

MINUTES – ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 09.30.2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 PM, Thursday, September 30, 2021, via Zoom, with the following in attendance:

Council Members

Mayor Matt Pina (Chair)
Luisa Bangs (Vice-Chair) absent
JC Harris

City Staff

Dan Brewer – Chief Operations Officer
Brandon Carver – Public Works Director
Beth Anne Wroe – Finance Director
Loren Reinhold – SWM Utility Manager
Andrew Merges – City Engineer
Tyler Beekley – SWM Civil Engineer II
Ben Stryker – Civil Engineer I
Matthew Hutchins – Assistant City Attorney
Jodi Grager – Admin. Assistant

Guests

Councilmembers Jeremy Nutting and Matt Mahoney
Parametrix and FCS Group Consultants Austin Fisher, Julie Brandt, Matt Hobson and John Ghilarducci

AGENDA:

1. Approval of 07.22.21 Minutes
2. SWM Comprehensive Plan Update

MEETING:

- Unanimous approval of the 07.22.21 minutes
- SWM Civil Engineer II Tyler Beekley introduced the City's consultants for the 2015-2024 Surface Water Comprehensive Plan. CE Beekley stated that this mid-plan update will include strategies to get high priority projects funded and completed on time. Ms. Brandt discussed changes to the requirements for the NPDES Permit, including the cross-department coordination and businesses source control program. Mr. Hobson reviewed the utility financial plan and provided information on two options for the City:
 1. Follow the original plan which shows completion by 2026 including a 5.5% increase in fees
 2. Extend the plan for three years for completion in 2029 including a small rate increase (inflation adjustment) and using \$100,000 general fund transfer for each year

The discussion included:

- The risk of extending these high priority projects out three years
- Rates to tax payers

Staff requested direction and received approval to move forward with Option #2. A resolution will be brought to Full Council by the end of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Jodi Grager, Admin Asst