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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday, April 16, 2012

4:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Room 103A (City-County Building) Meets the 3rd Monday of the month.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 -

Anita Weier; Steven M. Fix; Patricia A. Lasky; Dan Melton; Lori O. Grant; Roger T. Bannerman; James P. Bennett and Reginald N. Weide

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

1. <u>25562</u> Amending Section 10.18(7)(d)1.c. of the Madison General Ordinances to allow a limited exception for the placement of bagged yard waste in the street.

Greg Fries, City Engineering, explained the purpose of this ordinance amendment. He indicated that when streets are reconstructed later in the year, there is not adequate time for grass in the street terrace to re-establish before citywide leaf collection begins. It is city ordinance to place leaves in the terrace, but doing so before grass is established can cause problems. This amendment allows for the OPTION to place leaves IN BAGS in the curb in areas where the terrace has just been seeded (or where new sod has been placed). Streets Department crews will have to open the bags and dump the leaves into the back of the trucks. Affected homeowners will be notified of this option before leaf collection starts.

A motion was made by Melton, seconded by Weier, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

08477 REPORT FROM BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A number of major street projects are underway (University Ave, Fish Hatchery, Outerloop, Monona Dr, E Washington)

3. <u>08478</u> REPORT FROM WATER UTILITY BOARD:

Well 15 will be the first in the city to get an air stripper intended to remove PCE from drinking water through an agitation process. There is also a PCE source

study underway (city's first) to identify the responsible party in this issue. Well 8 will receive an iron-manganese filter. There is not much data available for the Kipp area groundwater problem (extent of the issue has not been defined). A second test well will be drilled on the far southeast side. Future east side well locations likely will be either Felland Road (across from Camp K9) or Heistand Park along Milwaukee St.

4. 08479 REPORT FROM SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

None

5. 14746 REPORT FROM BOARD OF HEALTH FOR MADISON AND DANE COUNTY:

None

6. <u>13375</u> STAFF REPORT

New officers can be elected now since this is the last meeting for the current chair. Committee members voted Steve Fix as new chair (motion by Alder Weier, seconded by Melton, passed unanimously) and Roger Bannerman as vice chair (motion by Melton, seconded by Lasky, passed unanimously).

Bannerman's term will be expiring this month, but he can continue to serve until July or a replacement is found.

The fireworks study continues to move forward; Brynn Bemis, City Engineering, has taken sediment samples and has coordinated with Health Dept. staff to do water sampling. Bennett asked the Committee how he should move forward with the plant sampling, regarding locations and whether the process should be directed temporally or spatially. Bennett received comments on testing protocol and shall decide accordingly.

7. 19947 Discussion of Future Items

Future items committee members would like to discuss include: further discussion with planning staff on zoning codes, long-range solid waste management and biodigester siting, and green infrastructure.

ADJOURNMENT

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