COUNCIL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Committee Name: Council Stormwater Committee

Members: Mayor Colvin, Council Member Haire, Mayor Pro Tem Dawkins, Council Member Thompson, and Council Member Hondros, Chairman

Meeting Frequency: 3rd Thursday of the month

Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Committee is to study and review sections of the Stormwater Ordinances and identify if there are tweaks that can be made that would spur economic development.

Top 3 Objectives/Activities of the Committee

To be competitive/in-line with peer cities.

To protect and assist citizens where we can.

Look at Stormwater holistically.

Successes & Accomplishments

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Identified Challenges (If Any)

Some members remain unable to understand, or unwilling to accept, NCGS, case law, staff counsel, and outside consulting counsel guidance that public funds cannot be used unless there is a public benefit.

Unable to gain consensus to revise ordinance to reflect peer cities with regard to Stormwater Control Measures warranty periods for new construction.

Lessons Learned

* Extensive look at the Drainage Assistance Program
* Staff updates on Watershed studies
* Staff updates on CIPs
* Staff and outside counsel informed us that public funds cannot be used for the benefit of private property owners

What is Next/Future Plans

Mission accomplished
* Awaiting future updates from staff
* Awaiting further direction/instruction from Mayor Colvin