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Watershed Erosion Task Force Meeting

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Wildwood City Hall, 16860 Main Street, Wildwood, Missouri 63040

Meeting #18 Minutes

The Watershed Erosion Task Force meeting was called to order by Co-Chairs Remy & Archeski, at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, being hosted at Wildwood City Hall, 16860 Main Street, Wildwood, Missouri 63040, via the Zoom Webinar Platform.

I. Roll Call of Task Force Members

A roll call of members was taken, with the following results:

Present: Citizen Members Guenther, Sturman, Berger, Patton, and Archeski. Council Members Clark, Remy, Farmer, McCutchen, Garritano, and Rambaud.

Absent: Citizen Members Boykin, Donaldson, and Holthouse. Council Members Edens and McCune.

Staff Present: Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich, Senior Planner Newberry, Director of Public Works Brown, Assistant City Engineer Rahn, and City Administrator Steve Cross.

II. Welcome and Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs Remy and Archeski

Co-Chairs Remy and Archeski welcomed everyone to the meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes from the February 24, 2020 Meeting

The Department stated due to a technical error, the minutes from the February 24, 2020 meeting were unfortunately not ready for action at tonight's meeting. Such would be provided at a future meeting, when schedules allow.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Presentation by Saad Amir, Public Affairs Specialist, and Jeff Riepe, Principal Engineer, Program Planning – Stormwater, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD), on City's Critical Locations List

Co-Chairs Remy and Archeski welcomed Mr. Amir and Mr. Riepe, both representing the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD), and invited them to begin their presentations to the Task Force.

The representatives from the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District provided thorough presentations to the Watershed Erosion Task Force (WETF). The presentation provided the following information: a general overview of the District, its service area, its various facilities, and overall responsibilities; the various funding sources available to the District and their dedicated purposes (i.e., waste water versus stormwater); the different ballot initiatives initiated by the District over recent years to establish funding sources; the District's process for identifying and prioritizing projects within its service area; and an overview of the District's investigation into projects identified by it within the City of Wildwood, as well as the items identified by the efforts of the Watershed Erosion Task Force.

Discussion was then held on the following: questions regarding the history of the District's funding sources to address stormwater issues; a request for an explanation of the increase in rates assessed by the District over time; discussion regarding the District's potential role in the City's Stormwater Master Plan process; requests for the District to consider waiving permitting and review fees and provide direct engineering support for relevant City-initiated projects; and the consideration of a representative of the District participating in the monthly meetings of the Watershed Erosion Task Force (WETF).

Mr. Amir and Mr. Riepe responded to a number of these questions that had been posed and committed to providing a follow-up email regarding a summary of these items, as well as any of them that would require additional research and discussions with the leadership of the District.

Co-Chairs Remy and Archeski, as well as the Departments of Planning and Parks and Public works thanked the representatives from the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District for taking the time to attend tonight's meeting, providing the presentation, and participating in the discussion.

VI. Recommended Direction to City Council on Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax Initiative

Director Vujnich presented the Memorandum provided to the Members regarding the stormwater sales tax initiative. He outlined the funding sources available to the City, the annual average collections, and the explanation for each source. Director Vujnich summarized each of the three (3) options provided for the use of the allocation of the different funding sources, in the context of a typical two (2) year project cycle. He noted the Memorandum has been presented to the Planning and Parks Committee of City Council and was endorsed by it. Director Vujnich stated the Department is seeking the endorsement of the Memorandum by the Task Force and would then forward the matter to City Council for its review, discussion, and ultimate action.

A motion by Council Member Farmer, seconded by Council Member McCutchen, to endorse the Memorandum, as presented, and forward it to City Council for its consideration.

Discussion was held regarding the identified percentage of the planning, design, and engineering component, in relation to the overall budgeted amounts, and such being too high.

A motion by Member Guenther, seconded by Council Member Farmer, to amend the motion on the floor to adjust the amount of the planning, design, and engineering allocations, as outlined in the Memorandum, to be no greater than ten percent (10%) of the overall budgeted amounts.

A voice vote was held regarding the amendment to the original motion. Co-Chairs Archeski and Remy declared the motion passed by a vote of 10-1 (Voting Yay: Guenther, Sturman, Berger, Patton, Archeski, Clark, Remy, Farmer, Garritano, and Rambaud; Voting Nay: McCutchen)

Discussion was held regarding the need to have clear ballot language explaining the planned use of the funds from the parks and stormwater tax, if passed, and the consideration that some projects will have a three (3) year timeframe, if property and/or easement acquisitions are a component of them.

A voice vote was held on the original motion, as amended. Co-Chairs Archeski and Remy declared the motion passed by a vote of 11-0 (Voting Yay: Guenther, Sturman, Berger, Patton, Archeski, Clark, Remy, Farmer, Garritano, McCutchen, and Rambaud)

VII. Subcommittees

- a. Public Education
- b. Stormwater Master Plan

Consensus was reached among Task Force Members to postpone discussion of these items to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

X. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, April 28, 2021, Start Time To Be Determined

The date for the next meeting of the Task Force was agreed to be set for April 28, 2021. Discussion was held among Task Force Members regarding the start time, which resulted in the Co-Chairs wishing to poll the Members via email to identify a start time for the next meeting that worked best for them.

XI. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Clark, seconded by Council Member Farmer, to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections among the membership, the meeting was declared adjourned by Co-Chairs Archeski and Remy at 8:02 p.m.