**MINUTES OF THE Stormwater Commission**

**August 4, 2020**

1. Call to Order. The first meeting of the Stormwater Commission (Commission) was called to order at 6:35 PM by Sinan Alpaslan, PE, Director of Public Works and Parks.
2. Attendance-Roll Call. The following Commission members were present via virtual meeting (Zoom): Garry Aronberg, Bob Criss, Mark Holly, Eric Karch, Eric Stein, Todd Thompson. Also in attendance were Tim Cusick, Councilman and Sinan Alpaslan (Director of Public Works and Parks, and LaRetta Reese, City Clerk.
3. Agenda. Following the Oath of Office administered by City Clerk Reese, the following agenda was accepted without objection: *Roll Call; Approval of Agenda; Approval of Minutes, Citizen Participation, New Business (Election of Officers, Bylaws, Flood Early Warning, Capital Improvement Program funding, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities), Miscellaneous Business, Adjournment.*
4. Minutes. This being the first meeting of the Commission, there were no minutes to approve.
5. Citizen Comments. There were no citizen comments.
6. Committee Reports. There were no committee reports.

1. Election of Officers.
   1. Chair. Todd Thompson was nominated (Aronberg, Holly) to be chairperson. There were no other nominations. Mr. Thompson was elected by acclimation.
   2. Secretary. Garry Aronberg was nominated to be secretary. There were no other nominations. Mr. Aronberg was elected by acclimation.

1. Bylaws. Following a discussion of the need for bylaws and components of bylaws, *Mr. Alpaslan volunteered to being to our attention bylaws used by other University City commissions*.
2. Charge of Stormwater Commission. Messrs. Sinan and Cusick informed us that the charge of the Commission is to inform the Council about stormwater issues.
3. Flood Early Warning System. Messrs, Stein, Criss, and Alpaslan lead a discussion of the early warning system. Significant points were:

* A flood early warning system is in the Capital Improvement budget.
* An effective early warning system for the River Des Peres in University City (UC) requires at least three rain gage sites upwind of the prevailing winds.
* Tentative rain gage sites are:
  + Olivette City Hall or Indian Meadows subdivision.
  + Fogerty Park.
  + Wilson buyout site.
* One stream gage for recording and transmitting water surface elevation at the Olive near Haffner crossing would be needed.
* Mr. Alpaslan will begin work on bidding pole and gage installation. The material cost of the rain gages has been determined to be about $3000. Mr. Alpaslan will consider using existing poles in the City’s stockpile of salvaged materials. Mr. Alpaslan will work with Messrs. Stein and Criss to develop material and installation specifications.

1. Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities. Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) is a Federally-funding SEMA-administered grant program for community flood protection and mitigation activities. University is planning to apply for a BRIC grant. Community support is an important evaluation point for the BRIC grant program. Mr. Alpaslan requested that the Commission members review BRIC information and learn about it.
2. New Business.
   1. Advise Council. Related to the Charge to inform the Council, the commission engaging in a wide-ranging discussion as a Committee of the Whole. Topis of discussion were identifying and prioritizing projects, OMCI tax, and communicating with the public – receiving and distributing information, handling official records of the Commission. *Mr. Alpaslan, over the next two or three months, will inform the Commission about using the City’s web site and adding information to Roars periodically.*
   2. Communication Subcommittee. The Commission discussed creating a subcommittee to investigate communications. Eric Karsh volunteered to examine the Website as a communication tool for the Commission. No action was taken regarding creating the subcommittee during the meeting.
3. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM following a passed motion moved and seconded by Messrs. Karsh and Aronberg.
4. Minutes Preparation. Minutes were prepared by Garry Aronberg.

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