MINUTES – ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 01.21.2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM, Thursday, January 21, 2021, via Zoom, with the following in attendance:

Council Members

Mayor Matt Pina (Chair)
Luisa Bangs (Vice-Chair)
JC Harris

City Staff

Dan Brewer – Chief Operations Officer
Brandon Carver – PW Director
Loren Reinhold – SWM Utility Manager
Scott Wilkins - Harbormaster
Beth Anne Wroe – Finance Director
Matthew Hutchins – Asst. City Attorney
Tyler Beekley – SWM Civil Engineer II
Jodi Grager – Admin. Asst.

Guests

Councilmembers Traci Buxton, Matt Mahoney and Anthony Martinelli

AGENDA:

1. Approval of 11.12.20 Minutes
2. 2021 Environment Committee Work Plan
3. SWM CIP Update

MEETING:

1. Unanimous approval of the 11.12.20 minutes
2. During the review of the 2021 Environment Committee Work Plan (see Attachment #2) it was decided to move the NPDES Program Update to February and change the Poverty Bay Shellfish item from February to April. The Committee also briefly reviewed several items listed on the Work Plan. It is possible that additional topics may be added as necessary. The Southwest Suburban Sewer District will be submitting their Comprehensive Plan soon, it will be added to the Environment Committee schedule when received. During the discussion, the SWM Comprehensive Plan was mentioned as a resource. It can be found at: https://www.desmoineswa.gov/523/Surface-Water-Comprehensive-Plan . Another resource document mentioned was the 2020 Surface Water Management Program which is also found on the City's website: https://www.desmoineswa.gov/308/Water-Quality-NPDES . This report is listed as a Quick Link. It is hoped that the February NPDES presentation will be helpful in gaining a background regarding this complex issue. A question concerning septic systems was addressed. King County Department of Health is the appropriate agency for Septic System information. The 2021 Work Plan was approved as amended.

3. Tyler Beekley, SWM Civil Engineer, reviewed the 2021 SWM CIP Activities (Chart Attachment #3). He described last year as heavy in the design phase. The presentation highlighted these projects:

    - Barnes Creek/KDM Road Culvert Replacement has been designated by the tribes as a fish obstruction. WSDOT is leading the design and the project cost will be shared amongst the involved agencies.
    - 24th Ave Pipeline Replacement involves widening the roads and adding sidewalks. It is at 30% design and the City is optimistic about construction starting in 2022.
    - Deepdene Plat Outfall Replacement has been impacted by COVID restrictions. Staff are gathering information for homeowners regarding the ownership and maintenance of this project. Progress has been made; City water no longer flows through this system.
    - 8th Ave (264th to 265th) Pipe Project includes an ILA with Lakehaven Utility District and design is near completion. The consulting firm, Parametrix, is targeting mid March for seeking bids for construction.
    - 6th Ave/239th Pipe Replacement is a project to increase capacity from the existing diameter of 12" upsizing to 18". Due to the recent storm causing the outfall to be washed out, the stairs in this location will need to be removed so that the new outfall can be situated. The stairs will be rebuilt. The consulting firm, Parametrix, is targeting mid March for seeking bids for construction.
    - Soundview Drive/Redondo Beach Drive Pipe Upgrade involves public surface water traveling over private property. There are three main areas that require improvements of system hydraulics. The consulting firm, Parametrix, is targeting mid March for seeking bids for construction.
    - N Fork McSorley Creek Diversion requires an annexation of two parcels that are still under King County ownership. This will be a land transfer to City ownership to allow for the surface water system to be re-routed to avoid private property.

    The Committee found it encouraging to see potentially four of these projects under construction in 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.
Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jodi Grager, Admin Asst