

**City of Wildwood, Missouri
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Watershed Erosion Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

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

Meeting #14 Minutes

The Watershed Erosion Task Force meeting was called to order by Co-Chairs Remy & Archeski, at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at Wildwood City Hall, 16860 Main Street, Wildwood, Missouri 63040, and on Zoom.

I. Roll Call of Task Force Members

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

Present: Citizen Members Guenther, Boykin, Sturman, Holthouse, Berger, Patton, Archeski, and Donaldson. Council Members Clark, Edens, Remy, McCutchen, Rambaud, and Garritano.

Absent: Council Members Farmer and McCune.

Staff Present: Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks Arnett, Director of Public Works Brown, and Assistant City Engineer Rahn.

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 September 29, 2020 Meeting

A motion was made by Member Edens, seconded by Member Clark, to approve the minutes from the September 29, 2020 Task Force meeting. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition, and the minutes were declared approved.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Training Session by Dr. Hammer for Planning and Zoning Commission and Architectural Review Board Members, as well as City Council

Director of Planning Vujnich noted this meeting would be set for Thursday, November 12th. This meeting will be in the evening and held on Zoom, then recorded for easy replay. The consultants will all be in Wildwood on this day.

VI. Planned Steps to Complete Financial Calculations for Repairs at Priority Locations, including Interim Steps

No discussion.

VII. Discussion on Timing of Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax Initiative

Department staff noted the research completed after the previous meeting of the WETF regarding timeframes and logistics of placing a sales tax on an upcoming ballot. The timing of placing an initiative on the ballot is ten (10) weeks prior to the election and the specifics associated with such was outlined. Co-Chair Remy noted the need to pursue the tax in 2021 and his desire for a discussion to determine if April, August, or November was the best option.

Discussion was held regarding the following: the preference for an August ballot initiative; the desire to take an appropriate amount of time to provide residents with the needed information; an outline of what projects will be completed, if the tax is approved; the projected revenue from the tax; the question of what will be on either the April or August ballot; the maximum tax that can be requested, which is ½ cent; the need for guidance from the City Attorney on how much can be said about the tax, before a decision is made; the ability to mention other communities' approach to solving similar problems; the listing of priority locations, which will serve as the stormwater portion of the funding; the desire to request information from the City Attorney on the ability to form a non-profit to promote the tax; the concern of low turnout at the polls for an August election date; the lack of an August election, since Wildwood incorporated; the differences in communication in 2008 and the lack of parks in the City at that time, which now has changed and increased erosion and flooding problems; the need to provide an explanation of why more funding is needed; the need for a list of projects and some cost estimates by January 2021 for either an August or November election dates; and the desire to determine if the percentage required for initiative passage is different for separate election dates.

Consensus of the Task Force Members was reached to target an August or November 2021 ballot initiative, but to determine a final election date at a future meeting.

Public Comment

Tony Bosworth noted the budget discussions seemed opposed to the work of the WETF. He suggested a plan be provided to City Council for projects and grant funding be sought.

VIII. Subcommittees

a. Public Education

Public Education Subcommittee Chair, Carol Holthouse, reviewed the meeting held last week. She noted if anyone had suggestions to please forward them to her.

Discussion was then held regarding the following: the review of grants to fund education efforts; the potential for partnering with graduate students, at local universities, to assist with the creation of education materials and other work in the creeks; the potential for the use of seedling plantings to work on bank stabilization; the potential to partner with the Community Outreach Task Force to collaborate on education projects; the desire to reach out to Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) to see if its project list has changed and offer them the City's information in its jurisdiction; and the Stormwater Education Program through MSD.

b. Ordinance Review

Consensus was reached to discuss with the consultants the review of ordinances and the need to set a Subcommittee meeting date.

c. Stormwater Master Plan

IX. Other Matters for Consideration

Consensus was reached to not have three (3) Subcommittees meeting at the same time, but instead, to have the Ordinance Review Subcommittee meet first and complete its work, and then the Stormwater Master Plan Subcommittee will begin its effort.

A request was made to add the FEMA BRIC Program to the December agenda for discussion.

City Council requested Dr. Hammer review the Reserve at Wildwood project's stormwater plans.

X. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

The date for the next meeting of the Task Force was agreed to be set for December 2, 2020.

XI. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

A motion was made by Member McCutchen, seconded by Member Berger, to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections among the membership, the meeting was declared adjourned by Co-Chair Remy at 8:15 p.m.