



Public Works Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2022

Attendance:

Councilmembers: Darren Robb, Tim Pearce, Andreena Bergman
City Staff: Public Works Director Kevin Hushagen, City Administrator Shawn Smith, Administrative Assistant Amanda Slattery.

Meeting was conducted in person. The full meeting agenda packet with detailed information can be found on the City's website at [Agenda Center](#).

Call to order at 5:35 pm

Agenda-

1. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

The Public Works Committee reviewed the capital improvement plan, this is a six or more-year plan of capital projects with estimated costs and proposed methods of financing that are updated annually. The Committee had the following comments:

- My desire was to see this corner property improved since it occupies a very visible spot along the Twin City Mile. It would represent quite an eyesore in its present condition. My concern is that it is now being represented as a "park" project, rather than an environmental clean-up site. It appears that \$550,000 would be spent in turning it into another downtown park.
 - The project falls under the Twin City Mile project. It would be more of a pocket park an open gathering area since the area is not big enough for a park. The funds listed in the CIP are listed as Planning, Right of Way and Construction with possible grant funds.
- Heritage Park. I would like to see scoreboards added to the baseball/softball diamonds. I have often seen these scoreboards funded with advertising or sponsor money. It would be good to see this added to the project list.
 - Committee discussed this suggestion; no action was taken
- City Hall/Police Station remodels - I would hope that these two remodels would include some effort to refurbish the outsides of the buildings. The City Hall could benefit from an upscale paint job and the police station exterior needs an upgrade to keep with the Main Street beautification efforts.
 - There is not money in the CIP for outside renovations. It is something staff will be looking into adding
- Sidewalks on 73rd Avenue are in horrible shape, as they have been bucked in roughly 25 places by tree roots. They are probably the worst sidewalks in the



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City. They are a huge trip hazard. This project should be added to the list and made a top priority.

- Committee discussed this project. This is more for the TIP. Staff will look into amending the TIP.

The committee suggested putting a park in the Cedarhome area. The committee suggested adding \$70,000 to the CIP to look for a location they could have for a new park.

Adjourn: 6:35