



Meeting Minutes

Citizen Rate Review Committee

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

5:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Added item 2.2.

This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McErlean called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: 11 - Committee Member Deshuk, Committee Member Fallon, Committee Member Smith, Committee Member Nepomuceno, Committee Member Majeska, Committee Member Lowell, Committee Member McErlean, Committee Member Minarik, Committee Member Perez, Alternate Gioia and Alternate Paine

Excused: 2 - Committee Member Booth and Committee Member Lombardo

Staff Present: Public Works Director Javier Setovich, Public Works Deputy Director Barbara Chappell

Others Present: Mark Fountain, Black and Veatch; Leah Gaffney, Black and Veatch

MOTION BY Committee Member Nepomuceno, SECONDED BY Committee Member Fallon, that Committee Member Booth and Committee Member Lombardo be EXCUSED.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Committee Member Deshuk, Committee Member Fallon, Committee Member Smith, Committee Member Nepomuceno, Committee Member Majeska, Committee Member Lowell, Committee Member McErlean, Committee Member Minarik, Committee Member Perez, Alternate Gioia and Alternate Paine

Excused: 2 - Committee Member Booth and Committee Member Lombardo

APPROVE MINUTES

1. [MINUTES](#) Approve draft minutes of the Citizen Rate Review Committee meeting held on
[2020-158](#) August 4, 2020.

MOTION BY Committee Member Lowell, SECONDED BY Committee Member Majeska, that the Minutes be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Committee Member Deshuk, Committee Member Fallon, Committee Member Smith, Committee Member Nepomuceno, Committee Member Majeska, Committee Member Lowell, Committee Member McErlean, Committee Member Minarik, Committee Member Perez, Alternate Gioia and Alternate Paine

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CITIZENS COMMENTS/ APPEARANCES FROM THE FLOOR

None.

BUSINESS

2. Staff Presentations

2.1 Overview of Storm Water (David Ramirez, Environmental Programs Manager and Black & Veach Consultant)

Public Works Deputy Director Chappell reviewed Goodyear's current stormwater program and explained what would be discussed regarding stormwater and introduced the team from Black and Veatch who presented an overview of stormwater. During the question and answer period, the committee members had the following questions and responses provided are also below preceded by an "A":

1. What maintenance is expected of HOAs for their retention basins? A: It depends on the infrastructure they have. Private property can double as a park so there is that maintenance plus maintenance on dry wells, scuppers, grates, etc.
2. Would that be in their development agreement? A: There are City ordinances and design standards that define their responsibility.
3. Is the purpose to just control flooding and contamination or is there a desire to capture the water for use? A: The purpose is to control flooding, get it off the street and into the Gila River to protect the Waters of the United States.
4. Is the City responsible from a flood control perspective for the maintenance of Bullard Wash? A: Yes.
5. What was the Bullard Wash collapse that you mentioned? A: There was an emergency repair to rectify the outfall pipe. South of Camelback Road, Parks and Recreation maintains the basin but there is a 24" subgrade pipe where we found a section had collapsed and another with root intrusion. We used emergency funds and funds from Engineering and Parks and Recreation.
6. What government entity mandated this program and how long ago? Also, is there government money awards to get this going? A: There is no funding. It's a federally mandated, unfunded part of the Clean Water Act which is an EPA program from 1970 or 1975.
7. Given that HOAs are responsible for maintaining their drainage basins, who is responsible for the

- maintenance of the under-street collection system in those communities? A: If they are public streets or if the pipes were conveyed to the City, then they are Goodyear's responsibility. Some are private but they're very limited in number.
8. Are new developments required to have their own stormwater management system? A: Yes, per both the City and the County.
 9. What is the political (Council, Mayor) and the City Manager's tone on the creation of this enterprise model? A: We shared with Council that we are looking into the development of a new utility for stormwater and they were very agreeable. We will present a realistic view of our needs, costs, options and consequences of not doing it along with a recommendation to move ahead in its creation. We'll see.
 10. A lot of positions are being recommended in stormwater management. Can some of those roles be incorporated with the overall road maintenance since pipe repairs or replacement would probably involve road repairs if these pipes are under the road? A: Not unlike the sewer system, there are possible road repairs, but we propose to use contracted labor for that at least initially. We're not sure how much work there would be at first, but we'd work in conjunction with the other departments, for example, inspections would be handled by an engineering inspector.
 11. Is Goodyear ahead or behind other nearby municipalities in this area? A: Unfortunately, we are behind. Most major cities have a program in place to maintain, manage and police their own assets.
 12. Are there other Valley cities contracting stormwater program operations? If so, is there data available on their meeting service level agreements? A: I'm not aware of any contracting except for inspection services and only because our firm is involved in some.
 13. I know that part of the problem at the Bullard Wash was tail water from farms running off. Is this type of runoff a problem in other places in the City? Are there other unique factors that create stormwater runoff? A: Stormwater runoff leaves every property and parcel. Farms do have point discharge but it depends, because every property and parcel has some runoff. You see varying levels depending on the type of rainfall and the land use. There are lots of unique factors in how stormwater behaves....agriculture is a big one because it pushes sediment into the streets. The challenges vary by the type of development adjacent to the streets.
 14. It does appear there might be some redundancies in these positions as proposed. Is there enough activities to justify these positions? Can some of these be part-time positions only? A: It depends on how the Utilities staff plans and prioritizes. We forecast that they'd be busier than a half-time employee but could be somewhat flexible depending on inspection and construction permits.
 15. Do you have a range of stormwater program customer monthly fee amounts in surrounding cities? A: We can't disclose it as part of this effort. We took the 5-year Cost of Service and gave it to Willdan who will prepare a proposal to generate revenue. They'll show a range.
 16. Has the City, in recent memory created a new line of business and associated fees and charges directly charged to the user? A: Willdan will propose how to fund this.
 17. Maybe start up an enterprise that's not as front loaded. A: Our consultant will present a 5-year plan. You'll see a ramp up as part of the program.

18. What are the specific pollution prevention targeted in stormwater? A: Under the MS4 permit program, it addresses several areas of pollution, such as construction site runoff to everyday behavior of citizens such as leaves or pet waste pickup. There will be City ordinances regarding what’s allowed in the drains and that will be enforced by Code Compliance.

2.2 Overview of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) (Javier Setovich, Public Works Director)

Public Works Director Setovich presented an overview of Water and Wastewater CIP Projects. During the question and answer period, the committee members had the following questions and responses provided are also below preceded by an “A”:

- 1. Is the \$51 million completed projects included in the \$143.7 million projected for 2020-2025?
A: No, the \$51 million was an accomplishment for us.
- 2. Is the \$143.7 million already approved by the City? A: Yes.
- 3. It would be helpful to have a brief description of these projects including cost projection for the next five years and estimated completion date for each project. A: We can get that information for the next meeting, not necessarily part of the presentation but we can put something together to address this request.
- 4. Is there a project where you could face a penalty if it’s not built? A: Yes. Brine disposal is the best example. Some could also impact our ability to serve.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

INFORMATION ITEMS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman McErlean adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Chairman Name, Chairman

Date: _____

