

Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Roseville, Minnesota 55113

1. Introduction / Roll Call

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

Present: Chair Bryant Ficek; and Members Jarrod Cicha, Mike Collins, Des Mueller, and Allison Luongo

Absent: Member Michael Joyce, Edwin Hodder (Excused)

Staff Present: Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer; Civil Engineer Stephanie Smith, and Environmental Specialist Ryan Johnson

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Approval of April 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Motion

Member Cicha moved, Member Collins seconded, approval of the April 25, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

4. Communication Items

Civil Engineer Stephanie Smith provided a brief review and update on projects and maintenance activities listed in the staff report dated May 23, 2023.

Chair Ficek asked on the Hamline project if more lanes are going to be opened or how will that work with the signals not working.

Ms. Smith explained she asked the County that today and it was thought it would be similar to what is there, but she indicated she was going to talk to them to see what it looks like later in the week next week because she wondered if it could just be pulled off to the side for Saturday because it sounds like it should be paved.

Chair Ficek indicated he would not advocate for completely opening it up because then it will introduce confusion as people are looking around and wondering who is next so there is some benefit to having reduced lanes and an all way stop but the northbound lane could be opened and maybe the southbound ramp, but he thought the ramp could be left as one lane.

Chair Ficek noted regarding Less Mow May, it was obvious that people are not mowing so he wondered how the City will reach out to explain the Ordinance will kick back in on June 1st.

Mr. Johnson explained staff has been working with communications and there are plans set up to do more communication blasts later in the month of May. He explained this is also on the City website.

Chair Ficek asked if there will be a grace period.

Mr. Johnson explained in talking with community development, just like last year, there are repeat offenders and staff will contact those people first when complaints start coming in.

5. Council Request for Commission Review

Mayor Roe indicated he was filling in for Councilmember Etten. He reviewed the subject background and what the City Council was asking of the Commission.

Chair Ficek indicated the Commission reviewed this in March and the Commission does actually have some things to recommend to the City Council and he would be happy for the Commission to open it up again and take a look. One of his questions though is in the packet there was the notion of how often a Commission should meet and he wondered if everything was on the table to discuss.

Mayor Roe explained it may be more relevant for some Commissions more than others, but the Council did want to open it up to those kinds of things too, number of members, frequency of meetings and that sort of thing, to make sure that the Commissions are doing the work as a City. The Council is looking for feedback on any and all questions or information the Commissions come up with.

Chair Ficek indicated one thing the Commission discussed and put into their recommendations was looking at public safety. It kind of falls under transportation

but the Commission is calling it out specifically and thought that would be a good add and exactly what it looks like, there would need to be a little bit of trial and error there, but would it be reviewing crash information, talking with Police and Fire, he thought that is an area that could be explored more and should be explored more. He also explained something that came to mind tonight, but he wondered if there could be a possibility of having a temporary Commissioner to step in in case Commissioners cannot make the meeting so there could be a quorum maintained.

Mayor Roe indicated that is an interesting question, but he did not have an answer at this time. He thought if that was something the Commission felt was a recommendation and that would fall into that general category and probably apply to a lot of Commissions, if not all. He thought the Commission should feel free to bring that forward and did not think that was off the table. The City Council was trying to be as non-prescriptive as possible in this process because the Council wanted to make sure that it is what is coming from the Commissions that informs their process rather than artificially imposing Council things at the beginning.

Chair Ficek thanked Mayor Roe for coming to the meeting and welcomed him to join them on their tour.

6. Future Agenda Items

Discussion ensued regarding the June 2023 PWETC agenda:

- MS4 Update
- Sustainability Topic TBD
- Prep for Joint Council meeting on July 10th

Commissioner Mueller indicated she was curious about the City's drinking water and the make up of it and everything that is in it. She wondered if this could be reviewed at a future meeting.

Mr. Freihammer indicated staff could compile information and it could be reviewed at the July meeting.

7. Tour

The PWET Commission went on a tour of the City facilities.

8. Adjourn

Motion

Member Cicha moved, Member Mueller seconded, adjournment of the meeting at approximately 8:21 p.m.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion carried.