

## MINUTES - ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 2.18.2016

The meeting was called to order @ 5:30 PM, Thursday, February 18, 2016, in the North Conference room @ 21630 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Des Moines with the following in attendance:

### Council Members

Robert Back, Chair

Melissa Musser

Matt Pina

### City Staff

Tony Piasecki, City Manager

Dan Brewer, PBPW Director

Loren Reinhold, SWM Utility Manager

Denise Lathrop, CD Manager

Peggy Volin, Admin Asst II

Consultant: Stan May, AHBL

### **AGENDA:**

1. Approve minutes of the 1.21.2016 meeting
2. CAO/SMP/Frequently Flooded Areas Code Update
3. Methanol Proposal in Tacoma

### **MEETING:**

1. Approve the minutes of the January 21, 2016 meeting: Unanimously approved.
2. CAO/SMP/Frequently Flooded Areas Code Update: Community Development Manager Denise Lathrop introduced AHBL Consultant, Stan May who was hired to assist with the regulatory review and update process. Together they briefed the Committee on the GAP Analysis of Des Moines Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO), Shoreline Master Program, (SMP) and Frequently Flooded Areas in light of the changes to the Washington Department of Ecology wetland classification and rating system and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS) and designations.
3. Methanol Proposal in Tacoma: PBPW Director Dan Brewer briefed the Committee on the City of Tacoma's proposal to develop and operate a natural gas-to-methanol production plant in Tacoma. He provided a draft resolution in opposition of the proposal as requested by the Council, some articles on the dynamics of how the Methanol Plant

would operate along with a copy of the resolution recently passed by the City of Federal Way opposing the development of the plant in Tacoma.

Committee recommended bringing this resolution forward to Council at the February 25, 2016 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm

Minutes respectfully Submitted by: Peggy Volin, Admin Asst II