

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Minutes – November 4, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Public Works Committee for the City of Monona, via Zoom, was called to order at 6:30 pm by Committee Chair, Jennifer Kuhr.

Members Present: Alder Kuhr, Alder Thomas, Ms. Piliouras, Mr. Stolper, Ms. Gundlach, Mr. Speight, Mr. Besch, Mr. Turino,

Members Absent: Mr. Podell

Also Present: Dan Stephany, Public Works Director; Doug Plowman, City Planner; Brian Glaszcz, Project Coordinator-Ayers Associates

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Speight and seconded by Mr. Besch to approve the Minutes of the September 2, 2020 Public Works Committee meeting was carried.

APPEARANCES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and consideration of new Certified Survey Map (CSM) for WPS Health Solutions.

City Planner, Doug Plowman attended via Zoom to explain the materials provided in the packet. It was explained that Ayers was contracted by WPS to re-apportion Lots 2 and 4 on the WPS campus. A portion of Lot 4 would be added to the newly created Lot 1. The remainder of Lot 4 would then become the new Lot 2. Brian Glaszcz, project coordinator from Ayers Associates, also appeared by Zoom to provide a brief summary of the CSM change being requested by WPS. Mr. Glaszcz also stated there will be a need for an access agreement or easement across the north corner of the new Lot 2, as the parcel includes a portion of the surface road allowing access to Broadway. The packet information shows the proposed changes.

Mr. Stolper asked if the office complex and parking garage on Lot 2 would then be sold. Mr. Plowman indicated the Lot would be placed for sale.

A motion made by Mr. Stolper and seconded by Mr. Besch to recommend approval of the WPS campus CSM amendment was carried.

Discussion on street maintenance options for 2021.

Director Stephany explained how the roads are chosen for maintenance each year, and the different types of treatment or maintenance that will be completed. It was explained the PASER Manual for asphalt roads, a guide for pavement surface evaluation and rating used by the State of Wisconsin, is used to help evaluate the roads in Monona. Director Stephany described the rating process and mentioned the roads that receive maintenance are based on need and not by road classification. A collector street does not receive preference over local streets when determining maintenance. Comments from PWC members:

- Mr. Turino - streets, relative to the amount of traffic, are being used more now by bicycles and pedestrians because of the pandemic, at least going past his house. Roads that are being used more now this way, bike and pedestrian traffic, because of the pandemic doesn't fit into the current maintenance plan. More

attention should be paid to streets with bike paths or routes because there are more people on the streets. Street maintenance should focus on the main path through Monona, all the way through.

- Mr. Stolper - the point is to not change the ratings, but rather when the City decides to spend maintenance money, it should be spent on heavier traveled areas. The PWC is just asking for information at this point, and no decision is being made on changing policy. The PWC wants information for Midmoor and the Lake Loop pavement conditions to just see what the conditions are.
- Mr. Besch - another way to look at it is to identify streets or areas of concern and giving these areas priority for maintenance as they approach a rating of 6 or 7.
- Mr. Speight - the City should prioritize roads with bike routes and pedestrians.
- Alder Kuhr asked if streets with priority, as determined by the PWC, will be maintained at a level higher than the less traveled roads. The manual does discuss that maintenance can be decided based on types of traffic. As an example Oak Court, where most of the traffic is going to be the residents that live there and maybe the maintenance for this street could be delayed until the street has a far lower rating.
- Mr. Turino asked for a list of streets that were mentioned, (Winnequah Road, Tonyawatha Trail, Coldspring Avenue, to Bridge Road with Winnequah Road) and their ratings. The list should also include the director's current list of streets that are targeted for maintenance. Mr. Turino further added that the most popular route through Monona, the Lake Loop, Coldspring, Winnequah, Tonyawatha to Winnequah on to Bridge Road, should be the top priority. This excludes a certain part of Winnequah and Midmoor. These should be the roads that are prioritized
- Alder Thomas - everyone cares about streets and having their streets maintained. It sounds like the committee is giving maintenance priority to wherever bicycles and pedestrians are. Residents are going to be concerned about that and rightfully so. If the policy is going to be changed, priorities need to be listed, and bicycles shouldn't be listed as the only priority. What are the data points for making a decision, a priority list of streets that will be maintained at a greater level than others, and how will the PWC determine which streets receive priority.
- Director Stephany - road ratings and maintenance lists are determined based on actual conditions of the streets. If what the PWC is discussing is followed, roads on the bottom on the list could be bumped from the list each year, based on the PWC priority, and could always be bumped each year due to the higher volume roads always receiving priority.

For the December PWC meeting the packet will include pavement ratings and conditions for Winnequah Trail, Winnequah Road, Tonyawatha Trail, Midmoor Road and Coldspring Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Mr. Turino and seconded by Mr. Speight to adjourn was carried (7:21pm).

Daniel Stephany
Director of Public Works