

**City of Champaign, Illinois**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

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**Stormwater Utility Fee Advisory & Technical Committees Meeting**

**September 13, 2010**

**Advisory Committee Members Present:** Jim Spencer, Jim Jesso, Steve Cochran, Clif Carey, Karen Foster, Chris Hamelberg, Jim Creighton, Anna Maria Watkin, Eliana Brown, Chuck Allen, Vic McIntosh

**Advisory Committee Members Absent:** Donald Agin, Jim Bustard, David Tomlinson

**Technical Committee Members Present:** Lorrie Pearson, Mark Toalson

**Technical Committee Members Absent:** Leslie Lundy, Andrew Proctor, Shawn Luesse

**City Staff Present:** Dennis Schmidt, Roland White, Jamie Vermillion

**Consultants Present:** Greg Kacvinsky – Foth Infrastructure & Environment

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m.

**Introductions**

Vic McIntosh, Committee Chair, led introductions of City Staff, the consultants, the Stormwater Utility Fee Advisory Committee and the Stormwater Utility Fee Technical Committee.

**Advisory Committee**

Dennis Schmidt provided an overview describing the purpose of the committee, identified agenda topics for future meetings and outlined expectations of committee members.

There were no questions from the Advisory Committee, the Technical Committee or the audience.

**Project Overview**

Dennis Schmidt provided a history of the stormwater utility fee efforts by summarizing three milestones that led to the development of the Stormwater Utility Fee Advisory Committee.

Vic McIntosh asked staff to clarify the difference between the advisory committee and the technical committee. Dennis Schmidt explained that initially the technical committee

and the advisory committee will have joint meetings. Once policy decisions concerning the expenditure, revenue and billing plan are required, the technical committee will meet separately and report back their recommendations to the advisory committee.

### **Introduction to Stormwater Management**

Roland White gave a presentation that provided a general overview of drainage.

Steve Cochran asked how much of the City's piping has the City looked at. Dennis Schmidt estimated that the City has looked at 40% of the City's collection system.

Eliana Brown asked if the stormwater utility fee would pass on a Council majority vote. Dennis Schmidt indicated that typically for a user fee, Council requires stronger support than a five-four vote.

Jim Creighton asked staff to describe the difference between a two-year event pipe and a ten-year event pipe. Roland White responded by explaining that these pipes vary depending on the watershed and the design, but in general a two-year event pipe is ten to twelve inches in diameter and a ten-year event pipe is approximately two to three feet in diameter. Jim Creighton followed up by asking what the difference is in size between the pipes that were utilized in John Street (pre-rehabilitation) and what is being installed now. Roland responded that in general, the pipes were thirty-six inches and the new pipes are sixty inches in diameter.

Clif Carey asked staff if the goal of the stormwater utility fee is to replace the 5.1 million that is currently being utilized to fund stormwater maintenance. Dennis Schmidt responded by explaining that one of the purposes of the Advisory Committee is to talk philosophically about a stormwater utility fee. He indicated that the Committee will discuss several options including whether a stormwater utility fee is a more fair way to fund stormwater maintenance and whether a fee is a more stable revenue source than utilizing sales tax (which is where the majority of stormwater funding currently comes from).

Karen Foster thanked staff for their preparation and work that went into their presentations.

### **Public Participation**

There were no questions or comments made by the public.

### **Next Meeting**

Vic McIntosh announced that the next meeting will be held on October 11, 2010 at 4 p.m.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.