

MINUTES – ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 04.15.2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM, Thursday, April 15, 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 – Public Works Director
Loren Reinhold – SWM Utility Manager
Tyler Beekley – SWM Civil Engineer II
Scott Wilkins - Harbormaster
Matthew Hutchins – Assistant City Attorney
Jeff Friend – Deputy Finance Director
Jodi Grager – Admin. Assistant

Guests

Councilmembers Traci Buxton, Matt Mahoney and Anthony Martinelli
Parametrix Staff Austin Fisher and FCS Group Staff Matt Hobson

AGENDA:

1. Approval of 02.18.21 Minutes
2. CIP Project Update
3. SWM Comprehensive Plan Update

MEETING:

1. Unanimous approval of the 02.18.21 minutes
2. SWM Civil Engineer II Tyler Beekley reviewed three SWM Capital Project maps (see agenda packet): 6th Ave S/S 239th St Pipe Replacement; Soundview Drive/Redondo Beach Drive Pipe Upgrade; 8th Ave S (S 264th- S 265th St) Pipe Project. He summarized the details of each project and pointed to the good news that the low bid for construction costs for each project came in under the Engineer's Estimates. CE Beekley also presented a bid summary document that outlined the bid amounts from the construction companies that participated in bidding these projects. Public Works Director Brandon Carver mentioned the ILA with Lakehaven Utility District that allows for a partnership with the Utility to upgrade their assets in this area of 8th Avenue. Lakehaven will contribute toward the total pavement replacement of 8th Ave S between S 264th and S 265th St when the utility work is completed. Staff responded to questions regarding the placement of water lines, sewer lines and storm drains. Staff also described the bidding process for Municipal construction projects.
3. Consultants Austin Fisher and Matt Hobson shared a PowerPoint presentation titled: Surface Water Comprehensive Plan Update (see agenda packet). Mr. Fisher began by summarizing the

tasks that have been accomplished. He also discussed the Capital Improvement Projects that will be pushed out three additional years in order to preserve the current rate structure. Mr. Hobson reviewed the Surface Water Financial Plan and Rate Forecast. Slides 9 – 13 of the presentation include graphs that demonstrate two options: An Extended Capital Plan & Capital Reserve (2021 – 2029) and the Original Capital Plan & Capital Reserve (2021 – 2026). Mr. Hobson responded to questions regarding the possible national/state infrastructure bill and its use for completing projects without increasing utility rates. He replied that this is an unknown at this time. Another concern was regarding the projects that wouldn't be completed until 2029 and whether these projects are critical? Staff assured the Committee that these projects, although necessary, do not rise to the level of immediate need. Lastly, the possibility for the City to explore other rate structures was discussed. The next steps in the SWM Comprehensive Plan is for this Committee to review the draft that will be provided at the September meeting, to be followed by taking it to Council in the Fall. There are several other Comprehensive Plans that will be reviewed by Council, so scheduling this review will be an important factor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jodi Grager, Admin Asst