



Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Council

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Tuesday, March 6, 2018

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Study Session

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Cheryl Selby, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jessica Bateman, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Clark Gilman, Councilmember Lisa Parshley and Councilmember Renata Rollins

2. BUSINESS ITEM

2.A [18-0146](#) Draft 2017 Storm and Surface Water Plan Briefing

Senior Planner Susan Clark reviewed the key messages for the evening; community focused plan; stormwater utilities are unique; refinement of our work, and implementation plan.

Engineering and Planning Supervisor Eric Christensen gave a walk through of how local geology and weather creates unique stormwater conditions in Olympia. He shared that the coastal mountains funnel onshore pushing marine air into Olympia causing the City to have more rain than much of Puget Sound.

He noted there are several drivers creating mandates and priorities for the Utility, which are:

- Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit
- Citizen's expectations
- TMDL (Deschutes and Henderson watersheds)
- Action Agenda for Puget Sound
- Asset Management

The services provided by the Utility were discussed Mr. Christensen. The Utility maintains land; storm drainage pipes; storm drains (catch basins); public flow control facilities (ponds, etc.) and public treatment facilities (filters, etc.). The Utility inspects and cleans the systems to insure performance, remove sediment and improve water quality. Operations staff regularly make the repairs when structural defects in system assets like pipes and catch basins are found.

Mr. Christensen shared education, stewardship, and planting efforts. Utility staff also investigate drainage issues throughout the City; inspect private and public stormwater

systems and construction sites for proper operations. The Utility monitors seven local streams, contributes to the regional Stormwater Action Monitoring program and are sponsoring a study to evaluate the accuracy of bio-retention modeling.

The Utility also provides technical support to Public Works, Community Planning & Development and Parks, Arts & Recreation as Stormwater experts for the entire City.

Information regarding the Storm and Surface Water Plan Update was shared by Ms. Clark. The Utility staff identified 94 strategies, resulting in mostly refinements of the work they are already doing. The Utility intends to use the Plan to inform the development of annual program plans.

Ms. Clark discussed how the Utility addresses flooding challenges, low impact development, climate change, water quality challenges, public education, street sweeping, aquatic habitat challenges, habitat assessments, and partnerships.

Ms. Clark shared a recent financial analysis of the Utility, which determined it is in solid financial condition. She reviewed the steps towards full implementation of the plan and suggested the Public Hearing for the plan occur at the March 27 City Council meeting with plan approval to come forward sometime in April.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The study session was completed.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.