

Mayor "Skip" Lee called the study session to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 13, 2011. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Barry Cox, Retha Elston, Linda Marley, Joe Martin, and Lou Sotelo. Absent: None.

Also present were City Manager Scott Shumard, Capital Projects Coordinator Vern Gottel, Superintendent of Public Works Rick Powers, Building and Zoning Services Coordinator Mike Wolber, Management Intern Hadley Skeffington-Vos, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

Manager Shumard reminded the Council that Strand Associates presented information last year about storm water utility billing and is here with an update. The City's storm water plan was adopted in 2005.

Mark Shubak from Strand Associates reported the Stormwater Management Capital Improvement Plan has been completed. This plan outlines a 20-year plan detailing areas of concern. An example of billing was presented comparing residential properties to a commercial property, such as McDonald's.

Ray Ellen Schultz in Douglas Park Subdivision asked about the storm water control in their area. Since development has occurred north of their subdivision on West LeFevre, the water run-off has increased.

Alderman Cox is concerned that residential properties will be paying for problems caused by commercial development. Shubak explained that commercial properties will pay a higher rate because of more impervious surfaces.

Alderman Cox stated that a storm water utility tax will not lower property taxes. Manager Shumard explained that it would not lower taxes but it would enable the City to fund these repairs on a timelier basis.

Paul Blankenship, 1306 Harvey Drive, commented on the water running down Harvey Drive since Lynn Boulevard was completed.

As conversation centered on water run-off problems throughout the City, Alderman Sotelo stated that we are aware of the problems and should further investigate a way to fund these projects.

Alderman Cox asked about the water detention at the old Menards. Wolber explained that there are three detention ponds but they have not been properly maintained. Our ordinance does not have specific provisions for maintenance.

Alderman Martin made a motion to adjourn to a closed session at 8:23 pm to discuss purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body as provided for under 5ILCS 120/2 and collective bargaining as covered under subsection (2) of 5ILCS 120/2(c); seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to reconvene the open meeting at 9:07 pm; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk