

Municipal Services Committee
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Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 00:02

All right. Are you ready? All right, I'll call to order the Monday, July 10 meeting of the Municipal Services committee. Please rise and join me for the Pledge of Allegiance.

All Present 00:14

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 00:31

Roll call membership. All members are present with the exception of our chair Alder Katie van Zeeland who had a work emergency today and will not be with us.

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 00:41

So, we need an approval of the minutes from the previous meeting from June 26. Is there a motion?

Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 00:48

Move to approve.

Aldersperson Kristin Alfheim (District 11) 00:49

Second.

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 00:50

We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? All those in favor say aye. Opposed? And I will abstain just because I was not here for that meeting.

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 01:01

And we have no public hearings or appearances. So, under our action items, number 23-0804 approve commercial variance process services contract for large projects to the E-plan Exam. Staff I guess we'll let you start to explain.

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 01:20

So, the information you have in your packet is related to a contract amendment with E plan Exam. What the amendment would allow is for applicants who wish to pursue a code variance to their state plans, the option to have E Plan, which is our consultant that handles most of our commercial plan review, to allow E Plan to process that variance versus the state. The state process, it's my understanding it's—there's a wait time of somewhere between four and six months. So, this gives them the option to exercise E plan services for the fee of \$2,000. And they handle it much more quickly.

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 02:02

Okay. any questions from committee on that? All right, then I guess we need a motion.

Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 02:13

Move to approve.

Alderson Kristin Alfheim (District 11) 02:14

Second.

Alderson Chad Doran (District 15) 02:15

All right, we have a motion and a second to approve any further discussion. All in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed? That passes four zero.

Alderson Chad Doran (District 15) 02:26

And then action item 23-0805 approve street vacation for a portion of East Circle Street west of Drew Street and east of Durkee Street as shown on exhibit A. Staff you want to explain that one?

Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 02:39

Sure. So, Appleton Area School District was preparing the CSM for the expansion of Kaleidoscope that's coming up. And it was determined that this portion of East Circle Street was never actually vacated. It was initiated a couple times 1971, 1997. The process has just never been completed. This portion of the public street hasn't been used for public street purposes in over 50 years.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 03:08

It looks like it's covered with buildings?

Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 03:10

It is.

[There was laughter.]

Alderson Chad Doran (District 15) 03:14

Alright, any questions from committee? [There was a hint of a chuckle in his voice.]

Alderson Kristin Alfheim (District 11) 03:16

Fantastic follow through.

[There was laughter.]

Alderson Chad Doran (District 15) 03:19

All right, then we need a motion.

Alderson Kristin Alfheim (District 11) 03:21

Move to approve.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 03:22

Second.

Alderson Chad Doran (District 15) 03:23

We have a motion and a second. I assume there's no further discussion on that. We'll take a vote. All in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed? Motion passes four zero.

Alderson Chad Doran (District 15) 03:33

On to information items. 23-0806 inspections division permit summary comparison report for June of 2023. Anything staff wants to note from that or questions from committee?

Alderson Chad Doran (District 15) 03:48

Then we have item 23-0817 the Bird E scooter monthly report for June. Anything staff wants to highlight there?

Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 03:57

Yes.

Alderson Chad Doran (District 15) 03:57

Go ahead.

Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 03:57

One item to highlight. I received the question last month related to incidents versus issues and complaints. So, incidents I've now added slash injuries. They're usually more injury related, where issues and complaints would be something like bad parking or mechanical issue with the actual Bird. So, I've added—I'm trying to clarify that. There were zero incidents slash injuries this month. So, there's no breakdown underneath it for any of those.

Alderson Chad Doran (District 15) 04:28

Good. Questions from committee?

Alderson Kristin Alfheim (District 11) 04:30

I have a question.

Alderson Chad Doran (District 15) 04:31

Go ahead.

Alderson Kristin Alfheim (District 11) 04:32

Truly just a generic question. I jumped on one of those for the first time a few weeks back. I didn't crash, thank you. But I didn't realize how fast they really go. 18 miles an hour is pretty fast on those things. We had talked about different ways—I don't know where we are in discussion about after hours and a lot of the accidents having to do with alcohol and what we can and can't do.

Alderson Kristin Alfheim (District 11) 04:54

We do have the ability to roll those back in terms of speed, don't we? We do. So, you know, could we investigate perhaps, maybe a 9pm slowdown? Again, maybe we don't need to take action on that. But I'd love to know if we have that option as a plan if we see injuries happening perhaps at a certain time of the night, without taking them away. Crashing at a slower speed is certainly better than crashing at a high speed. And 18 was—18 miles an hour's fast on those machines. So just investigating as potentially an option in the future.

Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 05:30

If—I'll follow up with the committee.

Alderson Kristin Alfheim (District 11) 05:31

Appreciate it. Thanks.

Alderson Chad Doran (District 15) 05:33

All right. Anyone else?

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 05:36

Thank you. Yeah, I really appreciate that, Alderson Alfheim. I think that that gives us a tool in the box as far as how we could potentially address some of these issues. So, very happy to hear that we have that opportunity for regulation. And also thank you for that breakout in the in the report. I really appreciate that as well.

Alderson Chad Doran (District 15) 06:00

Good. All right. If nothing else, then we need a motion to adjourn.

Alderson Kristin Alfheim (District 11) 06:06

So moved.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 06:07

Second.

Alderson Chad Doran (District 15) 06:08

Okay. We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Aye. We are adjourned.

Alderson Kristin Alfheim (District 11) 06:13

Thank you.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 06:14

Thank you.