

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Bwayne Smotherson

DATE: March 10, 2020

BILL NO. 9403

ORDINANCE NO. 7124

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 120 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, RELATING TO COMMISSIONS, AUTHORITIES, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, BY ENACTING THEREIN A NEW ARTICLE TO BE KNOWN AS "ARTICLE XXIII COMMISSION ON STORM WATER ISSUES" AND A NEW SECTION TO BE KNOWN AS "SECTION 120.1080. COMMISSION ON STORM WATER ISSUES ESTABLISHED -- COMPOSITION, DUTIES, OFFICERS AND RULES.

WHEREAS, University City has for a long-time experienced flash flooding and storm water runoff problems associated with the River Des Peres and its tributaries, which run through University City; and

WHEREAS, University City also has for a long time experienced overflows from both separate and combined sewer systems; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to taking a proactive approach to these problems; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2017, the City Council passed Resolution 2017-10, which established a Storm Water Task Force ("Task Force") to develop a storm water management program to mitigate or alleviate various storm water problems in University City; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force consists of University City residents, including experts in the fields of community investment, engineering, land use, planning and zoning, storm water management, or associated fields; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has devoted a great number of hours studying the problems, including by conducting a community survey, collecting and analyzing data, reviewing complaints received by the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, visiting flood and other sites, researching the subject, holding numerous meetings open to the public, and working with City staff; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has identified at least 800 homes in University City that reported being directly impacted by storm water problems; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force presented all of its findings, conclusions and recommendations to the City Council at a joint public meeting on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force's work has been exceptional and a valuable contribution to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that a standing commission should be established to continue the study of this complex subject and advise the City Council on the design and implementation of projects and policies to protect the community from storm water harm and promote the public health, safety and welfare, including those projects and policies recommended by the Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has completed its work pursuant to Resolution 2017-10 and shall be dissolved as of the effective date of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 120 of the Municipal Code of the City of University City, relating to commissions, authorities, boards and committees, is hereby amended by enacting therein a new article to be known as "Article XXIII Commission on Storm Water Issues," and a new section to be known as

"Section 120.1080. Commission on Storm Water Issues Established -- Composition, Duties, Officers, and Rules," which shall read as follows:

Article XXIII. Commission on Storm Water Issues

Section 120.1080. Commission on Storm Water Issues Established -- Composition, Duties, Officers and Rules.

A. *Composition.* The Commission on Storm Water Issues shall consist of seven members who shall be residents of the City and expertise in at least one the following fields: community investment, engineering, land use, planning and zoning, storm water management, or other relevant field. All appointments shall be made by the City Council for a term of three years.

B. *Duties.* The Commission on Storm Water Issues shall:

1. Study storm water issues in the City.
2. Advise the City Council on the design and implementation of projects and policies to protect the community from storm water harm and promote the public health, safety and welfare.
3. Provide such other advice to the City Council on storm water issues as it may deem useful.
4. Perform such other duties with respect to storm water issues as may be requested by the City Council from time to time.

C. *Officers.* The Commission on Storm Water Issues may elect from its members a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary and such other officers as it deems necessary.

D. *Rules.* The Commission on Storm Water Issues may adopt such bylaws, rules and procedures as it deems necessary, not inconsistent with the Charter, this Code or other laws. The City Council may at any time, by resolution or motion, revoke, suspend or amend any such bylaw, rule or procedure.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force after its passage as provided by law.

PASSED this 27th day of April 2020.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY





Council Agenda Item Cover

MEETING DATE: April 27, 2020

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 120 of the Municipal Code of the City of University City, Relating to Commissions, Authorities, Boards and Committees, by Enacting Therein a New Article to be Known as "Article XXIII. Commission on Storm Water Issues" and a New Section to be Known as "Section 120.1080. Commission on Storm Water Issues Established -- Composition, Duties, Officers and Rules."

AGENDA SECTION: Unfinished Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED? : Yes

BACKGROUND REVIEW:

The City Council established the Storm Water Task Force by Resolution 2017-10. The City Council received its report on January 27, 2020. This Bill establishes a standing Commission on Storm Water Issues and contains provisions on its composition, duties, officers and rules. The Task Force will be dissolved upon passage, as its work has been completed.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Manager recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Bill No 9403