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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, October 20, 2008

4:45 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 108, City-County Building.
Meets the 3rd Monday of the month.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 -

Lori O. Grant; Larry Palm; Bill Sonzogni; Jonathan H. Standridge; Roger T. Bannerman; Bruce C. Dickie; Reginald N. Weide and Keith W. Pierce

Excused: 1 -

Michael W. Rewey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Grant, seconded by Dickie, to Approve the Minutes .
The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [11695](#) Accepting the Staff Report on Alternatives to Improve Stump Grubbing, Street Tree Pruning Cycles and Preparation for the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

A motion was made by Sonzogni, seconded by Dickie, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Larry Nelson (City Engineer), Al Schumacher (Street Superintendent), and Dean Kahl (Forestry), were present to discuss the proposed changes to the stump grubbing policy and future changes to allocations of funds in the Forestry Division.

Streets and Forestry are better coordinating tree and stump removal practices to avoid falling behind on stump grubbing.

While Forestry is currently not able to fund more staff in order to move to a regular tree pruning cycle (as opposed to operating on a needs basis), future demands for controlling the Emerald Ash Borer will definitely require more funds and staff. A plan has been prepared that indicates where resources shall be allocated when this occurs and as funds are available.
2. 12308 Clean Lakes Report - 2008 Update

A motion was made by Pierce, seconded by Weide, to Discuss and continue. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Commissioners discussed several of the items included in the Report. Chair Standridge voiced concern that the original 2006 report is not being directly updated; rather, a new report is created each year. At the December meeting, Commissioners will review the format and content for these future annual reports.

REPORTS

3. [08477](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

None

4. [08478](#) REPORT FROM BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

None

5. [08481](#) REPORT FROM EROSION CONTROL SUBCOMMITTEE:

Recommendations are still in draft form; subcommittee will bring 14 recommendations to the Commission for their input prior to finalizing. Most will be low or no cost.

6. [08482](#) REPORT FROM STAFF:

The Yahara Lakes Conference was well-attended and has had positive feedback. Limnologists gave a goal of 20 ppm of Total Phosphorus in Lakes Mendota and Monona by 2020. Sessions at the conference included beach bacteria, manure digesters, and sediment/nutrient runoff in both rural and urban areas.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bannerman, seconded by Dickie, to Adjourn . The motion passed by voice vote/other.