

City of Wildwood, Missouri
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Watershed Erosion Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

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

Meeting #22 Minutes

The Watershed Erosion Task Force meeting began at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 21, 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 Bartelsmeyer, Sturman, Holthouse, Patton, Bramman, and Donaldson. Council Members Ottenberg, Farmer, Rambaud, Hopper, Gilani, and Edens (*arriving at 6:25 p.m.*).

Absent: Citizen Members Berger. Council Members Bertolino and Brost

Staff Present: Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich, Senior Planner Newberry, 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.

III. Approval of Minutes from the June 23, 2021 Meeting

A motion was made by Council Member Ottenberg, seconded by Member Bramman, to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2021 Task Force meeting. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition, and two (2) abstentions (Hopper and Gilani) and the minutes were declared approved.

IV. Public Comment

None

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

a. Final Design Schematics and Estimates from Wilson Hydro (Joe Wilson and Todd Wagner)

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 (six (6) locations).

Mr. Wagner, along with Mr. Wilson, then provided an overview of the review of existing detention basins within the Caulks Creek Watershed and the consideration of retrofitting some or all of these facilities from flood control basins, to extended detention basins. Mr. Wagner outlined the preliminary findings relative to the retrofitting of these basins and the potential impact on the overall Caulks Creek Watershed. He also outlined the various approaches to retrofitting the subject basins. Mr. Wagner and Mr. Wilson concluded their presentation by outlining the advantages and anticipated challenges associated with an approach such as this type.

Discussion was then held regarding the following: the permitting requirements that will be associated with these projects; the benefits and challenges of the various methods to retrofitting the detention basins, as presented; and the consideration of the ongoing maintenance of these facilities, as it relates to vegetation and siltation removal.

b. 2nd Phase of Work Program – Permitting Matters with Outside Agencies

Director Vujnich stated the consultants, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wagner, have prepared the final proposal outlining the next steps in the task force's Work Program, which is to begin pursuing the necessary permits for the identified priority projects. Mr. Vujnich stated the Department is seeking an action from the Task Force regarding whether or not to proceed forward with this proposal, as presented.

Discussion was then held regarding the following: the extent of information the consultants would need to prepare for the initial stages of the permitting process; the specific projects that are included in this phase of permitting; and the consideration of engaging the relevant Homeowners Association Trustees, at this time.

A motion by Council Member Edens, seconded by Council Member Gillani, to proceed forward with the 2nd Phase of the Task Force's Work Program, as presented. A voice vote was taken, with no objection, Co-Chairs Farmer and Holthouse declared the motion approved.

VI. Watershed Erosion Task Force Funding

City Administrator Cross provided an update regarding the City Council's consideration of a possible ballot measure for a Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax. He stated the City Council previously postponed action on this matter, but is scheduled to revisit it at its upcoming regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Cross stated the result of this discussion, and any action taken by the Council, will be reported back to the task force at a future meeting of it.

Discussion was then held regarding the following: the anticipated use of a Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax; the possibility of a reconsideration by the Task Force of placing a 'sunset' on a future Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax; and the City's consideration of a separate ballot initiative for an online

sales tax, which is now authorized by new legislation passed in the latest session of the Missouri legislature.

VII. Watershed Erosion Task Force Work Program Items

- a. Erosion Repairs to Critical Public Locations
 - i. Engineering: Permitting, Design, and Developing Funding Estimates
 - ii. Moving Bedload to Slow Deterioration
- b. Legality of Funding, Access, and Other Private Property Challenges in Watersheds (City Attorney Young)
 - i. Repairing or Upgrading Privately-Held Detention and Retention Basins
 - ii. Stabilizing Creek Banks that are Jeopardizing Private Properties
- c. Supporting Property Owner Creek Repairs/Improvements
 - i. Framing Permitting Process
 - ii. Preapproved Design Details
- d. Improving Detention Basin Effectiveness
 - i. Identifying Priority Basins
 - ii. Implementing Current Standards and Associated Processes
- e. Stormwater Master Plan/Ordinance Review
- f. Public Education Component

No discussion was held among the Task Force regarding these items.

VIII. Watershed Erosion Task Force Organization

- a. Assignments of Tasks

No discussion was held among the Task Force regarding this matter.

IX. Other Matters for Consideration

None

X. 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.

XI. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Ottenberg, seconded by Member Donaldson, to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections among the membership, the meeting was declared adjourned by Co-Chairs Farmer and Holthouse at 7:54 p.m.