

## **MINUTES – ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 09.14.2023**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM, Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> in the Council Chamber with the following in attendance:

### **Council Members**

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

### **City Staff**

Andrew Merges – Public Works Director  
Tyler Beekley – Surface Water/Environmental Engineering Mngr.  
Tommy Owen – City Engineer  
Michael Posey – Engineering Technician  
Scott Wilkins – Harbormaster  
Taria Keane – City Clerk  
Jodi Grager – Admin. Assistant

Guests – Mayor Matt Mahoney, Councilmember Traci Buxton, Chuck Coleman

### **AGENDA**

1. Approval of the minutes from the 06.08.2023 meeting
2. Source Control Program Update
3. Capital Improvement Plan Update

### **MEETING:**

Motion to excuse Gene Achziger's absence approved.

1. Unanimous approval of the 06.08.2023 minutes.
2. Surface Water and Environmental Engineering Manager Tyler Beekley stated the committee's last update regarding this program was in May of 2022 with the implementation of this new requirement for the NPDES Permit. Michael Posey, Engineering Technician, reviewed Attachment #2. BEA Environmental is almost done inspecting the 40 downtown businesses. These businesses were selected through the SMAP project which focuses on the Massey Creek Basin. Business owners have been cooperative and positive regarding the education they received. For example, many business owners were unaware that they were responsible for catch basins on their private property and they should be performing annual inspections and cleaning.
3. Manager Beekley presented and reviewed Attachment #3 – The Capital Project Update. He mentioned that staff try to give a quarterly update to the committee. Details included:
  - Construction is almost wrapped up on the 10<sup>th</sup> Ave S Pipe Project. This was completed by city crews, they nailed it! It is our intention to lay final pavement before the weather turns.

- The full closure of Kent-Des Moines Road for the culvert replacement project is scheduled to start tomorrow evening and run through 09.25.2023. Notification has been through WSDOT and they've been very proactive.
- The corridor improvement of 24<sup>th</sup> Ave S includes elements of surface water management. The project is underway.

There are several projects in the Planning, Engineering, ROW Acquisition phase:

- The Des Moines Memorial Drive (208<sup>th</sup>-212<sup>th</sup> Ave S) will essentially replace the stormwater system for better functionality. This project is currently paused due to complicated utility placements and limited staffing. A possible ILA with Highline Water District is being researched.
- Staff are hoping to combine the S 216<sup>th</sup> PI/MVDS Pipe Upgrade project with the above project. It will involve filling in ditches and replacing old pipes.
- The KDM/16<sup>th</sup> Ave S is an old, under capacity system. There are some private property easement challenges and utility location conflicts. The ditch line will be filled in to create safer road shoulders for traffic and pedestrians.
- Consultants from Parametrix are preparing conceptual alternatives for the mouth of Massey Creek with the goal of transfiguring the area into a pocket estuary. Staff plan to present this information to committee next year. This is private property, it is hoped that the preliminary planning and design can progress and that there will be an opportunity to purchase the necessary land in the future. This is funded by King County grants.
- The City was recently awarded a grant for the Des Moines Creek Pocket Estuary Project. The funds should provide enough to move the project to 30% design. This is in the vicinity of the Marina Redevelopment and will require communication and cooperation amongst the teams of staff and consultants working these projects.
- The Deepdene Outfall Project stems from a landslide a few years back that knocked out the old outfall. Staff are working with the property owner to create a new easement for the replacement bluff outfall.

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jodi Grager, Admin Asst