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**Watershed Erosion Task Force Meeting**

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

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

**Meeting #35 Minutes**

The Watershed Erosion Task Force meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, being hosted in person at Wildwood City Hall, 16860 Main Street, Wildwood, Missouri 63040, as well as 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, Delanty, Sturman, Berger, Patton, Donaldson, and Holthouse; and Council Member Farmer

Absent: Citizen Member Bramman and Council Member Edens

Staff Present: Interim City Administrator Lee, Director of Public Works Brown, Assistant City Engineer Rahn, Assistant Director of Planning and Parks Rippetoe, Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich, and Senior Planner Newberry,

**II. Welcome and Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs**

Co-Chairs Farmer and Holthouse welcomed everyone who was in attendance in person or via Zoom at tonight's meeting.

**III. Approval of Minutes from the May 10, 2023 Meeting**

A motion was made by Member Sturman, seconded by Member Berger, to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2023 Task Force meeting. A voice vote was taken on the approval of the minutes, with no opposition, and one (1) abstention (Bartelsmeyer). The Co-Chairs then declared the minutes approved.

**IV. Public Comment**

Co-Chairs Farmer and Holthouse invited members of the public to address the Task Force.

**Carol Murphy**, stated she has been following the work of the task force and expressed her concerns regarding ongoing erosion in the Highlands of Wildhorse Subdivision, specifically related to property damage and public safety. Ms. Murphy inquired regarding the budget allocation and use for projects initiated by the task force; the various jurisdictions that would be involved relative to a

project within Caulks Creek; and any details available regarding an engineered solution that might be considered at this location.

**Mike McClellan**, provided a slideshow presentation of photographs and exhibits depicting the erosion occurring within the Highlands of Wildhorse Subdivision, including historical aerial images of the subject area.

**Lauren Ramlet**, thanked the task force for its work over the years and expressed her support for the consideration of a project within the Highlands of Wildhorse Subdivision to address ongoing erosion issues there.

Co-Chairs Farmer and Holthouse addressed the questions and comments posed by the speakers and thanked them for their ongoing participation in the work of the task force.

## **V. Fund Accounting and Project Options**

Director Vujnich provided an overview of the priority projects identified by the Task Force, as a result of study and discussion over the past several years, as well as their anticipated costs. He noted the cost of these priority projects far exceed the current budget allocation for the same. He then provided a summary of the funds that have been allocated to date, specifically relating to the basin retrofits. Director Vujnich also provided an update regarding funds that had been approved by the State legislature for erosion issues within Wildwood, which were then unfortunately vetoed by the Governor, which eliminated them as an option.

Director Vujnich stated the Departments are offering for consideration options to undertake projects in the near-term, including creek stabilization in the Evergreen Forest Court Area and addressing the common ground area and needed bank stabilization within the Highlands of Wildhorse Subdivision. He summarized the characteristics of the recommended projects and the rationales for favorable consideration of such.

Discussion was held among Task Force Members regarding the work of it being supported by the Strategic Plan adopted by City Council and its anticipated support of these projects; the anticipated budget allocation for the 2024 Fiscal Year; the need to coordinate the projects with the USGS Study and Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) requirements; and the need to coordinate with the homeowners associations, where applicable.

A motion by Member Berger, seconded by Member Sturman, to forward a recommendation to City Council to proceed forward with the projects identified by the Departments. A voice vote was held regarding the motion. Hearing no objections to the motion, the Co-Chairs declared it approved.

**VI. Status of Detention/Retention Basin Studies by Wilson Hydro, Wagner and Associates, L.L.C., and Doering Engineering (survey work)**

Director Vujnich provided an update regarding the retrofit of the identified detention and retention basins in the Caulks Creek Watershed. He noted the consultants have made good progress and the needed survey work that will be conducted under a separate professional services agreement that is currently under consideration by City Council.

No action was taken regarding this update item.

**VII. Updates on Projects**

Director Vujnich provided an anticipated timeline relative to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Watershed Management Master Plan, which will be presented in draft form at the next meeting of the task force. He also stated the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' 404 Permit applications have been submitted for review.

**VIII. Watershed Erosion Task Force Work Program Items**

Discussion was held among Task Force Members regarding a public education booth at the upcoming Celebrate Wildwood Event.

**IX. Updates to Work Program Matrix – 2023**

Director Vujnich provided a brief overview of the Work Program Matrix.

No discussion was held among Task Force Members regarding this informational item.

No action was taken regarding this update item.

**X. Other Matters for Consideration – USGS Study Extension**

Director Vujnich stated the USGS contacted the City to request an extension of the Caulks Creek Study for an additional three (3) months, at no cost to Wildwood. He stated the purpose of the extended study would be to further calculate channel corrections among width and curvature, and the resulting hydraulic modeling, along with an assessment of existing bank vegetation. Director Vujnich stated the City Council was presented the proposal at its July 10, 2023 meeting and supported such.

## **XI. Next Meeting Date**

The date for the next meeting of the Task Force will be determined in the upcoming weeks and coordinated with the Co-Chairs and Members.

## **XII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

A motion was made by Member Bartelsmeyer, seconded by Member Berger, to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections among the membership, the meeting was declared adjourned by Co-Chairs Farmer and Holthouse at 6:59 p.m.