

# WATER/WASTEWATER TASK FORCE MEETING

## MINUTES

April 18, 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  
Councilor Rick Stucky  
Councilor Kasia Quillinan  
Commissioner Patti Milne, Marion County  
Rob Kissler (for Keizer Mayor Lore Christopher)  
Steven Anderson  
JB Summers  
Ross Peterson  
Steve Travis

#### Members Absent

Vacant, Polk County Commissioner  
Tony Nielsen  
Charley Waters  
Mike Gotterba  
Eleanor Miller  
Jack Lowery  
Wendy Kroger

Staff present included Tim Gerling (Interim Public Works Director), Paul Eckley (Operations Services Manager), Francis Kessler (WLTP Operations Manager), Pat Dodge, (Management Analyst), Steve Downs (Utilities Planning Engineer), Randy Pecor (Sewer Collection Superintendent), Francis Kessler (Wastewater Services Manager), Ken Roley (Facility Engineer), Jon Ellis (Assistant Finance Director), Mark Siegel (Finance Debt Manager).

Also present were Randy Krueger (Black & Veatch), Wayne Gresh (Black & Veatch), Bob Eimstad (Carollo Engineers), Brian Matson (Carollo Engineers).

Interested citizens: Mark Fields (Suburban East Salem Water District) and Gene Appel (CMTS).

### 3) CITIZEN INPUT

None at this time.

#### 4) **DRAFT WASTEWATER FACILITY PLAN**

Paul Eckley, Operations Services Manager, was introduced to present the Draft Willow Lake WWTP Facilities Plan to the Task Force. The purpose of the presentation was to review why sewer system improvements are needed; an update on planning work performed; to review solutions presented in the draft Facilities Plan; and to respond to questions. Paul presented some background information and a history of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). SSOs are not just a Salem problem—this is a nationwide and a statewide issue. In January 1996, Oregon Environmental Quality Commission established a bacteria standard. Salem responded by preparing the Wastewater Master Plan in 1996 to identify system requirements entered into MAO in January 1998; eliminated a majority of SSOs to tributary streams by January 2000. The Draft Document distributed at the meeting contains detailed information.

Work accomplished to date: planning parameters established; seven scenarios developed for evaluation; involved the public, neighborhoods, City of Keizer, and City agencies; preferred scenario identified (see Draft Plan).

North River Road Park appears to be the best solution and would be completed in three phases, with construction of the first phase to be started in 2004. Paul presented a preview of the River Road Park concept, including an overview of the treatment process. The plan is to bury most of the treatment facility which would be used infrequently for short duration during wet weather event. The concept was approved by the Parks Board on April 11. Odor control, noise abatement, and visual screening would be provided and the park would be improved. Also presented was a possible building concept and three possible park concepts.

The project goals of a downtown interceptor would be to: relieve Church Street sewers; stop SSOs to Pringle Creek; stop SSOs at manholes; eliminate Ferry Street Pump Station; and eliminate Union Street Pump Station. Paul presented a comparison of two scenarios.

At this time, the floor was opened for questions.

What about the sludge? The solids are removed and placed back in existing flows that continue on to the Willow Lake Plant.

What is the timeline for deciding to use a satellite interceptor or not? Soon. We will be coming back in May with financing - being pushed with the Federal mandates. We will be coming back with the least financial impact solution. The current financial plan does include adequate support - money is already being collected.

Rob Kissler - If the treatment plant is built as proposed, does the interceptor still have to be built between the two proposed treatment plants? No - one of those

options showed two remote sites, one at Union and it just happens that the flow comes out 80 and 80. If we build the 80 mgd here, then the other piece did not need to be built, but when the cost is looked at, it will be more costly to build where property has to be purchased and the site would be a more expensive site to develop because of the configuration of the land and its location in the City. The second interceptor will not be built if we site at Union.

JB Summers asked how many private sewer laterals the City has replaced since the positive protection program went into effect? (Not able to answer at this time.) I and I getting worse and worse all the time and we are falling further behind in elimination process. Tim Gerling stated that we are falling behind and even at \$6 million per year we are not going to eliminate entirely, but we are increasing our efforts on I/I.

Ross Peterson - In looking at the map and seeing that a lot of costs are contained in moving the flow through the downtown to Keizer, I would wonder if there was ever consideration given to treating any portion of the flow at a sanitary sewer or at another treatment plant south of the downtown.

Tim Gerling - Remember the East Salem Interceptor? We put in a very large pump station at the south end of the airport because the downtown had been a constriction that catches a lot of flow, and when we get to where we are overwhelming the downtown capacity, we turn on that airport pump station and there is a force main that takes it all the way over to Lancaster Street and to the large East Salem Interceptor.

Bob Eimstad - We are working hard to get this peak excess facility permitted. Tim stated that in the early to mid 80s, we were looking at using the Minto Brown lagoons for a holding site for the treatment plant.

Presentation in May - would like to have more information on odor and noise and construction, etc. Bob Eimstad stated that the intent is to be a good neighbor.

Councilor Stucky - Thinks the satellite plan shows the City has a lot of confidence in the ability of the Highland neighborhood association to stand up for itself and take all of the City's C\*\*\*.

Councilor Bennett commented that staff and consultants are doing an excellent job of keeping the Task Force informed on the process as we go along. This is appreciated because later on, we are going to have a lot of questions.

Steven Anderson - Would like to see the critical patch schedule and proposals.

Steve Travis - Food industry is in very tough shape. The increase is extremely painful. They believe the increase is based on I&I.

5) **OTHER**

No other business at this time

Next meeting will be May 16, 2002.

10) **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

These minutes are transcribed from notes and the tape recording of the Task Force meeting on April 18, 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  
March April 18, 2002

Attachments:

Attendance Sheet (file copy only)

Written Presentation Material (file copy only)

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