

MINUTES – ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 01.12.2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM, Thursday, January 12th in the Council Chamber with the following in attendance:

Council Members

Jeremy Nutting (Chair)
Vic Pennington (Vice Chair)
JC Harris

City Staff

Andrew Merges, Public Works Director
Tommy Owen – City Engineer
Tyler Beekley – Civil Engineer II
Bonnie Wilkins – Chief Administrative Officer
Matt Hutchins – Assistant City Attorney
Jeff Friend – Finance Director
Mark Couey – Assistant Chief, DMPD
Taria Keane – City Clerk
Sara Lee – Public Disclosure Analyst
Jodi Grager – Admin. Assistant

Guests

Councilmembers: Mayor Matt Mahoney, Deputy Mayor Traci Buxton, Gene Achziger

AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes from the 11.17.2022 meeting
2. 2023 Work Plan

MEETING:

1. Unanimous approval of the 11.17.2022 minutes.
2. Civil Engineer II Tyler Beekley reviewed the 2023 Work Plan (Attachment #2). Committee members followed up with comments/questions:
 - Regarding the Poverty Bay Shellfish Protection District Status to be discussed in July – Is there a concern with the private septic systems concentrated in the North Hill area? Is there monitoring of potential pollutants from North Hill?
C.E. II Beekley responded that North Hill is outside of the area that may be contributing to the pollution source in Poverty Bay. King County Public Health is the agency that monitors septic systems. The City is not currently monitoring daily loads into the storm system from the North Hill area.
 - Can the City assist residents in the S 207th/S 208th neighborhood who are interested in hooking up to the sanitary sewer system?
There are efforts from individual sewer districts to move homeowners into their system.
 - Is King County Urban Flooding a funding source for the City's problem spots such as "Poverty Bay Flats?"

CIP projects are programmed in that vicinity. Public Works Director Andrew Merges stated that the City received a state grant to review the storm system of S 223rd St.

- Will the covering of resources at the Public Works Service Center be a focus?
Certain material piles have been covered. Additional work will be part of the CIP in the coming years.
- Are King Tide concerns something the SWM Department is following?
Public Works Director Merges explained that the system behind the sea wall becomes overloaded in a King Tide. Temporary road closures are the result of King Tide flooding. This is a complicated issue that may be explored further during a future estuary project.

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jodi Grager, Admin Asst