

MINUTES – ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 06.13.2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM, Thursday, June 13, 2024 in the Council Chamber with the following in attendance:

Council Members

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

City Staff

Tim George – Interim City Manager
Tommy Owen – Acting Public Works Director
Tyler Beekley – Surface Water/Environmental Engineering
Manager
Michael Posey – SWM Engineering Technician I
Matthew Hutchins – Assistant City Attorney
Sara Lee – Deputy City Clerk
Laura Hopp – Administrative Coordinator I
Jodi Grager – Administrative Coordinator I

Guests – Mayor Traci Buxton, Councilmembers Matt Mahoney and Harry Steinmetz
StART SEA Stakeholder Advisory Round Table Representatives Joe Dusenbury and Steve Novak
Barbara McMichael, Martha Hamilton, Chuck Coleman

AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes from the 05.09.2024 meeting
2. Public Works Yard Groundwater Remediation Update
3. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Project Update
4. StART Update

MEETING:

1. Unanimous approval of the 05.09.2024 minutes.
2. SW/Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley presented a summary of the history and progress of the remediation efforts at 21650 11th Ave S (see Item #1 Attachments). The City has been involved in the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) with the Department of Ecology since 2000. The most recent remediation strategy involved injecting a solution of in-situ chemical oxidation with the goal of promoting the degradation of the remaining constituents of concern (COCs). It is hoped that future testing levels may indicate proceeding to close-out of these efforts.
3. Manager Beekley stated that the CIP hasn't changed much from the last update to the committee (see Item #3 Attachment). He reviewed the projects listed as Current Construction:
 - WSDOTs project, the KDM Culvert Replacement is 99% completed and final paving could happen June 21st-22nd.

- The utilities have completed their undergrounding work on 24th Ave S. and staff are expecting the contractor to be on site next week.
- Pump floats have yet to be delivered for 1st Ave. The contractor will begin close-out once the pump floats have been installed.
- Harkness Construction was awarded the bid on Segment A of the KDM/16th Ave S project. They have indicated a July start.

Other projects discussed were:

- Staff are close to completing the permitting/design work on the Des Moines Memorial Drive (S 208th-212th). Although it may be awkward timing for going to bid, the consultants are confident that competitive bids will be received.
- The Deepdene Outfall Project will likely see construction start next summer.
- The Estuary Pocket Projects are in the preliminary design phase. Updates will be provided to this committee.

Additional information was provided regarding a replacement pipe project that will address flooding issues on 6th Place/S 287th. Manager Beekley also mentioned SWM has applied for a grant to study stormwater run-off at the proposed Marina Steps Project. The study would look at new medias that may be effective in removing pollutants from stormwater run-off.

4. Citizen Representatives to the StART Committee Joe Dusenbury and Steve Novak presented a summary of the April 8th, 2024 Aviation Noise Working Group meeting (see Item #4 Attachment). The Committee appreciated their participation in this advisory round table.

Citizens Martha Hamilton provided public comment regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and the costs for additional utility hook-ups. Barbara McMichael stated that there should be coordination of Part 150 Airport Noise meeting schedules with the surrounding cities. The last meeting was scheduled the same date as a council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jodi Grager, Admin Coordinator