



2A Stormwater Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Agenda

2:00 PM, November 21, 2019

Pikes Peak Room, City Hall, 107 N. Nevada

- Called to order: 2:02 p.m. by Vice Chair Emily Magnussen
- Previous minutes approved unanimously
- Special guest: Erin Powers, lead technical engineer for the Stormwater enterprise, available to answer questions
- Financial recap and summary for Quarter 3- finance presentation presented to the board as hard copy: we are on track
 - Presentation provided by Brenda Roy- please see attached presentation for financials and explanations
 - There will not be excess revenue at the end of the year. However, we are hoping to build an emergency reserve in the future.
 - Question asked: Is there any fear of going over budget and not being able to meet obligations?
 - Answer: Every cent is obligated but not contracted. We may think a project is going to be \$100k, but if a bid comes in at \$85k, we leave the money there in case of emergencies/unforeseen needs. Once the project is complete, the money can be redirected if not spent on that particular project.
 - Update and explanation of new development revenue and how that will be billed.
 - CSU billing update- we are currently partnering with CSU to add fees to the Utility water bills; they have completed hundreds of test cases. Discussion of customers that will be billed through CSU in the future. Explanation of how employees of CSU/the City would handle increased calls. Customers will be notified of the change (in billing company, not the bill itself) in December. This will be about 10,000 total customers. Billing company change will occur January 1. Total savings will be roughly \$225,000 per year. The more bills that can be handled by CSU, the greater the cost savings will be.
 - Not anticipating high extra volume of calls.
 - Moving bills to the CSU billing system will provide a substantial cost savings for the Enterprise, additional funding can be redirected to needed Stormwater projects and obligations.

- Explanation of which properties had been sent to collections and why.
 - Question asked- originally there was some concern that groups like nonprofits would not be able to pay the fees. Are any of the properties in collections because of inability for the owning group to pay?
 - Answer: There were a few nonprofits, but the majority of them have paid and it really has not been an issue overall. There was definitely a push for individualized outreach with groups like this.
 - Councilman Don Knight asked: How are you going to do the accounting to handle the shortages with CS Utilities, since Utilities prorates the shortages?
 - Richard Mulledy answered: we worked out a dollar amount, that once reached, Stormwater has the chance to lien the property
- Projects recap provided by Senior Engineer Tim Biolchini:
 - FEMA CRS (Flood Hazard Insurance Program)
 - Communities can join the CRS System, where FEMA rates their community. Massive rating system. COS has been doing this for several years. In 2011, the rating was 6/10, which provided a 20% savings for every home that needed to buy flood insurance. 2016, we moved up to a 5/10.
 - More descriptions of the program and the submittal progress. In order to apply for some FEMA grants, it is important to be part of this program. Every facet of the Springs and surrounding government system feeds into this system.
 - Applying for \$7.5 million in FEMA grants next year
- TABOR funding: update
 - Funds were retained by voters two years ago, in the amount of \$6 million for 2016 and 2017, we had 26 projects listed on the ballot. Two projects remained, and both will be completed by the end of the year. There was some savings, and they added another project. It will be done (Stormwater portion) by the end of the year as well.
 - Could there be a TABOR recap and messaging for citizens? Underspend allowed us to do an extra project?
 - On City's webpage, on social media as projects are completed. Recap stories with local news.
- Concrete vs natural channels, hybrid options (extended discussion)
 - Case study: Hydro-turf is cheaper than concrete paving, adds a natural element especially in a neighborhood
 - Maintenance/property requirements, aesthetic
 - Pros and cons of each
 - Suggestion of a decision matrix in determining concrete vs natural
 - General consensus was to make a goal of reducing concrete within the water shed, everyone preferred natural channels and the natural look when non-natural channels would be required
- LID (Low Impact Development) extended discussion:

- Drainage Criteria Manual changes related to Low Impact Development have been sent to the State for approval.
- Minor update on litigation- trying to agree on a consent decree. Part of the consent decree may involve low impact development.
- Any changes to the DCM would need to be approved by City Council. That is at least a year out.
- Federal government is leaning toward “green infrastructure” which is similar to LID. Essentially “less concrete, more grass” and how flows are routed.
- What is the right public process for informing the community about the changes? Discussion- Program has potential for extensive education. Guide the community into making these changes and seeing the huge potential benefits.
- Change is hard and adjustments will have to be made so there is a need to develop an extensive plan and educational plan for the community.

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.