



Regular Stormwater and Environmental Committee Meeting

Monday, February 5, 2025

Philip T. Glennon Center – Council Chambers
15077 Molokai Drive, Tega Cay, SC

Committee members Present: Chairman Ben Bartelt, Vice Chairwoman Heather Jones, and Committee members Lauren Kohut, Jerry Church, Maureen Norcutt, Robin McInnis, and Wes Worden. A quorum was present.

Committee members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ben Buchanan, Environmental and Zoning Compliance Officer

Council Liaison Present: Councilmember Tom Hyslip

The public and media were duly notified of the date, time and place of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Ben Bartelt.

ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. The Regular Stormwater Committee Meeting minutes of November 19, 2024, were submitted for approval.

MOTION

Committee member Church motioned to approve the Regular Stormwater Committee Meeting minutes of November 19, 2024, seconded by Committee member Norcutt. and approved unanimously.

ITEM 2 NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of City Council Stormwater and Environmental Committee proposed changes ahead of 2nd reading at February 18th Council meeting

The Committee discussed changes to the stormwater and environmental committee to include now encompassing green spaces. It was noted the Committee will still consist of 7 members and Heather Jones volunteered to report the Committee's activities to the City Council at City Council meetings. Discussion ensued pertaining to the committee's new duties including the inspection of trees as well as the condition of the green spaces. It was noted that concerns with trees and erosion will need to be passed on to the staff liaison. The Committee discussed the importance of a city greenway map.

B. Consideration of Setting Staggered Terms for Committee Members

The Committee discussed the need to stagger terms as 6 members were appointed in 2024 with all the same expiring term years. It was noted that 3 members terms would need to expire in odd years and 4 members terms would need to expire in even years. It was suggested that two members volunteer to stay on for an additional year.

Committee members Heather Jones and Maureen Norcutt volunteered for Council to consider extending their terms.

C. Discussion of Educational Programming Research Updates

Discussion amongst the committee ensued to include having a social media presence for educational purposes. Models of neighboring town/cities were highlighted. It was discussed that Heather will follow up with schools about their stormwater educational materials, Maureen will contact City staff regarding setting up a social media page and develop a standard schedule for posting alongside materials on the website. Waterway clean up opportunities were discussed with the possibility to coordinate with Clemson.

ITEM 3 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Setting a Meeting Schedule for 2025

Discussion ensued amongst the Committee regarding availability, dates, etc.

MOTION

Committee member Church motioned to approve the Regular Stormwater Committee Meeting schedule as the Second Monday of every month at 6:00 PM with the next meeting being March 10th at 6:00 PM, seconded by Committee member Jones. Bartlet called for a vote and the meeting schedule was approved unanimously.

ITEM 4 PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Leslie Kelly commented expressing concerns of increased stormwater fees and the continued increase over the last few years.
2. Tom Hyslip commented that stormwater fees had not increased for many years and noted that the fees are needed to meet the needs of maintenance issues with the stormwater pipes in the city. Mr. Hyslip expressed that he hopes the fees will not need to go up again in the near future.

ITEM 5 COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Discussion ensued regarding the definition of greenways/greenspaces and the legalities of access.

ITEM 6 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

There being no further business, Committee member Church motioned to adjourn, seconded by Committee member Norcutt and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lauren Kohut, Secretary

APPROVED:


Heather Jones, Vice-Chair

APPROVAL DATE: March 10, 2025