

City of Wildwood, Missouri
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Watershed Erosion Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

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

Meeting #23 Minutes

The Watershed Erosion Task Force meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, being hosted at Wildwood City Hall, 16860 Main Street, Wildwood, Missouri 63040, 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, Sturman, Holthouse, Berger, Patton, and Bramman. Council Members Brost, Ottenberg, Farmer, and Hopper.

Absent: Citizen Members Donaldson. Council Members Edens, Bertolino, Rambaud, and Gillani

Staff Present: Director of Planning and Parks Vujnich, Director of Public Works Brown, Senior Planner Newberry, Assistant City Engineer Rahn, and City Administrator Steve Cross.

II. Welcome and Opening Remarks by Co-Chairs

Co-Chairs Farmer and Holthouse welcomed everyone in attendance at tonight's meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes from the July 21, 2021 Meeting

A motion was made by Council Member Ottenberg, seconded by Member Bramman, to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2021 Task Force meeting. A voice vote was taken, with no opposition, and one (1) abstention (Brost), and the minutes were declared approved.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Discussion/Presentation of Scope Services and Work Products with Consultants

a. Submittal of 2nd Phase Report of Work Program by Wilson Hydro (Joe Wilson and Todd Wagner)

Director Vujnich introduced the Task Force's consultants, Joe Wilson and Todd Wagner, to present their report regarding the second phase of the evaluation and cost estimates for the identified critical stormwater locations, more specifically the analysis of detention basins within the Caulks Creek Watershed.

Mr. Wagner, along with Mr. Wilson, then provided an overview of the review of existing detention basins within the Caulks Creek Watershed and the consideration of retrofitting some or all of these facilities. Mr. Wilson then reviewed additional areas of concern that were identified, as part of this analysis, and the index mapping of them, which are included as appendices to this report. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wagner provided information regarding the design of bridges and culverts, as well as the long-term maintenance of such. The consultants concluded their presentation by providing recommendations regarding an initial inspection and monitoring program and operations and maintenance programs, which could all be incorporated into an overall Stormwater Master Plan.

Discussion was then held regarding the following: the decreased flood risk associated with the detention basin retrofitting and potential funds that may be available from that perspective; the downstream benefits of retrofitting detention basins and the consideration of engaging the other communities that would benefit from such; the possible approach of utilizing sediment load that is removed from basins to armor the stream banks at certain locations; and the importance of engaging the Homeowners Associations for projects, such as those identified herein to be successful.

b. Update on 3rd Phase of Work Program – Permitting Matters with Outside Agencies

Director Vujnich stated the Task Force acted favorably at its July 2021 meeting to have the consultants, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Wagner, to begin pursuing the necessary permits for the identified priority projects. He noted the City Council gave authorization to prepare the legislation to amend the contract with Wilson Hydro to begin this work.

Discussion was then held regarding the following: the inclusion of the Evergreen Forest location in this initial permitting process and the request for the consultant to provide the cost associated with such.

VI. Watershed Erosion Task Force Funding

City Administrator Cross provided an update regarding the City Council's consideration of a possible ballot measure for a Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax. He stated the City Council has postponed consideration of this matter to no earlier than May 2022. Mr. Cross stated he is optimistic regarding forthcoming funding that he anticipates becoming available from the current legislation under consideration by the Congress regarding infrastructure spending.

Discussion was then held regarding the following: the acknowledgement the City will not have identified a long-term dedicated revenue source to address many of the larger projects selected by the Task Force; the consideration of making the Task Force's efforts a high priority of the City, particularly via its budgeting process; and the desire to shift the focus of the Task Force to projects that have lower costs associated with them, and incorporating those projects into an overall work program to continue the momentum of the items that have been completed to date.

VII. Watershed Erosion Task Force Work Program Items

- a. Erosion Repairs to Critical Public Locations
 - i. Engineering: Permitting, Design, and Developing Funding Estimates
 - ii. Moving Bedload to Slow Deterioration
- b. Legality of Funding, Access, and Other Private Property Challenges in Watersheds (City Attorney Young)
 - i. Repairing or Upgrading Privately-Held Detention and Retention Basins
 - ii. Stabilizing Creek Banks that are Jeopardizing Private Properties
- c. Supporting Property Owner Creek Repairs/Improvements
 - i. Framing Permitting Process
 - ii. Preapproved Design Details
- d. Improving Detention Basin Effectiveness
 - i. Identifying Priority Basins
 - ii. Implementing Current Standards and Associated Processes
- e. Stormwater Master Plan/Ordinance Review
- f. Public Education Component

No discussion was held among the Task Force regarding these items.

VIII. Watershed Erosion Task Force Organization

- a. Assignments of Tasks

No discussion was held among the Task Force regarding this matter.

IX. Other Matters for Consideration

Mr. Sturman provided an update on his conversations with the Missouri Department of Conservation and the East-West Gateway Council of Governments regarding possible funding for stormwater projects within the City of Wildwood.

X. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

The date for the next meeting of the Task Force was agreed to be set for Wednesday, September 29, 2021.

XI. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Ottenberg, seconded by Council Member Brost, to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections among the membership, the meeting was declared adjourned by Co-Chairs Farmer and Holthouse at 7:50 p.m.