

Funding Committee Unapproved Minutes 4/3/2025

Members Present: Lisa Meyer, Jon Martin, Jack Moseley, Denecia Ramsey, Scott Staples, Phillip Partain, Jim Erwin

Members Absent: Butch Higginbotham

Staff Present: Jordan Reynolds, Mayor Treat, Ted Taylor, Tim Fournier

Guests Present:

Call to Order: 6:08 PM by Mayor Treat

Public Comments

- Joel Smith - Rodeo backs up to Shoal Creek—wants to make sure it's on Council and City's radar; worried about continuing flooding and wants to know that the City is actively working to mitigate flooding
- Jack Moseley & Jordan O'Roark (in his ward) are aware and monitoring

New Business

- **Bylaws** - Scott Staples motioned to accept, 2nd by Phillip Partain; all in favor
- **Chairperson** - Jim Erwin made a motion for Lisa Meyer to chair this committee, 2nd by Scott Staples
 - **Vice Chair** - Jon Martin made a motion for Phillip Partain to vice-chair this committee, 2nd by Scott Staples; all in favor
 - **Secretary** - Scott Staples made a motion for Jordan Reynolds to be secretary, 2nd by Phillip Partain; all in favor
- **Timeline** - Ted Taylor went over proposed Funding Committee timeline and explained that the committee will focus on three areas, split between the year. Committee to regularly give report to Council
 - Agreed that Thursdays are better, meeting on 1st Thursday of each month
 - Motion by Scott, 2nd by Jim
 - Later, the committee changed the May meeting to May 15th—other meetings are scheduled for the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM
 - Talked about possibly moving locations to better serve residents (i.e. Bishop Center)
- **Draft Master Drainage Plan Phase 1**
 - Fournier gave an overview of the plan with details about the process which included a resident survey

- Fournier explained that they break the study down by how many flood instances were at certain locations
- Asked committee to study heat maps and executive summary after they review plan
- Phase 2 lists all the projects, associated costs, and recommendations
- **City In-House Drainage Study**
 - Fournier explained that they worked with Garver to create this
 - Shows the prioritized projects and associated costs
 - Fournier noted that some of these projects are at locations that are privately-owned
 - Mayor said that many of the resources that the Stormwater team uses come from Streets
 - Mayor asked “how do we get Stormwater to be a standalone utility?”
 - Partain asked goals:
 - 3 more employees & a Stormwater analyst
 - Staples asked if a stormwater fee is common
 - Fournier said surrounding cities like Hot Springs have stormwater fees
- **Stormwater Utility Fund**
 - Fournier explained that this can only fund projects, not staffing
 - \$3 fee started in 2015 and has never been adjusted
 - \$636,000 comes from Streets to help Stormwater; Streets basically sustains Stormwater
 - Portion is funded by sales tax
- **Ongoing Rate Analysis**
 - Fournier explained that the rate analysis has begun and is ongoing
- Staples asked what other cities do
 - Fournier will bring these numbers back to committee next meeting
- Asked committee to keep up with SB518
- Next meeting, the committee hopes to make recommendation of Stormwater Master Plan to council

Adjournment: 7:28, motion by Meyer; 2nd by Staples

Next meeting: May 15 at 6:00 PM in Conference Room