

Stormwater & Flood Control Commission

Meeting Notes

Meeting: 5:15 p.m. September 3, 2014

Date: Sept. 4, 2014
(Bold if present)

Time Meeting Starts: 5:21p.m.
Location: PW Admin Bldg.

Chairman: **Urbie Nash**
Members: **Roger Wilson**
Ray Lafferty
Louis Ferrier
Richard Coiner
Tommy Lawhorne
Randall Benson
Vicky Ferriera

Staff: **Todd Wood**
Brian McReynolds
Trafford McRae
Jim Shaw
Deana Desjardins

Visitors: **Dubose Egleston**

Council Representative: **Jeff Freeman**

Time Meeting Begins: 5:35 p.m.
Time Meeting Ends: 6:25 p.m.

Informational Meeting / No Action Taken

Community Advisory Committee ó referenced below as CAC

I. Introduction

Mr. Urbie Nash introduced Trafford McRae as the new Stormwater Program Manager.

II. Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Mr. Nash discussed the plan for formation of Community Advisory Committee. Council has charged the Stormwater & Flood Commission with making an equitable proposal to council concerning stormwater fees. The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will be a stakeholder subcommittee formed to develop this proposal to Council. It may consist of owners and representatives from general businesses, banks, construction and contracting companies, and hotels/motels; developers, engineers, Real Estate agents, religious institutions, and similar.

III. Meeting Dates

Brian McReynolds presented the Commission with scheduled dates, topics, and goals for the upcoming CAC meetings (see attached schedule)

The meeting schedule was developed with the goal of having the final recommendation to Council in a time such that the implementation of the recommendation could be coordinated with acceptance of the fiscal year 2016 City Budget.

IV. Utility Fee

Mr. Shaw gave a presentation to the Commission on Developing a Stormwater Utility (See attached)

Some of the key points of discussion from this presentation were:

1. Use of a flat fee is prohibited by State Code.
2. Localities with a Stormwater Utility Fee typically use a blended fee approach to fund the overall Stormwater Program and do not rely solely on the utility fee revenues.

V. Discussion

Mr. Ray Lafferty asked if Stormwater and Flood Control Commission would be represented on the CAC. Mr. Nash informed the group that he would be the Chairman of the Committee. He also said the S&FC would be welcomed attend all CAC meetings.

Mr. Jeff Freeman added that, this is a Big Deal and that the CAC needed to be transparent.

There was general agreement of the group that the meetings would be advertised and open to the public. It was also discussed that some of the meetings may be televised; especially those later meeting.

It was emphasized that there would be no public comment period during the CAC meetings. Brian McReynolds clarified that the input from the stakeholders/CAC members would be considered the public input for these meetings. The official public comment period will occur when the final recommendation is presented to Council.

VI. Adjourn

The first meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 6 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Note: The Stormwater & Flood Commission meetings will be suspended until the CAC subcommittee process is completed.