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Watershed Erosion Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

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

Meeting #21 Minutes

The Watershed Erosion Task Force meeting began at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 26, 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 Sturman, Holthouse, Berger, Patton, Bramman, and Donaldson. Council Members Edens, Ottenberg, Farmer, and Rambaud.

Absent: Citizen Members Bartelsmeyer and Boykin. Council Members Bertolino, Hopper, and Gillani.

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

Co-Chairs Farmer and Holthouse welcomed everyone in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Consensus was reached among Task Force Members to re-order tonight's agenda, so the representatives from USGS and Wilson Hydro could provide the respective presentations regarding those items at the beginning of the meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes from the May 26, 2021 Meeting

A motion was made by Member Sturman, seconded by Council Member Ottenberg, to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2021 Task Force meeting. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition, and one (1) abstention (Brost), and the minutes were declared approved.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Discussion/Presentation of Scope Services and Work Products with Consultants

a. United States Geological Survey (USGS) – Final Consideration of Scope of Services and Proposal, including Cost Components

Director Vujnich provided a brief history of the task force's previous consideration of this item. He noted Mr. Rydlund presented the draft Scope of Services for the evaluation of existing and future hydrology, compensatory storage, and resulting erosion along Caulks Creek within Wildwood at its previous meeting. Following this presentation, task force members were asked to provide input at that meeting, or to submit such to the Department of Planning via email following the meeting. Director Vujnich noted the Department received a number of comments and questions and Mr. Rydlund has incorporated them into the Scope of Services and is now presenting it in final draft form.

Paul Rydlund, United States Geological Survey (USGS), thanked the task force members for their input and questions regarding this important future study. He stated he is available for any additional questions the task force members may have regarding the Scope of Services, as proposed.

Discussion was held regarding the following: the timing of initiating the proposal; the timing of the expenditure of City funding, as part of this effort; how this study will coincide with the City's efforts to address the identified critical locations; and the consideration of including information regarding the root causes of erosion within the Caulks Creek Watershed, as a component of the final Scientific Investigation Report (SIR), to enhance public awareness, as well as provide context.

b. Further Presentation of Design Considerations from Wilson Hydro for Identified Critical Locations

Director Vujnich introduced the Task Force's consultants, Joe Wilson and Todd Wagner, to present the remainder of their report on the conceptual evaluation and cost estimates for stormwater projects in Wildwood.

Mr. Wilson, along with Mr. Wagner, provided an overview of the conceptual evaluations and cost estimates for stormwater projects in Wildwood. They presented the remaining locations and projects that were not presented to the task force at its May meeting, due to the time limitation.

Discussion was then held regarding the following: the permitting requirements that will be associated with these projects; the combined cost associated with the identified projects and the potential responsibility of private property owners for funding certain components of them; and the concern of prioritizing projects that pose a threat to downstream infrastructure.

VI. Watershed Erosion Task Force Funding

Director Vujnich provided a summary of the Department's memorandum regarding this item, specifically the current budget allowances and commitments, an update on the status of the City's consideration of a Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax, and the review of funding options that was conducted by Member Sturman.

City Administrator Cross provided a detailed overview of the various funding options generally available to the City, including general obligation bonds, special obligation bonds, various available tax initiatives, and the application of a Neighborhood Improvement District (NID). Mr. Cross also noted the infrastructure legislation currently under consideration by the United States Congress, as a potential funding source.

Discussion was then held regarding the need to take into consideration long-term maintenance obligations, in the context of funding sources.

VII. Watershed Erosion Task Force Priorities

Co-Chair Holthouse introduced this agenda item. Discussion was held regarding the desire to begin focusing on the permitting components associated with the projects associated with the critical locations.

VIII. Watershed Erosion Task Force Organization

Co-Chair Holthouse introduced this agenda item, specifically regarding the consideration of the retention of the subcommittees. Discussion was held regarding the acknowledgement of the work of the subcommittees, to date; the notion the subcommittees had not been as productive as hoped; and a consensus among task force members to not retain such for the work of the task force moving forward.

VIII. Other Matters for Consideration

None

IX. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

The date for the next meeting of the Task Force was agreed to be set for Wednesday, August 25, 2021.

X. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Eden, seconded by Council Member Ottenberg, to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections among the membership, the meeting was declared adjourned by Co-Chairs Farmer and Holthouse at 8:00 p.m.