

## MINUTES – ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 02.13.2025

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM, Thursday, February 13, 2025 in the Council Chamber with the following in attendance:

### **Council Members**

J.C. Harris (Chair)  
Yoshiko Grace Matsui (Vice Chair) absent  
Gene Achziger

### **City Staff**

Katherine Caffrey – City Manager  
Michael Slevin – Public Works Director  
Tommy Owen – City Engineer  
Tyler Beekley – Surface Water/Environmental Engineering  
Manager  
Alex Johnson – Surface Water Engineer  
Rebecca Deming – Community Development Director  
Jeff Friend – Finance Director  
Matthew Hutchins – Assistant City Attorney  
Sara Lee – Deputy City Clerk  
Jodi Grager – Administrative Coordinator I

Guests – Mayor Traci Buxton and Councilmember Matt Mahoney, Bill Linscott  
Parametrix Consultants – Nikki Redden and Paul Fendt

### **AGENDA**

1. Approval of the minutes from the 01.09.2025 meeting
2. CIP Project Updates + Des Moines Creek Estuary Follow Up

### **MEETING:**

1. Unanimous approval of the 01.09.2025 meeting
2. Surface Water/Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley introduced Civil Engineer Alex Johnson to review a Capital Project Update (Item #2 Attachments 1-2). The Committee discussed the delays on the 24th Ave S Roadway Improvements Project. A previous project at Marine View Drive S and Lower Massey Creek area was also highlighted. It was suggested that future updates include information on budget and schedule risks. C.E. Johnson along with Parametrix consultants Nikki Redden and Paul Fendt provided a PowerPoint *Des Moines Creek Estuary Restoration 02/13/2025*. The design has progressed a bit from last month's presentation. Several 3D renderings and a fly through video were included in the PowerPoint. This project is funded through the 30% design stage. Later this month, staff will be submitting a grant application which will allow for 100% design funding. As the project evolves there will be additional time for public engagement and feedback. The Full Council will receive the presentation at tonight's meeting should there be additional committee comments and questions. The project timeline, funding, cosmetic vs. functional aspects and flooding elevations were topics of interest.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m. Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jodi Grager, Admin Coordinator