

MINUTES - ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING 4.12.2018

The meeting was called to order @ 6:00 PM, Thursday, April 12, 2018, in the North Conference room @ 21630 11th Avenue South, Des Moines with the following in attendance:

Council Members

Traci Buxton (Chair)
Robert Back
Matt Pina

Guests:

Ken Kase, GM - Midway Sewer Dist
Marc Montieth, Asst GM – Midway Sewer Dist
Jim Gross, PM – BHC Consultants
Greg Mockos, PE – BHC Consultants
Peter Cunningham – BHC Consultants

City Staff

Brandon Carver, PW Director
Dan Brewer, Chief Operations Officer
Loren Reinhold, SWM Utility Manager
Tim George, City Attorney
Matt Hutchins, Asst. City Attorney
Susan Cezar, Chief Strategic Officer
Denise Lathrop, CD Manager
Jason Woycke, Planner II
Peggy Volin, Admin Asst. II

AGENDA:

1. Approve minutes of the 3.08.2018 meeting
2. Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review
3. Critical Areas Regulations – Minor Updates
4. Midway Sewer District Comprehensive Sewer Plan
5. SCUBA Alliance

MEETING:

1. Approve the minutes of the March 8, 2018 meeting: Unanimously approved.
2. Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review: Land Use Planner Jason Woycke, briefed the Committee on the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) periodic review process and shared a proposed Scope of Work, the draft Public Participation Plan, and most importantly the draft Timeline for this process. The deadline to complete this review and its associated amendments is June 30, 2019.
3. Critical Areas Regulations: CD Manager, Denise Lathrop provided an overview to the Committee of the recommended amendments to Title 16 and discussed how these changes affect the application of Des Moines Environmentally Critical Area regulations (CAO) that are codified in Chapter 16.10 DMMC and how they interface with the City's Shoreline Master Program (SMP). It was noted that additional clarification is needed between the CAO and SMP as it relates to the adjustment of standards and provisions for designated critical areas that are located within the shoreline jurisdiction. As the above mentioned SMP review progresses, staff will have a better idea on the timing for bringing forward an ordinance for Council consideration.

4. Midway Sewer District Comprehensive Sewer Plan – MSD General Manager Ken Kase introduced their consultants Jim Gross, Greg Mockos and Peter Cunningham from BHC Consultants who provided a summary of the District’s current sewage capacities; an analysis of the impact of projected growth on the District’s sewage collection, conveyance, and treatment systems; and a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to alleviate system deficiencies along with documenting the District’s policies, operation and maintenance practices, and financial plan to implement the CIP. The District is requesting comments to their draft Plan from various entities over the next few weeks and will forward a final draft of the Plan for City adoption once the comments have been compiled and addressed.

5. SCUBA Alliance – City Attorney Tim George provided the Committee with an update on the Redondo Artificial Reef Project. He stated SCUBA Alliance’s Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) was rejected by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as being incomplete and DNR is now requiring the City to be the applicant for the JARPA and any other permits needed for this project. The City will also be the leaseholder with DNR once this project gets underway. The cost of the lease will be free as tidelands will be for public use but DNR will have insurance requirements and many other provisions regarding maintenance/restoration, etc. that are common to all DNR leases. Staff will keep the Committee updated frequently throughout this process.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm

Minutes respectfully Submitted by: Peggy Volin, Admin Asst II