

Item 23-0455: Resolution #3-R-23 Street Light Installation Policy

Municipal Services Committee

Mon, Apr 24, 2023 4:30PM

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 02:41

Next, we'll move to 23-0455 Resolution number 3-R-23 streetlight installation policy. We are joined by the author of the resolution Alder Wolff. Would you like to start us out? Or actually we should get a motion on the table?

Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 02:59

Move to approve.

Aldersperson Kristin Alfheim (District 11) 03:00

Second.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 03:01

We have a motion to approve and a second. Alder Wolff.

Aldersperson Nate Wolff (District 12) 03:06

Thank you, Chair. So, this resolution came from a series of conversations that I had with Eric Lom regarding multiple different things, and just trying to work some things out. And I think that this is a good idea to review this policy. I think that it will move us in the right direction down the road. It's a kind of a, I would say, a good thing to do to review policy after certain amount of years have passed.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 03:52

All right, any questions? Alder Hartzheim?

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:56

Thank you, Chair. I'm not opposed at all to a review. I am wondering whether this was spurred on because it says in our policy that it should be spurred on by Common Council. Is that—am I under the same understanding as everyone else? And I'm wondering if there are—if this was something that would generally sort of be under the traffic division's regular rade—you know, on the regular radar for the traffic division, is this an additional heavy workload to try to go through this? Or is this something that the traffic division is prepared for and it shouldn't be very costly or time consuming? Thanks.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 04:35

I had the same question. I was wondering if this is something that there's an overall plan for reviewing these policies? What microphone are you? Three.

Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 04:48

We do try to—I wouldn't say that there is a set-in stone kind of like so many year interval, that we review the policies, but we do, as times change and as things change out there in the industry, we do try to take a new look at things. So, this one I believe is dated 2007. So, it's time. And I don't think it's anything too onerous on us to review this and come back to the committee with some thoughts on what we think might make sense.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 05:22

Alder Alfheim.

Aldersperson Kristin Alfheim (District 11) 05:24

Thank you, Chair. I think this is gonna be interesting. I appreciate Alder Wolff's attempt at trying to save some dollars for the city. We all are looking for different ways to be creative, and with the city's comments that it is appropriate, and we may indeed find some opportunity, then I support the investigation. Thank you.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 05:50

Any other questions or comments from committee or alders who are attending? Alder Meltzer?

Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 05:57

Thank you. I definitely—I'm aware that the streetlights are an area where we could possibly be a bit more efficient as far as our spending. So, I think that, especially knowing now that it was last reviewed in 2007, I think that this is definitely a very timely resolution and I look forward to what staff can tell us.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 06:22

Any other questions or discussion? All right, with that we have a motion to approve. All those in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed? That motion passes five zero.