



Transportation & Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 19, 2020
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
** Virtual Meeting **

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Commence: 4:30 PM Adjourn: 5:55 PM
Peter Kwon, Chair	X		
Pam Fernald	X		
Takele Gobena	X		

Other Councilmembers participating: CM Hill; CM Tombs

Staff Coordinators: Will Appleton, Public Works Director; Florendo Cabudol, City Engineer

Other Staff Participating: Gwen Voelpel, Deputy City Manager

Public Comment	No public comment
1. Approve Prior Meeting's Minutes	Nov 5 Minutes were approved to move to Council
Streetlight discussion	<p>Discussion/Recommendation</p> <p>City Engineer Florendo Cabudol presented a PowerPoint on street and pedestrian lighting issues in the City. A Council Information Request was received by staff about the lack of street/pedestrian lighting near Madrona Elementary School, an area where there is observed pedestrian activity. Currently, City Code requires the City to provide and pay for street lighting on arterial roadways. In addition, current policy states that new street/pedestrian lighting are furnished and maintained on roadways identified for construction of capital improvement projects. The question before Committee today at the meeting was, should the City pursue and provide for street/pedestrian lighting on non-arterial classified roadways. A clarification was made that non-arterial street</p>

	<p>lighting in residential areas also refers to pedestrian lighting. Preliminary cost information was provided to the Committee to compare different lighting arrangements. The cost of attaching a streetlight to existing wood poles range from \$300 to \$900 per installation. Currently, the bill for this and subsequent electric service is charged to the resident(s) requesting the lights. Stand-alone pedestrian lights (pole and fixture) range in costs from \$10,000 to \$14,000 to install, which includes conduit, wiring, excavation, backfill, and installing an electric meter for each service.</p> <p>A preliminary cost to construct new stand-alone pedestrian lighting along both 30th Ave S and 32nd Ave S between South 200th and South 204th Street on one side of each street, would be about \$600,000. The City is not currently planning for this project and the information was presented as informational only.</p> <p>The questions before the Committee were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would the Committee like to address? • Budget, staff resources, and City policy changes considerations? <p>The Committee raised many thoughts around the ideas of what would be fair and equitable for the whole city when determining which potential streets would be selected for street/pedestrian lighting installation and where requests have been turned down in the past. Further questions were asked as to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we determine what is fair for the City’s residents • How would the program start? • How will the program be funded? • Will the City install pedestrian lighting where sidewalks are not in place or planned for years? <p>ACTION:</p> <p>Committee directed staff to continue researching the issue and reach out to Seattle City Light, Puget Sound Energy, and other jurisdictions about how they deal with requests for street lighting. The item will be brought back before the Committee for further discussions on whether to move forward with developing a City Street/Pedestrian Lighting program.</p>
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