
Minutes
Electronic Special Meeting
Washington City Council
July 9, 2020

Present: Mayor Kenneth Neilson, Council Members Craig Coats, Kurt Ivie, Kress Staheli, Doug Ward, City Manager Roger Carter, City Attorney Jeff Starkey, Public Works Director Mike Shaw, Assistant Public Works Director Lester Dalton, City Engineer Rick Snyder, Information Systems Director Steven Whittekiend, City Recorder Danice Bulloch

Excused: Council Member Daniel Cluff

Meeting Commenced: 4:00 PM

1. Approval of the Agenda

Council Member Ivie made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Ward second the motion; which passed unanimously.

2. Discussion of the possibility of a Low Impact Development requirement related to the MS4 Stormwater Discharge Permit. Assistant Public Works Director Lester Dalton

Assistant Public Works Director Lester Dalton reviewed the Low Impact Development Permit requirements.

Council Member Coats noted our current MS4 is very in depth and has been in place for some time. He explained the purpose of the detention basis with the Council. There are several factors, which affect the detention such as size of property, and types of soils. You cannot discharge more than you historically have.

Assistant Public Works Director Dalton explained the difference between detention and retention. Detention has the same release rate of water, as the historic flow rate. The MS4 Permit deals entirely with water quality. The state wants zero sediments.

Council Member Coats noted in the past, the construction sites have been extremely bad with sediment discharge.

Council Member Ivie asked if there are any parameters we are able to investigate based on our situation in Southern Utah. He feels we should be in a different category than those in Northern Utah.

Council Member Ward asked what is currently being done to address these concerns.

Assistant Public Works Director Dalton stated we have three specific ordinances in place to address these issues. We have an illicit discharge permit, Erosion and Settlement Control Ordinance, and last the Post Construction Ordinance.

Council Member Ivie asked about the Dixie Stormwater Coalition.

Assistant Public Works Director Dalton explained the purpose of the Dixie Stormwater Coalition, which includes the municipal operations with regard to the requirements of the MS4 Permit.

Council Member Ward clarified every property going forward after these regulations are in place, must now retain water on the property.

Assistant Public Works Director Dalton explained the permit requires retention, which is, retain on site, 80 percentile storm. It equates to .44 inches of water on site with no discharge.

Council Member Staheli asked how feasible are these requirements.

Assistant Public Works Director Dalton explained this document addresses the feasibility. The next criteria then addresses meeting terms of the agreement to the best of our ability, and satisfying the State.

Council Member Coats stated in reviewing the document, there are potentially going to be issues on all properties.

Assistant Public Works Director Dalton explained that would be where the feasibility is addressed.

Council Member Coats addressed the difference in commercial and residential requirements. The LID would be much more practical for a commercial development as opposed to a homeowner.

Assistant Public Works Director Dalton reviewed a powerpoint presentation with Council.

Council discussed concerns with regard to the technical methods of using the document, which could potentially lead to multiple different outcomes. Also, the requirements for maintenance and inspections.

Council Member Coats commented this report is not feasible in 90% of Washington City.

Assistant Public Works Director Dalton noted St. George City should be presenting the same

document at their first meeting in July.

City Attorney Starkey explained the reality is all of the municipalities should be implementing these standards at the same time. It is a State and Federal mandated project.

Mayor Neilson asked if Assistant Public Works Director Dalton would check with the surrounding municipalities on their timelines for adoption on this item.

Council thanked Assistant Public Works Director Dalton for all of his hard work on the project.

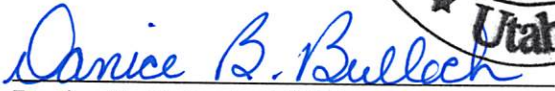
Council asked for this item to be placed on a meeting agenda in August, preferably on a workshop or special meeting.

3. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 P.M.

Passed and approved on the 22nd day of July, 2020.

Attest by:


Danice B. Bulloch, MMC
City Recorder



Washington City


Kenneth F. Neilson, Mayor