

MAYER COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 8, 2021

Call Work Session to order at 6:50 p.m. by Mayor Dodge.

PRESENT: Mayor Dodge, Council Members Millender and McNeilly.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Boder and Heldt.

STAFF: City Administrator McCallum.

ALSO PRESENT: Don Wachholz.

1. **Pond Maintenance Plan and Policy**

McCallum provided a summary of the City Council's work on creating a comprehensive assessment of the city's stormwater and ponding system.

The summary included a reference to the citywide Stormwater Pond Assessment document that was created by the City's Engineering firm, Bolton and Menk. She stated that the document is an in-depth report that includes the identification of all the ponds and the status of the inlets, outlets, slope, integrity, and future maintenance needs.

McCallum stated that the document provides information on short-term and long-term maintenance measures that the City will need to implement to keep the system functioning properly.

She explained that in support of this document, staff has been working on a Pond Policy and Procedures document that highlights information on the purpose of the ponds, how they work and maintenance responsibilities of the City and homeowners. It provides guidance on when, how and what the City will do for maintenance on the system. It educated residents as well.

McCallum said that in the Policy, the City Engineer and staff have separated the City into five districts for maintenance focus areas. On a five-year rotating basis, the ponds within the specified district will have maintenance performed.

She stated that the Public Works Committee met on January 21, 2021 to review the document and the suggestion to the Council was to have 2021 be a year where focus was centered on the areas that need immediate attention throughout the entire system and then in 2022 start the five-year rotation.

McNeilly asked that staff contact the residents that had pond concerns in 2020 to make them aware of the progress of these documents.

There was discussion on sending out letters and/or information on these documents to homeowners who live on the ponds.

McCallum suggested, if sending a letter, to send to all residents because everyone is either directly or indirectly impacted by the stormwater and pond system.

The Council agreed that the Pond Maintenance Plan and Policy looked good in its current draft.

McNeilly asked if the document could come to a City Council workshop in March for one more review and to allow residents the ability to comment. McNeilly expressed concern about the impact the policy would have on some homeowners. She expressed a desire to educate residents more on this.

McCallum stated that she could put information out on social media and the website to see if residents had any questions.

The Council agreed to put this on the March 8, 2021 City Council workshop for further review and discussion.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the work session was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Mike Dodge, Mayor

Attest: _____
Margaret McCallum, City Administrator