated that the sign would only cause further backups on Vine Hill Road and would encourage drivers to make a U turn on Minnetonka Blvd to comply with the sign requirements.

Paul Skrede stated that he wished the school had consider his earlier proposal that would permit vehicles to enter on the north and south sides of the school and require vehicles to exit from the middle. He stated that he felt this would significantly improve the traffic congestion on Vine Hill Road.

He further recommended that the Public Safety Committee authorize him and Police Chief Johnson to meet with school officials to discuss ways to improve traffic congestions issues at the school.

School Zone

Chief Johnson stated that he had met recently with Mike Conlon and the school's engineer to review proposed locations for the signs and signals for the school zone. He stated that Mike Conlon thought that the equipment and signs would be delivered this week and installed within the next two weeks.

Recreational Fire Complaint

Chief Johnson provided an update on several ongoing complaints that he had received from Paul Huttner regarding a neighbor conducting recreational fires. He stated that, after consulting with Administrator Young, he had informed Mr. Huttner that he should obtain a note from a doctor indicating that his health is adversely affected by smoke and the Chief could then inform Mr. Huttner’s neighbor that he could no longer hold recreational fires according to the requirements of the City’s Recreational Fire Ordinance. He stated that he is still waiting to hear back from Mr. Huttner on the note.

Octoberfest Complaint

Chief Johnson stated that he had received several complaints regarding Octoberfest that was held by the Cottagewood Store on September 26th. He requested that the Police Department be given a copy of the Liquor License prior to the event to be aware of all the activities involved at the event.

Paul Skrede suggested that the Council might want to look in more detail at the issuance of Non-Intoxicating Malt Liquor Licenses in the future to ensure that careful consideration is given to the hours of operation and how long the band might be playing. Dana Young further suggested that the Council might want to consider requiring a police officer to be present at these events.

Motion to adjourn the Public Safety Committee meeting on a motion by Dana Young. Seconded by Teresa Pendleton. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Ballfield Improvement Grant

Dana Young stated that the Ballfield Improvement Grant is administered by the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission and the contact person for the grant is Roger Stawski. He stated that according to Mr. Stawski, the application deadline has not yet been determined.

General discussion was held on the proposed improvements that could be included in a grant. Paul Skrede suggested improving the drainage at the Village Hall ballfield, expanding the warming house, upgrading the hockey rinks and installing a new water fountain at Thorpe Park.

Further discussion will be held on the Ballfield Improvement Grant at a later date.

2010 Street Improvement Project

Discussion was held on the \$120,000 Street Overlay Budget for 2010 and on the following list of streets that both the City Engineer and City staff have determined is in the most immediate need for an overlay.

<u>Street</u>	<u>Est. Overlay Cost</u>
Lake Avenue	\$109,900
Monaltrie	\$ 55,475
Old Kent Road	\$ 96,950
Ridgewood Road	\$ 62,475
Walden Trail	\$ 68,215

Jerry Hudlow presented a Seal Coating Schedule and suggested using the \$120,000 in street improvement funds towards seal coating in 2010 rather than towards a street overlay. He stated that

there are a number of street that haven't been seal coated since 2002 and that he felt were in substantial need of a seal coating in order to retain the streets in decent condition.

After substantial discussion, the Committee recommended seal coating next year rather than selecting one street for an overlay because seal coating would benefit more streets and there are a substantial number of streets that haven't been seal coated since 2002.

City Engineer David Martini suggested developing a five year Street Improvement Plan that would project the cost of seal coating each street once every seven years and undertaking at least one major street overlay each year.

The Committee adjourned to tour Ridgewood Road and Old Kent Road to see whether the recent patching of the street would be adequate to support the sealing of the streets next year.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by Jerry Hudlow. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works & Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2009.