

MINUTES – ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 04.13.2023

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

Council Members

Jeremy Nutting (Chair)
Vic Pennington (Vice Chair)
Gene Achziger

City Staff

Tommy Owen – City Engineer
Tyler Beekley – Surface Water/Environmental Engineering Mngr.
Matt Hutchins – Assistant City Attorney
Taria Keane – City Clerk
Sara Lee – Public Disclosure Analyst
Jodi Grager – Admin. Assistant

AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes from the 01.12.2023 meeting
2. CIP Project Updates

MEETING:

1. Unanimous approval of the 01.12.2023 minutes.
2. Surface Water and Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley reviewed the Capital Project Update (Attachment #2). He commented that every one of the City Engineers is working on CIP projects. The focus is on the projects that are currently funded. Due to staffing and resources, it is possible that a couple of the projects will need to be moved to 2024. Project details reviewed included:
 - 24th Ave S Pipeline Replacement Project – This is a Transportation led project with SWM assisting. ROW acquisition and utility location prove to be challenging. The focus is getting this project to bid for a construction start this summer. During significant rain events, the intersection of 24th Ave S/ S 224th St experiences water over the roadway. This situation will be resolved upon project completion.
 - Des Moines Memorial Drive (S 208th to S 212th) – The western side of DMMD is currently a mishmash of ditches. The project will install an accurately sized system for SWM. The design also considers a potential for future sidewalk placement. This project will be strategically delayed until 2024 to coincide with a nearby project.
 - Kent-Des Moines/16th Ave S (Segment A) – Due to complications regarding utility conflicts requiring a considerable amount of time to develop franchise agreements, this item will be delayed until 2024. Note: Item #10 of the Council Consent Agenda for tonight; King County Flood Reduction Grant Award which recommends accepting a grant for this pipe replacement project and the Des Moines Creek Estuary Project.

- 216th Pl/Marine View Drive Pipe Upgrade – The City is contracting with the same design consultants as Des Moines Memorial Drive (S 208th – S 212th) which should result in a cost savings, planned construction start in 2024.
- The two estuary projects (Massey Creek Pocket Estuary and Fish Project and Des Moines Creek Pocket Estuary Project) are highlighted in the Washington State Department of Ecology's WRIA 9 (Water Resource Inventory Area) Plan. These are environmental enhancement projects with grant funding for the preliminary design phase. The Des Moines Creek Pocket Estuary project will include the considerations of stake holders and respect the historical significance of this area. It will contain a robust public outreach plan.
- Deepdene Outfall Project – Staff are currently working with the neighborhood HOA on this system. Design consultants are preparing an update for the Outfall Replacement design.
- 10th Ave S Pipe Project – City SWM Maintenance crew will connect homeowner downspouts to a new system, scheduling dependent on staff availability.
- Kent-Des Moines Culvert Replacement – This WSDOT project is targeted to start this summer and will require a nine day road closure. Noticing responsibility will be shared with WSDOT.

The Committee thanked staff for the comprehensive update.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jodi Grager, Admin Asst