

# WATER/WASTEWATER TASK FORCE MEETING

## MINUTES

January 17, 2002  
11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.  
Room 325—Civic Center

### 1) **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Wes Bennett.

### 2) **INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were made. Members, staff, and citizens were in attendance as noted below.

#### **Members Present**

Councilor Wes Bennett, Chair  
Councilor Bob Wallace  
Mike Gotterba  
Steven Anderson  
JB Summers  
Eleanor Miller  
Wendy Kroger  
Jack Lowery

#### **Members Absent**

Councilor Rick Stucky  
Councilor Kasia Quillinan  
Vacant, Polk County Commissioner  
Commissioner Patti Milne, Marion  
County  
Tony Nielsen  
Charley Waters  
Ross Peterson  
Steve Travis

Staff present included Tim Gerling (Interim Public Works Director), Pat Dodge, (Management Analyst), Steve Downs (Utilities Planning Engineer), Jon Ellis (Assistant Finance Director), Francis Kessler (WLTP Operations Services Manager), Mark Siegel, (Finance Debt Manager).

Also present was Randy Krueger from Black & Veatch.

Interested citizens: Mark Fields (Suburban East Salem Water District).

### 3) **CITIZEN INPUT**

None at this time.

### 4) **FACILITIES PLAN UPDATE**

Paul Eckley was introduced to present an update on the Facilities Plan. We are doing this because the system capacity has been exceeded during wet weather periods. Last winter there were no overflows, but this winter there have already been eight. Union Street and North River Road were the locations of the overflows. It will take \$4-\$5 million per year in sewer rehab to help reduce I/I. DEQ expects the standard to be met by the year 2010.

On the Wastewater Master Plan, the recommended solution was to add conveyance capacity throughout the system to get the wastewater to the treatment plant at Willow Lake. As mentioned in August, now we are looking at some other alternatives that are going to save the community money. This includes satellite wet weather treatment areas. We are looking at Union Street and North River Road. This would provide the same level of treatment as the treatment plant. Operating level during overflows is peak capacity and what is available is maximized.

Staff has been out to about 20 neighborhood associations with about the same presentation as was presented here to the Task Force in August. Second workshop will be held in the evening on January 24. Went to Keizer City Council and went to Parks Board last month because of the River Road site. The River Road site, as you will hear today is really becoming the primary area for the satellite treatment concept. There are a lot of benefits.

Randy Krueger was introduced to cover more of the specifics of the Facility Plan. Options: Master Plan had a large sewer carrying it all the way down to the Plant. This would be a very costly option. Cost would probably be \$1,500-\$2,000 per foot.

A suggestion was made to consider small footprints at the location where we discharge now. We will probably be forced to use some of those sites or close proximity of the sites because there is infrastructure there that we can maximize on. Randy used the architectural drawing to show the appearance of the site. This is a proven system and dollar savings could be \$40-50 million. DEQ is very supportive of the plan. No matter which alternative is used, the downtown interceptor must be built.

Where are we? The draft plan should be ready March 1. Expecting adoption process to take place in May and June. Would like to come back to the Task Force in April. By that time, staff will have had a chance to review the facility plan. We need to be under construction by 2003 or 2004—this will be done in phases, and piloting will be done through March 2002. The pilot will run for two months. We are beginning three years of public relations work—160,000 paying customers need to be reached, not just the 300 in the recent workshops.

5) **STORMWATER SDC METHODOLOGY**  
Reimbursement Fee, Water Quality, Credits

Steve Downs presented information on stormwater SDC methodology from handout material from the November Task Force meeting. The intent is to reimburse existing users. Issues reviewed included:

1. How much citizens have invested in capacity.
2. Existing pipe—is there capacity remaining?
3. How much book value?
4. GASB 34—this will change book value.

Water quality is affected by sediment and erosion, illicit discharges and ex-filtration. Temperature, bacteria, and mercury should not affect Willamette River TMDLs.

Questions to be dealt with are: Is the water quality component to SDC appropriate; should the SDC be varied by land use; will there be base measures; what are other jurisdictions doing? The Master Plan identified \$10 million to handle these issues.

Credits—this is statute-driven for construction of qualified public improvements, but is there a potential for credits for expansion beyond minimum standards? Need to balance equity, fairness, and administration.

Portland now has a stormwater manual out for review.

Action in Salem—we will be going to Council in early to mid February to set the Public Hearing and the 90-day clock will be set. Expect the draft to be ready by the end of January and go to Council with that mid March. The Public Hearing should be mid to late May, with the effective date to be July 1, 2002.

At this time, Tim Gerling presented an explanation of book value, which equals the original value less the depreciation of the improvements. The backbone of the system is streams and creeks. Real value is there, but not book value that we can charge for.

More discussion took place regarding watershed priority, projects, water quality, and TMDLs. No recommended was asked for at this time.

6) **OTHER**

Next meeting will be March 21—will be bringing the Water Facility Plan back to the Task Force at that time.

10) **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

These minutes are transcribed from notes and the tape recording of the Task Force meeting on January 17, 2002, as an overview of the meeting. They are not verbatim. Any attachments are to the file copy only.

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Linda Nelson, Staff Assistant II  
November 28, 2001

Attachments:

Attendance Sheet (file copy only)  
Handout Material (file copy only)

These minutes were approved as written at the June 27, 2002, meeting.