

Minutes
Water Resource Management Utility Meeting
(Formerly Stormwater Utility)
March 9, 2010

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 Bill Moore, Alderman John Hopkins, Commissioner Jim Kern, and Mayor Jack Chiovatero

Others Present: Nicole Hewitt (Division Engineer), Cathy Schwalbach (Project Engineer), Chuck Trevorrow (Stormwater Supervisor) and Sue Hanley (Administrative Supervisor Utilities & Streets)

Meeting called to order at 4:46 pm by Alderman Harenda. Roll call and declared a quorum with all members present.

OLD BUSINESS

SW 01-10 Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2010 meeting

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to approve the minutes from the February 9th meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Kern and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

SW 07-09 Approval of Addendum No. 1 to the Stormwater Management Master Plan

Hewitt: The Public Hearing was last week. The Plan Commission will be making a motion on it on March 29th and it will go to Common Council April 13th.

Harenda: This is a revision to the existing plan that was originated at the inception of the Utility. It brings us into compliance and updates the management plan according to the DNR rules and regulations. Some of the issues with regards to financing and planned projects do change based on criteria.

Hewitt: Funding options are for the analysis that is run and to give us options for various scenarios in the future.

Kern: On page 33, table 6 current flooding and drainage issues, are these on the drainage list or will they be added to it?

Hewitt: The drainage list itself contains individual properties and complaints. This list has issues bigger than individual drainage list items. These involve several properties or drainage system improvements. Some are on the 2010 CIP Plan. Any request for funds will come from this list.

Kern: What about the credit system? This could be complex and have pros and cons. Are we doing this?

Hewitt: It is something that we left the door open for when we set up the utility. There have never been any credits put into place. Offering credits for BMP's, would mean that we would have additional BMP's that we would have to monitor which is an additional cost to the utility and we do not have the resources to monitor them. You could do a one time credit which would be valid, but it is not cost effective to the homeowner since most of the facilities are \$1500 and they currently are only paying about \$60 a year.

Kern: The whole credit system will continue to be debated whether we want to do it or not.

Hewitt: People always want credit for going above and beyond and there may be other means that we can look into other than a direct credit.

Moore: Is it your objective to maintain the neighborhood letter system?

Hewitt: Because it is being incorporated into the Comp Plan, I maintained them so that you could refer back to that.

Motion by Mayor Chiovero to request Common Council to approve Addendum 1 of the Stormwater Management Master Plan. Seconded by Alderman Hopkins and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Hewitt: The approval of the addendum will go to Council on March 23rd. In April the Council will be approving the amendment to the Comp Plan to incorporate these items. It is 2 separate actions.

SW 20-09 Discussion on Tess Corners Pond Feasibility

No new information. Still waiting on a response from Muskego.

SW 21-09 Update on Railroad ditching plans near Elm Grove Road North of Honey Lane

Hewitt: No new information. Still waiting on a response from the railroad.

SW 07-10 Resolution to Apply for Municipal Flood Control Grant for 12620 Grange Avenue

Harenda: This is formalizing what we discussed at our last meeting with the stipulation that if we don't get the grant it will come back to us to make a decision.

Kern: This is a carryover from SW 05-10? The appraisal value on the house was \$168,000?

Hewitt: The total cost is \$203,300 which will include the demolition and various associated costs.

Chiovero: It will still cost the Utility \$60,990 if we get the grant. Have we budgeted for that?

Hewitt: No.

Harenda: It will be discussed with the 2011CIP budget.

Chiovero: What is the grant amount of \$142,310 based on?

Schwalbach: It is 70% of the project.

Motion by Alderman Hopkins to recommend to Council the approval of Resolution 10-05 authorizing staff to submit a Municipal Flood Control Grant application to DNR for the acquisition of the property at 12620 W. Grange Ave and in the event the grant is approved to authorize the acquisition of the property in accord with the terms of the Municipal Flood Control Grant program as well as applicable statutes and to disburse the City's portion of the funds in an amount not to exceed 30% of the cost of acquisition. Seconded by Alderman Moore and upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Communications:

**From Cathy Schwalbach, Project Engineer
Re: Municipal Flood Control Grant Eligibility Criteria**

Schwalbach: The Municipal Flood Control Grant ranking program (1-8) shows how the DNR scores the applications. Projects ranked as number 1 is for property acquisition and removal of structures which due to zoning restrictions can't be rebuilt or repaired. Rank 2 is property acquisition and removal of structures in the 100 year floodplain like the one on Grange that you just approved. 3 is a property acquisitions and repetitive loss or structural damage like the property on Fullerton that we received funding for several years ago. There are a few other properties in the city that have repetitive damage, but it must be proven.

Harenda: Is there a top limit to the amount of the grant?

Schwalbach: Yes, there is a limit for each municipality.

Harenda: Is it better to do more than one a year?

Hewitt: You rank higher if you do multiple, but it is structural loss, not property damage.

Schwalbach: You need to budget the entire amount of the project because the money has to be available. If you receive the grant and are reimbursed 70%, you only pay 30% of the cost. The Committee may like to fund one per year and dedicate \$200,000, get that money back and put it back into an account for the next year.

From Nicole Hewitt, Division Engineer

Re: MMSD Project M03030 – 2020 Facility Plan Storm Water Best Management Practices (SBMPs)

Hewitt: The MMSD money allocated to New Berlin is \$50,000 a year for MMSD's 2020 Facility Plan for Stormwater Best Management Practices provides funding for municipalities to implement demonstration projects to reduce polluted stormwater runoff and nutrient loadings to local waterways. It doesn't have to be spent every year; you can save it up and spend it together.

Harenda: For rain gardens, green roofs, downspout disconnections and pervious surface parking lots. Can it be used to upgrade facilities we have now?

Hewitt: If it relates to quality yes. We are still working on possibility ideas. It is not a check sent to us, it is something we apply for and we put in a proposal to do a project.

Harenda: If we don't do anything for 4 years and then apply for \$200,000, will the funds be available?

Hewitt: I think it is money that is set aside for each municipality.

Harenda: If any aldermen have ideas, please pass it on to staff.

Hewitt: There is not a lack of projects to spend the money on.

Motion to adjourn at 5:10 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*