In Attendance

Councilwoman Carol Berz, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m. in the Assembly Room. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Jerry Mitchell, Vice Chair Ken Smith and Council members Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson, Darrin Ledford and Erskine Oglesby Jr. City Attorney Wade Hinton, Assistant City Attorney Valerie Malueg and Council Support Specialist Keren Campbell were also present.

Others in Attendance

Public Works: Justin Holland (Administrator), Jim Luebbering (Assistant City Engineer), Mounir Minkara (Water Quality Manager), Bejan Poureshmenantalemy, (Engineering Coordinator).

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (July 18, 2017) were approved as published.

Ordinances (Final Reading) - Agenda Item 5A & 5B

These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6A

Councilman Henderson stated that they have been able to work out some agreements and will be moving forward with this ordinance. There being no questions or further comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7D

Mr. Holland asked Mr. Luebbering to give a briefing to the Council on this item. He brought Mr. Minkara with him as well. He spoke about the infrastructure program, Green Grant, Rain Smart and Sweep. Mr. Minkara addressed who these programs cater to and their criteria’s and how the “match” process works, per Councilwoman Berz asking about the “in-kind” wording in the ordinance. He spoke about the funds for the programs as well. Councilwoman Berz also asked how will we be informing the public about these programs. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.
Resolutions – Agenda Item 7E

Mr. Holland stated that he’d like to defer this item for a week. He explained what the operations were intended to do. Councilwoman Berz spoke to the takeaway being that there was a cross benefit analysis, saving, nobody loses their job and no negative impacting. Councilman Gilbert stated that he would rather ask for a three week referral as there were still questions that needed to be answered. Councilman Henderson asked if we were no longer handling the contracting ourselves. He asked if we would be getting rid of the wood waste and still load it for City residents. He questioned how long the contract was for and if we anticipated the savings to continue throughout that time. He also asked if delaying the vote would affect the contract. Are we still operating our grinder alongside the contractor, was his final question. Councilman Ledford asked how long it will take to repair the chipper. He asked how much a new grinder would be and how long it would be before we would need one. Councilwoman Berz asked if the deferral of three weeks would make a difference. Seeing no other questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Next Week’s Agenda:
August 8, 2017

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7F

This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7G

Councilman Byrd asked for an explanation on this item. After Mr. Holland’s briefing he asked if this would be going down Central Street near the railroad crossing. He also questioned if this was close to the Lincoln Park property. There being no other questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7H

Councilman Byrd asked for a briefing on this item. Having no further concerns or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7I

This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Seeing no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions – Agenda Item 7J

Councilwoman Berz asked for a briefing on the item. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.
Resolutions – Agenda Item 7K

This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. There being no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Department Report – Economic & Community Development

Councilman Oglesby again recognized Commissioner Mackey and Lisa Davis, President of the East Lake Associations along with the members present. Mr. Holland again asked Mr. Minkara and Mr. Poushmenantalem to give the Council a briefing on the East Lake Pond. Mr. Minkara gave a PowerPoint Presentation that included:

- Water quality improvements
- History of the Pond
- Needed Holistic Concept
- Educational Spaces
- Budget
- Progress
- Pre-Concept Phase (Public Involvement)
- Feedback Surveys
- Improvement & Concept Plan
- Tree Labeling & Planting
- Design Phase
- Involvement of Schools
- Timeline

Councilman Oglesby opened the floor to Ms. Davis who had questions regarding the Daylight Stream plan, which Mr. Poushmenantalem addressed. Seeing no other questions or comments the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.