

Utility Advisory Committee Minutes

January 18, 2024

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

Committee Participants: Wanda, Andy Maron, Ted Jones, Charles Averill in person; Martin Pastucha and Svend Brandt-Erichsen via Zoom

Also Present: Jon Quitslund; Chris Wierzbicki; Paul Niland, City Engineer

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest: None

Stormwater – Developing Source Control Program

State law requires City to develop and implement “source control” programs for stormwater and wastewater. The City has begun this process. This portion of the meeting provided the Committee with the anticipated course for development of this program and a general overview of the expected approach and program elements.

Next steps will be development of a “source control” ordinance and creation of new full-time position to manage the stormwater source control program.

Stormwater source control is the prevention and control of polluted runoff from exterior, developed areas that drain to the City’s stormwater system. Cities have been required to develop source control programs as a condition of the most recent municipal stormwater NPDES permit.

Source control efforts focus on areas like trash enclosures/dumpster areas, parking lot and paved areas, vehicle washing practices, and exterior tool or equipment cleaning practices.

The types of efforts that may be required to achieve source control include : spill plans, kits and training; good housekeeping and waste handling; parking lot sweeping; covered trash and dumpster areas; utility sinks and grease interceptors.

The City is networking with other jurisdictions and organizations on best practices for source control. Minimum performance measures are identified by the state source control program: Enforcement; Inventory; Routine site inspections; Staff training.

June 30, 2024, is target date for having ordinances adopted and the program underway.

The City has completed an inventory of potentially affected sites, identifying 133 building/developed sites, 100 food and drink establishments.

The City’s inspection program must be in place by June 2024. The City is planning for an annual inspection rate of 20% of sites per year, as well as inspection of 100% of sites with complaints.

Wastewater Source Control Program

The City also is developing a pretreatment program for sewer wastewater discharges. The objective of this program will be to reduce pollutants, thereby reducing stress on the wastewater treatment plan.

Source control will require reduction of free oil and grease (FOG) from commercial facilities. Structural solutions for reducing FOG include installation of grease traps and interceptors. The City's adoption of FOG limits could result in requirements for some private establishments to pre-treat their wastewater discharges.

This program also is in the development stage. The City is developing a pre-treatment ordinance, which will establish local effluent limits. It also is developing educational materials. Annual inspections for compliance and enforcement are anticipated. The City also will develop a sampling plan, including sampling manholes, to identify high strength users and pre-treatment options.

Projected schedule:

- March – develop and adopt ordinances
- April – authorize new, full FTE for this program
- June begin education outreach
- Fall begin inspections and sampling plan for wastewater

Review of UAC 2020 Recommendations regarding Small Water Systems

In response to a prior request from Committee members, there was a review of the recommendations the Committee made in 2020 regarding the City's relationship with the many small water systems that serve Island residents.

This review served as a refresher as the Committee begins its review of elements of the Comprehensive Plan update, and also to inform the Committee's input as the City works on plans for its relationship with the water utilities and smaller water systems that serve the community.

Public Works Update

Chris Wierzbicki provided the Committee with an update on the status of several projects:

- Winslow water tank construction work has started
- Offsite facilities related to the water tank are expected to go out to bid in March
- In support of the Sewer Analysis for the Comprehensive Plan update, a consultant has been retained to assist with analysis of collection capacity
- Negotiation of an MOU is continuing with Puget Sound Energy. The City has received minor language changes from PSE.
- Discussions have been initiated with Bainbridge Disposal

Meeting Adjourned