

MINUTES

City Council Public Works & Utilities Committee

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 – 3:30 PM
City Council Chambers

Members Present: Maurice Jones, Chair, Council Member
Mac Morrow, Vice-Chair, Council Member

Staff Present: Dean Luebbe, Asst. City Manager/Finance Director
Wesley Shook, Acting Public Works Director
Dennis Richardson, WTP Director
Emory Owen, WWTP Director
Aaron Winans, WWTP
Denise Hodsdon, City Clerk

A. Welcome and Call to Order

Committee Chair Maurice Jones called the meeting to order at 3:29 pm.

B. Certification of Quorum

City Clerk Denise Hodsdon certified that a quorum was present.

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the agenda as presented.
The motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2022 Meeting

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Stormwater Infrastructure Inventory

Dean Luebbe informed the committee that we have signed a contract with Land of Sky for \$12,500 to conduct an inventory of our stormwater system. He explained that they do this in two phases. This contract is for Phase 1 in which they do the inventory and will take approximately three months to complete. Phase 2 would consist of them recommending what we need to spend to do a more complete assessment. If we want to move on to Phase 2, that would be part of the upcoming budget discussions and could possibly lead to the idea of establishing a stormwater fund.

Mr. Morrow asked if we have hit the targets for removal on the Gallimore Road sewer rehab project. Mr. Luebbe noted that the project is 99% complete and Mr. Shook said he was pleased with the work. He reported that there was no spill with the last heavy rain and the last time we had that amount of rain, we spilled quite a bit. He estimates that at least 45% of it is gone, but Alvin Fuller will be able to get more accurate numbers for us. Mr. Morrow noted that this tells a good story and requested that once we have more data, that staff provide the information to City Council and the public showing the effectiveness of the project.

Mr. Morrow also asked about the timetable of the Fish Camp, Wilson and Gallimore Sewer Pump stations rehab project and requested information about the scope of work and plans from CDM Smith at the next meeting if possible.

F. Update re WWTP Upgrade

Mr. Owen said City Manager Hooper wanted the committee to talk about our fee schedule. He said we will have to do something to combat the chemical costs and we need to look at places that discharge high strength waste. Aaron Winans added that we need to start sampling the other breweries for their BOD and TSS. He noted that the sewer use ordinance will need to be amended to address enforcement of high strength waste discharge. Mr. Winans said getting the breweries and the restaurant fats, oil and grease (FOG) program under control will reduce the BOD to the plant. He is also looking at rates that other places are charging for septage and he would like to get a flow meter so we know how many gallons we are taking. Next steps will include a review of the current fee schedule and Mr. Winans will provide some recommended amendments to the sewer use ordinance for the committee's consideration.

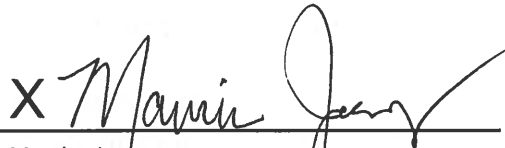
G. Set Date for Next Meeting

Because the Council's Strategic Planning Retreat is scheduled for March 1st, the next regular meeting of the Public Works & Utilities Committee was rescheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2023.


H. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Minutes Approved: April 5, 2023

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Maurice Jones

Chair, Council Member

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Denise Hodsdon

City Clerk