



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009, 7:00 PM**

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Public Works Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

- B. **ROLL CALL:** The members present were:

✓ Mr. Bill Yarger, Chairman

✓ Mr. Jamie Griesedieck

✓ Alderman John Levis

✓ Mr. Mike Thaman

Also present were City Administrator Bob Shelton, Public Works Director, Jeff Wappelhorst and Mayor Lee Murray.

- C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mr. Bill Yarger, asked for a motion to approve tonight's agenda.

MOTION: Alderman John Levis motioned and Mr. Mike Thaman seconded the approval of tonight's agenda. All Commissioners present voted "Aye". There were no "Nay" votes. **MOTION PASSED.**

- D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Bill Yarger, asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2008 meeting.

MOTION: Alderman John Levis motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Mike Thaman seconded the approval of the December 10, 2008 meeting minutes. All Commissioners present voted "Aye". There were no "Nay" votes. **MOTION PASSED.**

- E. **PUBLIC FORUM: (PRESENTATION OF REMARKS AND/OR PETITIONS)**

No comments at this time.

- F. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:**

No comments at this time.

- G. **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

No comments at this time.

H. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

No report at this time.

I. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Geyer Road Bridge Findings:

Mr. Jeff Wappelhorst gave a brief background of the application to East/West Gateway for grant funding to pay 80% of the cost of repair to the Geyer Road Bridge with the City paying 20% of engineering and construction costs. Mr. Thaman asked if a pedestrian walkway would be included. Chairman Yarger said someone would need to maintain the path. Mr. Thaman stated to provide pedestrian access as part of the stormwater project would provide a link to the pedestrian access across the bridge.

2. Stormwater Master Plan Update

Mr. Shelton commented that Shari would update the website with the new stormwater priority projects and Leesa Ross will e-mail that it is completed to the City's e-mail list.

3. Geyer Road Stormwater Update

Many of the residents signed easements at the open house held earlier today. Len Madalon stated he does not believe the Corp of Engineers will require any environmental remediation for loss of wildlife habitat.

4. Donoho/Anzeiger Stormwater Improvement Updates

Southern Ditching is making good progress on the project due to good weather. The project is expected to be completed by the end of March.

J. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rain garden maintenance has become a point of concern with some subdivision trustees. Alderman Levis asked for an explanation of the rain garden. Mr. Thaman said property owners should grant an easement to the City but the resident should be responsible to maintain them. If they benefit the subdivision, the trustees should agree to fix anything beyond typical resident maintenance such as keeping it clean. Resident Chris Kerr asked if MSD requires clean water regulations in big projects. Mr. Len Madalon of EDM Incorporated said no it is required by the City. If MSD is doing a project they are under their own review process.

Alderman Levis asked Mr. Shelton to get clarification from the City's legal counsel regarding any assumptions created or maintenance liability if the City accepts easements. The committee directed staff to continue to have individuals maintain rain gardens when required as new construction or renovation and maintained by

- trustees if the rain garden benefits the neighborhood. Easements granted to the City at the time of construction for maintenance, only as a last resort if residents or trustees do not maintain the rain garden. At the discretion of the City if they need to be maintained then the cost should be billed back the cost to the resident or trustees.
2. Creek Easements: Mr. Madalon said some cities are getting easements from property owners for improvements made in creeks. Chairman Yarger said we should not give any appearance that the City plans to maintain improvements. Once the City does the work, it is up to the property owner who benefits to maintain the improvement. Mr. Madalon said in some instances, the improvements may be downstream to benefit a property up stream. Chairman Yarger asked for additional information and Alderman Levis asked that we check the legalities and adoption of an ordinance if necessary to protect the City.
 3. Pool Draining: After a review of the recommended amendments to the pool draining regulations, the Commission recommended approval to the Board of Aldermen.
- K. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 8, 2009, 7:00 p.m.**
- L. **VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Bill Yarger, asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting.
- MOTION:** Mr. Jamie Griesedieck motioned and Alderman John Levis seconded the meeting be adjourned. All Commission members present voted “Aye”. The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**
- M. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.