

All Action Items

Municipal Services Committee

Mon, Dec 09, 2024 4:30PM

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 02:46

We have no public hearings or appearances, so we will move directly into our action items, the first of which is 24-1562, approve 2025 Morrison Street asphalt reconstruction traffic calming design changes.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 03:00

Move for approval.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:01

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 03:02

All right, we have a motion and a second. Staff want to talk to us about this? Deputy Director Neuberger, you're on three?

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 03:15

Thank you, Chair. I'd like to just hit the high points on this one, and then if we get into the weeds a little bit on the traffic calming elements, then I'll probably refer to city traffic engineer Lom. But this, as it says in the memo, what we are not proposing to change at this time, at the bottom of the memo, is still a 27 foot back to curb of back of curb for the for the length of the proposed reconstruction of Morrison Street from Wisconsin to Glendale. The traffic calming circle to be constructed at the intersection with Lindbergh Street is proposed to remain as is, and the existing on street parking restricted to one side along the west side of Morrison street would remain unchanged.

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 04:01

What we're proposing to change was the result of discussions with Alder Croatt and the mayor and Eric and myself to address additional concerns that were passed along from some residents in the neighborhood, looking for what staff might be willing to enable to support regarding additional traffic calming within this area. And we identified a new traffic calming circle at Morrison and Brewster and right at the Erb Pool entrance, curb extensions and a raised crosswalk across Morrison Street at that location. So that's it in a nutshell.

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 04:46

And then the other thing I would like to add to this would be just a little bit of information, if it seems like deja vu all over again, this will be the third time that we've taken this to through Municipal Services. First time was a little over a year ago, before the—for the complete streets guidelines were put in place. We had a design. Then after the street Complete Streets guidelines were put into place, we came back in the spring and tweaked things a little bit based on those guidelines. And then this is—would be back the third time based on the additional input that we received.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 05:19

Thank you. I just want to take a moment to thank Alder Croatt and his neighbors and my neighbors for the for working to get these changes. As someone who lives on the street where we're going to have the raised

crosswalk across in the summertime, I hold my breath a lot when I see the kids crossing to go to the pool. So, thank you. Any comments up there? I'm going to call on Alder Croatt, what mic do you have?

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 05:49

Thank you, Chair. Yes, very, very pleased to see this revision. As most of you know, one of the things that we take a lot of calls on is neighborhood speed. I hear about it quite a bit, not just on this street. Actually, I was part of a neighborhood meeting this past summer, and it wasn't—it wasn't specifically on this topic. It was actually on the topic of park safety, and some good things came from that. But one of the things that got brought up at this gathering was the amount of traffic that goes by on Morrison at a higher rate of speed for, you know, for a neighborhood. So, all that good feedback. I mean, this is district 14. This is District Six and district one on the south end. So, all these residents that provided feedback were mainly from District Six, but some of them were from 14, and some of them from 1.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 06:44

But I think it's good because it fits within the smart streets program, and I'm just really thankful that the staff and the mayor were open to having a conversation about bringing something forward that might be a little different than what was originally proposed based on the feedback but also based on how it fits within, you know, the guidelines of those programs. So, yeah, very happy to see this come forward, especially the by the pool. That is a very busy area at times. And then one of the things I've heard was just from, Wisconsin to Glendale, traffic generally kind of zooms pretty fast on in unimpeded. The calming circle at Brewster I think will help with that, just like those on Glendale do.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 07:34

Thank you. Up here? Alder Meltzer.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 07:37

Thank you. Yeah. I'm very happy to see this come forward too. And I think, you know, it's important that that comment that this is the third time that it's coming through here. So, I think this really shows how this has been a dialogue, and that public input has really mattered. I think that there's still kind of a myth out there that some of these—that these designs, are generally kind of assumed by many to be a done deal as soon as the design proposal is offered on the first agenda where it appears. And so, I just want to kind of highlight this as a demonstration that that's not the case, and really that robust dialogue with constituent input is so impactful. Thank you.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 08:19

Anyone else?

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 08:20

One more thing.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 08:21

Oh, Alder Croatt again.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 08:22

Thank you. Yeah, I failed to mention that, in addition to, you know, a very busy Erb Park and Pool, we also have a number of schools in this area. There's the Kaleidoscope Middle School, there's Franklin, and there's a lot—so there's a lot of kids walking around this area. And, you know, traffic—you know, if traffic speeding by there, this is just going to help make it a safer corridor.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 08:46

Thank you. All right. All right, seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor say, aye. Aye. That passes five zero.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 08:57

Moving to item 24-1563, award 2025 contract for operations, maintenance, and monitoring at the closed city of Appleton landfill to SES engineers in an amount not to exceed \$76,361.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 09:11

Move for approval.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 09:12

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 09:13

All right, we have a motion and a second. Any comments from staff on this one? All right, anything up here? All right, seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor, please say aye. That passes five, zero.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 09:28

Moving to item 24-1564 the 2025 sole source purchase request for various traffic equipment and technologies.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 09:38

Move to approve.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 09:39

Second.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 09:40

All right, we have a motion and a second. Engineer Lom, do you have any comments on this? Or? Director, three? Two. Okay. Are there any questions here? All right, seeing none, let's go ahead and vote. All those in favor say aye. Aye. That passes five zero.