

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FROM  
**CLIMATE & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

April 18, 2024

A regular meeting of the committee was convened at 1:30 pm on this date.

Members Present: Council Members Katie Cashman (Chair), Emily Koski (Vice-Chair), LaTrisha Vetaw, Jamal Osman, Jason Chavez, and Aurin Chowdhury (Quorum - 4)

Matters listed below are hereby submitted with the following recommendations; to-wit:

1. Appointment of Public Works Director ([2024-00369](#))

Considering the Mayor's nomination of Timothy Sexton to the appointed position of Public Works Director for a term ending in January 2026.

The Chair afforded the courtesy of the floor to Mayor Frey, who spoke to his nomination of Timothy Sexton; and Timothy Sexton, who introduced himself to the Committee.

The public hearing was opened, and the following people spoke:

1. Senator Scott Dibble
2. Jean Wallace
3. Abdullahi Abdulle
4. Sam Rockwell
5. Kevin Pranis
6. Basim Sabri, Sabri Properties
7. Chris Freed, Whittier

The public hearing was closed.

Cashman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

2. Douglas North Residential Resurfacing: Project approval and assessment ([2024-00427](#))

1. Passage of Resolution ordering the work to proceed and adopting special assessments in the amount of \$607,289.74 for the Street Resurfacing Project No. 2362G (CPV2456).
2. Passage of Resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation authorize the City's issuance and sale of assessment bonds in the amount of \$607,289.74.

Staff presentation by Tracy Lindgren, Public Works Department.

The public hearing was opened, and the following people spoke:

1. Michael Palmer

The public hearing was closed.

Cashman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

3. Fremont Alley Reconstruction Project: Project approval and assessment ([2024-00428](#))

1. Passage of Resolution ordering the work to proceed and adopting special assessments in the amount of \$47,040.66 for the Fremont Alley Reconstruction Project No. 2366 (PV2463) (between Fremont Ave S, Emerson Ave S, 35th St W, and 36th St W).
2. Passage of Resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation authorize the City's issuance and sale of assessment bonds in the amount of \$47,040.66 for the Fremont Alley Reconstructions Project.

Staff presentation by Ryan Gottsleben, Public Works Department.

The public hearing was opened. There being no people wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Cashman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

4. Lowry Ave NE (Washington St NE to Johnson St NE) Street Reconstruction Project Phase I: Project approval, assessment, and areaway abandonment ([2024-00416](#))

1. Passage of Resolution ordering the work to proceed and adopting special assessments in the amount of \$753,144.17 for the Lowry Ave NE (Washington St NE to Johnson St NE) Phase I Street Reconstruction Project, Special Improvement of Existing Street No. 2360 (PV074).
2. Passage of Resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation authorize the City's issuance and sale of assessment bonds in the amount of \$753,144.17 for the project.
3. Passage of Resolution ordering the abandonment and removal of areaways located in the public right-of-way in conflict with the project.

A presentation was given by Brette Hjelle, Alebel Mehari, and Peter Bennett, Public Works Department; and Kelly Agosto, Project Manager, Hennepin County.

The public hearing was opened, and the following people spoke:

1. Julie Guhbin, Antiquified
2. Majdi Wadi, Holy Land
3. Ahmed Basad

The public hearing was closed.

Cashman moved to send forward without recommendation. On voice vote, the motion passed.

5. Near North Residential Resurfacing: Project approval and assessment ([2024-00426](#))

1. Passage of Resolution ordering the work to proceed and adopting special assessments in the amount of \$479,592.18 for the Near North Residential Resurfacing Project No. 2362F (CPV2456).
2. Passage of Resolution requesting the Board of Estimate and Taxation authorize the City's issuance and sale of assessment bonds in the amount of \$479,592.18 for the Near North Residential Resurfacing Project.

Staff presentation by Larry Matsumoto, Public Works Department.

The public hearing was opened. There being no people wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Cashman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.  
[Osman absent]

6. Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) TH 121 Improvements ([2024-00300](#))

1. Passage of Resolution approving the Municipal Consent concept layout for the improvements to TH 121 from 58th Street West to TH 62.
2. Approving the concept layout for MnDOT's TH 121 Improvement project along TH 121 from 56th Street West to TH 62.

Staff presentation by Katie White, Public Works Department.

The public hearing was opened. There being no people wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Cashman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

7. Cooperative agreement with Hennepin County for the Hiawatha-Lake Intersection Improvements project ([2024-00425](#))

Authorizing a Cooperative Agreement with Hennepin County for maintenance responsibilities associated with the Hiawatha-Lake Intersection Improvements project.

Cashman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

8. Agreement with US Internet for Hennepin Ave S Street Reconstruction Project (Lake St W to Douglas Ave) ([2024-00421](#))

Authorizing an agreement with US Internet for conduit installation within the Hennepin Ave Bridge over the Midtown Greenway (Bridge No 27599) as part of the Hennepin Ave S Street Reconstruction Project (Lake St W to Douglas Ave).

Cashman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

9. Grant application to Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program to advance home weatherization, commercial energy efficiency and renewable energy deployment ([2024-00384](#))

1. Authorizing the submittal of an application for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) for a Commercial Energy Efficiency cost share program.
2. Authorizing the submittal of an application for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) for home weatherization, energy efficiency and electrification program.

Cashman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

10. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for Public Works: 2024 Update ([2024-00403](#))

Adopting the 2024 update to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan for Public Works.

Staff presentation by Ryan Ackerman, Brette Hjelle, and Jeni Hager, Public Works Department.

Cashman moved to approve. On voice vote, the motion passed.

11. New Nicollet Ave: Concept layout approval and easements ([2024-00419](#))

1. Approving the concept layout for the New Nicollet Ave project to reconnect Nicollet Ave from Lake St to Cecil Newman Ln and Cecil Newman Ln from Nicollet Ave to 1st Ave.
2. Authorizing initiation of due diligence activities (e.g., title, survey, appraisal, pre-project notifications to property owners) related to acquisition of permanent and temporary easements for right-of-way and an ADA-compliant access ramp for the project.

Staff presentation by Kelsey Fogt, Public Works Department.

Cashman moved to refer to COW meeting of Apr 23, 2024. On voice vote, the motion passed.

With no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned at 4:18 pm.

Reported by Ken Dahler, Clerk