

Minutes
Water Resource Management Utility Meeting
(Formerly Stormwater Utility)
October 14, 2008

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Water Resource Management Utility (formerly Stormwater Committee) at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Present: Alderman Ken Harenda, Alderman John Hopkins, Alderman Bill Moore, Mayor Jack Chiovatero and Commissioner Jim Kern

Others Present: Nicole Hewitt (Division Engineer), Greg Kessler (Director of DCD), JP Walker (City Engineer), Chuck Trevorrow (Stormwater Supervisor) & Sue Hanley (Administrative Supervisor Utilities & Streets)

Meeting called to order at 4:48pm by Alderman Harenda. Roll call and declared a quorum with all members present.

Old Business

SW 01-08 Minutes from August 12th Meeting

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to approve the minutes from the August 12th Water Resource Management Committee meeting. Seconded by Alderman Moore and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

SW 10-08 Update on EHS Underground Storage Project

Hewitt: I handed out photos of the storm trap when it was installed. It has been covered with topsoil and waiting for seed and mulch. The tennis court area on the north side of the driveway is waiting fill. The area above it can be used for parking.

Hopkins: I drove by it and it looks good.

Harenda: How do they clean it out?

Hewitt: You use water to jet it out of one of the manholes into one corner and then suck all of it out.

Hopkins: The same as Malone Park right?

Trevorrow: I don't know if they have the same vortequ system.

Hewitt: Malone is a single unit box structure, while this is a multi.

Kern: Where is the water drained to, across the road?

Hewitt: It goes back into the storm sewer along Sunny Slope and continues south and then crosses the road. It is on budget and on time so far.

NEW BUSINESS

SW 14-08 Approval of WRM 2009 Operating Budget

Hewitt: The major change this year is the 59060 Drainage account which had \$120,000 in 2008 for the Comp Plan and that is out and why it has decreased the amount. We did add \$50,000 for drainage projects for next year.

Harenda: What was in the 2008 budget for drainage projects?

Hewitt: We didn't have any in there for drainage projects. This is a new item to try to take care of some of the backlog on the drainage list.

Harenda: We were pulling for the drainage projects that the Street crews were doing out of this account correct?

Hewitt: This year we are using account 54480 Culverts and Draintile.

Harenda: So you are separating it out now.

Hewitt: No that is still in there for the Street crew work in account 54480. This is an extra \$50,000 in account 59060. This \$50,000 would allow us to contract out some projects and get caught up on the backlog.

Kern: How is the \$50,000 in 2009 compared to what we spent on drainage in 2008?

Hopkins: If I remember right, we didn't do a lot of drainage projects this year because of the floods in June.

Kern: It shows an estimate of \$136,000 in 2008 under 59060. It looks like we are going from \$136,000 to \$74,000.

Harenda: That's the Comp Plan (\$120,000) and that is a one time hit in that account. It is still in our budget. We haven't spent that yet, it will transfer over.

Hewitt: That will transfer over so that we can still charge that for next year's Comp Plan issues.

Harenda: The 59060 account is for contracting out projects besides what Chuck's crews are doing. The budget actually went down. Is there anything on the horizon for grant money?

Hewitt: We did apply for some grants, but because of the storms a lot of the grant funding was pulled.

Harenda: I know Scott Schulpus has been working on getting FEMA money for this year's flooding.

Hewitt: He is working on it, but we won't get any of it in Water Resource Management.

Chiovatero: It goes in the City's General Fund, but I don't know if there is any way to transfer it.

Harenda: We utilized money from the 54480 account for storm related issues which would have been used for the ditching projects the crews would have worked on. Is there any way to get some portion of that money back?

Hewitt: It is something we would have to look into when it's in the General Fund.

Kessler: About an hour ago I sat down with Scott Schulpus and saw the stack of FEMA submittals he has. We will be reimbursed roughly \$200,000 into the General Fund from the storms in June.

Harenda: From a Utility standpoint, a portion of that should be reimbursed back into the Utility for the work that our crews have been doing.

Kessler: We have to sit down with Mike Holzinger the Finance Director and the Mayor to see how that would work.

Harenda: Can you do that?

Kessler: Yes.

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to recommend to Council to approve the proposed 2009 Water Resource Management Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,397,639. Seconded by Commissioner Kern and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

SW 16-08 Approval of Ongoing Illicit Discharge Screening

Hewitt: Every year we have different sections of the City that are included in the Illicit Discharge Screening which is part of our WPDES Permit through the DNR which we have to continually do. We have actually completed all the sections and are now going back to the beginning on the east side. This goes on every year.

Harenda: Is this cost going to go up or will it sustain the level where it has been the past few years?

Hewitt: It does change based on the areas of the City that she's working on. When she goes to the east side there is more discharge points to look at and as she moves west there is less, so the cost changes each year.

Harenda: Basically we are targeting discharge coming from industrial and illegal?

Hewitt: She looks at all major outfalls in the area, which I believe is greater than 18”.

Harenda: Are there any issues we have been finding with regard to the testing?

Hewitt: No. If we have any reports of any illegal discharge she looks into those also besides the routine.

Kern: Is this a state mandated program?

Hewitt: It is part of our general WPDES permit requirement through the DNR.

Hopkins: When you say larger than 18” you are talking about the industrial park not homes correct?

Hewitt: I don't have the exact number. It is all outfalls. I think culvert pipes are also looked into.

Harenda: Can you create a simple one page map where all of the outfalls are located?

Hewitt: Yes. This amount is currently in the budget.

Kern: Doing it without bidding makes sense, but will we keep using the same firm in the future?

Hewitt: I would say yes because she has the history of knowing where all the outfalls are. This company was involved in the original mapping of the outfalls.

Harenda: My pet peeve is that we do bid out projects after awhile and since we have a lot of this stuff on the GIS system if somebody did bid on this, it shouldn't be that difficult.

Hewitt: There are some that are not on the GIS and she finds those too. If you would like to bid out we can.

Moore: It would seem to me to be wise that every 2-3 years to compare it with other sources to make sure we are within the monetary ballpark.

Harenda: I believe this firm has done a good job, but I agree with Alderman Moore. It is a smaller firm which is good versus a large firm that sometimes dominates a lot of the municipal contracts in the state. We can take a look at it in the future.

Moore: At the same time, I don't have a problem with this. We should check it from time to time, but it is important to work with someone who has been doing a good job, you don't change horses when the horse is strong.

Motion by Alderman Moore to approve the Illicit Discharge Screening Contract with Stilling Engineering. The contract is to be for an amount not to exceed \$10,000, and the funds are to be charged to Drainage Account 70710710.59060. Seconded by Alderman Hopkins and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Information Beres Road Drainage Issue (Discussion)

Harenda: During the June flood Beres Road between Martin Rd and Calhoun Rd flooded over the road and flooded some low lying areas and some mound systems. Staff is in the process of talking with some of the neighbors and setting up a neighborhood meeting to collect additional information. Some of the projects in the area such as Inez Drive took 6 years to complete some of the work there. We will work with the neighbors and either put it on the drainage list or it might be a capital improvement. It is an issue that I just wanted to bring you up to speed.

Motion to adjourn at 5:04 p.m. by Commissioner Kern. Seconded by Alderman Moore and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted by Sue Hanley, Administrative Supervisor Utilities & Streets*