



**Stormwater Committee
Committee Meeting Agenda
October 14, 2020
4:30 PM
Online Meeting**

I. Call Meeting to Order

This meeting will be held online in an effort to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19.

Connect by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88984867267>

Connect by phone: (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 889 8486 7267

II. Roll Call

2. Welcome to New Members

Two new members join the Stormwater Committee with this meeting:

Patrick Brown (Ward 1)

Vishal Dosanjh (Ward 2)

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of August 12, 2020 Stormwater Committee Meeting Minutes

V. Committee Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Committee members elect a chairperson and vice chairperson each year.

This item was deferred from the August meeting in order to include the new members in this decision.

VI. Comments from General Public

(Citizens are asked to limit comments to three minutes and to complete a speaker card)

There are no speakers scheduled for this meeting.

VII. New Business

A. Ethics Policy Review

The City requires biennial ethics training (i.e. in odd-numbered years). As this is an even-numbered year, training is not required. However, please keep the following ethics concepts in mind as you do business with and for the City:

1. A conflict of interest can arise from your personal interests, or the interests of your spouse or dependents, your business, or your employer.
2. The state ethics standards can be found at Sections 105.452 - 105.466 and 105.667, Mo. Statutes.
3. The City ethics provisions can be found in City Code Chapter 130 and Charter Chapter 14.
4. You can seek advice from the city attorney or your own legal counsel.
5. If you have a conflict of interest, stay out of the matter.
6. The City has nepotism policies pertaining to an appointment of a relative to a City employee position and elected/appointed office.



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7. It is a crime to direct a police officer to meet a traffic quota or to issue more tickets.
8. There can be substantial penalties for Sunshine law violations.
9. Confidential City information should not be disclosed.
10. Solicitation and acceptance of donations to the City requires advance approval.
11. You are not allowed to accept gifts over \$50/year from City contractors, vendors, or applicants.
12. Employees cannot make campaign contributions for City of Creve Coeur elections.

B. MSD Rainscaping Program

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) offers a grant program for residents to manage stormwater on their properties. This program is currently limited to areas with combined systems (i.e. both stormwater and sanitary systems using the same pipes), which generally include the City of St. Louis and portions of several municipalities near the City-County line. MSD will soon expand this program to include Creve Coeur and the rest of its service area.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Resident Concerns

Several residents have contacted City staff to review their stormwater concerns since the City created Proposition C. Among these concerns have been:

Stream bank erosion

1. Windrush Creek near Villa Coublay Drive
2. Smith Creek near Twin Creek Drive

Backyard pass-through drainage

1. Twin Creek Drive
2. Villa Hill Lane

B. Stormwater Projects Update

Staff will review the status of stormwater-related capital improvement projects with the Committee.

i. Hibler Swale

The City has installed a rock-lined swale along a portion of Hibler Road to help direct stormwater to the creek instead of through the adjacent back yard. Laura Catalano has raised some concerns about this project and has asked to discuss this with the Stormwater Committee.

ii. Middlebrook Culvert Replacement

The project to replace the failed culvert at Middlebrook Drive appears to be on track to be complete by early November. Staff will provide an update regarding this project.

iii. Ladue at Spoede (MSD)

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) has received bids for the new stormwater system and associated road reconstruction at the intersection of Ladue Road and Spoede Road. Construction will likely extend through much of next spring.



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C. Stormwater Funding and Planning

Two new stormwater funding sources have been discussed recently, and at least one of these sources will need to be considered as part of the annual development of the capital improvement program. At the December Stormwater Committee meeting, staff will provide a recommendation to the Committee regarding initial projects to address with these funding sources and how to proceed with future projects.

i. MSD OMCI Tax

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) has reinstated its operations, maintenance, and construction improvement (OMCI) property taxes in several watersheds in St. Louis County. Two of these watersheds (Deer Creek and University City Branch of River des Peres) involve portions of the City of Creve Coeur. MSD offered the City the opportunity to use half of the funds originating in Creve Coeur as a sort of stormwater grant program, and the City Council followed the Stormwater Committee's recommendation to participate in that program.

Approximately \$224,000 will be available in 2021 for stormwater-related projects in the Deer Creek watershed, and approximately \$34,000 will be available in the University City Branch of River des Peres watershed.

ii. Proposition C - Parks/Stormwater Sales Tax

On November 3, voters in Creve Coeur will decide whether to create a 0.5% sales tax with proceeds dedicated to improving parks and stormwater in Creve Coeur. Such a sales tax would be expected to provide approximately \$1.6-\$2.2 million in annual funding.

Three virtual town hall meetings remain to inform residents about Proposition C:

9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 13

7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20

9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 27

More information about Proposition C can be found on the City's website at:
<http://www.creve-coeur.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1145>

IX. Business from Committee Members

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A. December Meeting

The next Stormwater Committee meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9. This meeting is expected to be a virtual meeting.

XI. Adjournment