



**Stormwater Committee Meeting
January 22, 2018
Human Resources Training Room**

- 1. Call to Order:** *The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM*
- 2. Roll Call:** *Roll was called by Barbara Brumbaugh*

Committee Members in Attendance:

*Russell Barbour
Richard Bunton
Bruce Weckworth
Roger Baxter
Carol Warren
Traycie West-Pinkoski
Kelly Lackey (City Attorney's Office)
Eric Martin (PW Director)
Kelly Mills (PW Staff)
Barbara Brumbaugh (PW Staff)
Wendy Young (PW Staff)
Rob Matkins (PW Staff)*

Absent Committee Members

*Alden Cleanthes - excused
Watson Lawrence (Ag Dept) - excused
Tommy Jones
Wayne Jones
Matthew Fulford (Alternate)
Andy Harmond (Alternate)*

Citizens in Attendance: None

3. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the November 27, 2017 meeting were approved.

4. Citizen Comments: None

5. Directors Items – Eric Martin

- *There is a City Council Work Session on February 20th and Eric has been asked to share an update on what Public Works is doing on Stormwater projects and flood relief. The presentation will be a recap of completed projects and an overview of upcoming projects (focus on capital projects). There is an opportunity to provide the Committee's report to Council and include a slide with the Committee's recommendations in the presentation. Council is also working on the CIP budget.*
- *Eric is working on the Operating Budget for Public Works. The City Manager is reviewing the budget submittals from the various departments with the Budget Review Committee. Eric is sitting on the committee. The highlights of Public Works' proposal include:*
 - *Proposed adding to Barbara's staff a Full Time Engineering Technician III for the industrial outfall inspection program.*
 - *Growth in Stormwater Utility revenue is not keeping up with growth in salary/benefit increases. The ERU rate has stayed the same for seven years. Funding will be reduced on the capital side.*
 - *Spending about \$700,000 for new and replacement equipment*
 - *The HRSD/SWIFT Program reduced the Bay BTML requirements which allows funds to be moved out of the water quality capital program.*
 - *A lot of the permit requirements will be kicking in this next year as we complete studies and consultant work, and permit compliance costs will go up.*
 - *Proposed transitioning the part time Customer Service Clerk position to a full time position.*
 - *Proposed adding \$50,000 to implement a Lake Management contract which will be a cost share program.*
 - *The other big issue internally is the staffing of the Stormwater Motor Equipment Operators. These positions are difficult to hire and retain. There is an effort to keep the salaries competitive, but Chesapeake is falling behind and may end up paying higher wages. The Streets Division is having the same challenge.*

6. Operations Update – Rob Matkins

- *There has not been a lot of works orders over the last 30 days due to the snow and holidays. With the weather (snow) a lot of the work orders have not been completed. Work orders – 10; Cave-In backlog – 5. An increase is expected in the spring.*
- *The first cycle of the year in street-sweeping will most likely be around January 26. They will be starting in the Western Branch area. A fifth cycle was not quite completed in 2017. The commercial areas may be scheduled for the weekends, and the residential areas during the week.*

7. PW Engineering Update – Kelly Mills

- Kelly distributed a handout with the status update on stormwater projects and reviewed the list of projects on the handout.

8. MS4 Program Update, Committee Annual Report Discussion, Lake Management Program – Barbara Brumbaugh

- Barbara asked for feedback on the Committee Annual Report. The Committee likes the format and the graphic showing the stormwater utility fees since their inception.
- There was further discussion of Eric's presentation to Council. There was a question about why the stormwater utility fees have not been raised. Eric said that at this point, funds have been accumulated on the capital side which have been shifted from capital projects to the operating budget. There was further discussion about when the Committee should revisit recommending a fee increase.
- Barbara presented an overview of the Virginia Beach Lake Management Program, which is a cost share program with residents.
- There was Committee discussion about the new program. The Committee likes the idea of not ruling out a second treatment for lakes, but only after all those with interest in the program have been addressed first. In other words, once a lake is treated, it would go back to the bottom of the priority list.
- Staff and The Committee definitely want to include an educational component to the Lake Management Program, and wants to include recommendations for vegetative buffers (around lakes) in the educational materials.

9. Old Business and New Business

- There was a follow-up discussion of the FEMA property on Rockwood. Eric explained that the owner sold the property privately rather than wait for the FEMA grant to purchase it. The new building had to be elevated and meet more stringent standards.
- There is FEMA flood insurance training coming up at the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Minutes approved by the Committee 

Date

26 Feb 18

