



UTILITY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 28, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Kwan Wong called the regular meeting of the Utility Board to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers Room at City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, WA.

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Kwan Wong, Vice Chair Tim O'Connell, Susan Kaltenbach, Will Pokorny, Brian Thomas and Stephen Milton. Tom DeBoer and Council Member Wisenteiner were absent.

City Staff: Jason Kintner, Public Works Director, Patrick Yamashita, City Engineer, Anne Tonella-Howe, Assistant City Engineer, Brian Hartvigson, Right of Way Manager, Fred Gu, CIP Project Manager, and Asea Sandine were present.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PHASE II MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PERMIT

Yamashita introduced Rebecca Dugopolski, Senior Engineer with Herrera Environmental who presented an overview of the Low Impact Development Code integration and Stormwater Manual Adoption. The changes are a requirement of the City's NPDES permit from the Washington State Dept. of Ecology (DOE). All cities in Western Washington with populations between 10,000 and 100,000 must comply with the requirement. Rebecca shared that while Low Impact Development (LID) is currently an option in our code, our permit will now require it where feasible. The permit also requires the City to adopt the 2014 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington. She added that the City is reviewing and updating codes to implement these requirements this summer.

WORK PLAN

The Board inquired about follow-up action items regarding their concerns and questions regarding the King County North Mercer Interceptor Sewer Project. Thomas expressed he is concerned that the issues brought forward will get lost and not be responded to and he feels a response is very important to the community. Tonella-Howe shared that King County did re-evaluate running the path along 84th as requested by the Board and hydraulics does not allow for this path to be an option. She further shared that she believes the construction mitigation concern has been shared and expects that as the County continues with design they will refine construction mitigation. Wong added he is concerned about mitigation for commuters. The Board requested to be informed on a regular basis around key milestones of the project.

Motion- It was moved by O'Connell; seconded by Thomas to request that staff ask King County to attend an upcoming meeting in April or May to provide a project update. The Board reached consensus to compile a list of common concerns to be submitted as part of the record for this project. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

O'Connell shared that he and Wong had received an email from resident Rick Fersch regarding his utility rates. O'Connell inquired about how public comment is handled at Board meetings given that the Board is advisory and rates are set by the Council.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 PM

Asea Sandine
Recording Secretary