

MINUTES – ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 07.11.2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM, Thursday, July 11, 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

Tommy Owen – Acting Public Works Director
Tyler Beekley – Surface Water/Environmental Engineering
Manager
Michael Posey – SWM Engineering Technician I
Matthew Hutchins – Assistant City Attorney
Taria Keane – City Clerk
Sara Lee – Deputy City Clerk
Brandon Pitts – Civil Engineer I
Jodi Grager – Administrative Coordinator I

Guests – Mayor Traci Buxton and Councilmember Matt Mahoney
Barbara McMichael, Chuck Coleman

AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes from the 06.13.2024 meeting
2. 2024 NPDES Permit Reissuance
3. Stormfest Program Overview

MEETING:

1. Unanimous approval of the 06.13.2024 minutes.
2. SW/Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley reviewed the highlights of the new requirements for the reissuance of the City's NPDES permit effective August 1st, 2024 (see memo for Item #2). Manager Beekley stated the SWM Department Staff has been proactively preparing for the new requirements, however, certain sections of the permit will be challenging.
3. Michael Posey, SWM Engineering Tech I provided a recap of Stormfest 2024 (see Item #3 hand-out) which was held at Des Moines Beach Park in June. Stormfest was first developed as an ILA with Des Moines, Burien, Normandy Park, King County and SeaTac; an educational opportunity for Highline School District's 6th graders. Special thanks to Marina Staff, Facilities Staff, Stormwater Crew and Michael Posey for their extraordinary efforts to make this event a success.

Citizen Barbara McMichael contributed public comment regarding the Port of Seattle land sale which will increase the size of the Des Moines Creek Business Park. She wished to encourage the City's involvement in future opportunities for commenting on this plan.

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m. Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jodi Grager, Admin Coordinator

