



**Stormwater Committee Meeting
July 22, 2019
Human Resources Training Room**

- 1. Call to Order:** *The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM*
- 2. Roll Call:** *Roll was called by Barbara Brumbaugh*

Committee Members in Attendance:

*Richard Bunton
Roger Baxter
Carol Warren
Todd Reigle
Markiella Moore
Laura Mae (Alternate)
Eric Martin (PW Director)
Kelly Lackey (Asst City Attorney)
Barbara Brumbaugh (PW Staff)
Holly Adams (PW Staff)
I.B. Paudel (PW Staff)
Thomas James (City Attorney's Office)*

Absent Committee Members

*Alden Cleanthes
Bruce Weckworth (excused)
Traycie West-Pinkoski
Virginia Cook
Watson Lawrence (Ag Dept Director-excused)
Matthew Fulford (Alternate)*

Citizens in Attendance:

None

1. Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June 24, 2019 meeting were approved.

2. Director's Items, Eric Martin

- *The City Council Annual Retreat will be held on Tuesday, July 30th. In the morning they will cover Planning, and in the afternoon it will be focused on Stormwater. There is no exact schedule yet, and the only way to view it is to sit in the Council Chambers and watch a live telecast. The Retreat will not be recorded. The Committee was invited to view the telecast. Eric will provide an overview of operational issues and backlog; funded and unfunded projects; and operational vs. capital funding.*
- *Eric is looking for feedback from Council on level of service; how they want to see funds spent; and how the backlog can be eliminated. Do they want to increase use of contractors or increase in-house forces? For capital resources do they want to focus on maintaining the system or upgrading older neighborhoods?*
- *Eric wants to discuss with Council whether the stormwater utility fee should have a CPI adjustment. From 2008 to now there is 19% CPI and a 30% increase in construction costs. The stormwater fee should actually be around \$9 per ERU. He is looking for feedback about whether the City should decrease service or increase the fee. The fund balance is currently zero.*
- *Eric will share the retreat package once it gets released. City Council has raised a lot of questions.*
- *A comparison of fees among other Phase I MS4 localities in Hampton Roads was done. Chesapeake has the lowest rate. In Chesapeake non-residential accounts make up 49% of the revenue, and residential accounts make up 50.8%*
- *Roger asked about the 5 year capital program. He asked what the shortfall is between the Council-approved budget and the capital program. Eric said that the 5 year CIB assumes \$4 million, there will certainly be a reduction in neighborhood drainage projects. He needs to know what is important to Council. After 5 years, there may not be a capital program. Roger said that if the Council shorts the budget, the Committee may have no choice but to recommend a fee increase.*
- *Markiella asked about debt financing. Eric answered that the City will not be doing that. The projects need maintenance so it doesn't make sense to do incremental improvements.*
- *Virginia Beach (Dewberry) study on the impacts of more intense storms, greater rainfall amounts, and sea level rise.*

3. Operations Update, Indra Paudel

- *IB reviewed the Operations report.*
- *There is a backlog of 120 contractual drainage and cave-in projects, 60 cave-ins have a backlog > 90 days.*

4. Engineering Update, Holly Adams

- *There are no significant updates, Barbara will send out the link to the project updates once the web page has been updated.*
- *The Budget submission is underway.*

- Holly updated the Committee on The Preserve level spreader. There is a plan to restore it in phases, and the project will be done in-house.

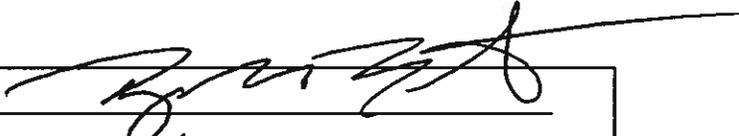
5. Lake Management Update, Barbara Brumbaugh

- The Kemp Woods Lake 2 will be treated for alligatorweed, and a separated section of drainage pipe will be removed near Claytor Ct. The pipe removal will be coordinated with a shoreline project being done by the Grownneys.
- An update on the Bahama Way BMP project was provided. The solar aerator has been installed and the lake has been treated with herbicide. Small improvements were noted during a recent site visit.

6. Old and New Business

- Carol mentioned that there is a lot of trash entering Indian River around the Border Rd outfall. A neighbor call to request that a grate be installed on the outfall, but was told by Customer Service that the City will not do this. This resident called "10 On Your Side".
- There was discussion about what can be done about trash in this neighborhood such as grates on the catch basins. These would require very frequent maintenance to prevent street flooding.
- Markiella mentioned that members of Congress (Congresswoman Luria and Congressman McKeachin) were recently in town to discuss flooding at a listening session at the HRPDC. Emergency Management offered to give them a tour of some areas with flooding problems.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Minutes approved by the Committee	
Date	8/26/19