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WORK SESSION MINUTES

A work session of the Kirkwood City Council was held on December 19, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri. Present Mayor Gibbons, Council Members Jaksetic, Luetzow, McLean, Rheinnecker, Schaefer, and Zimmer. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Russ Hawes, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer David Weidler, City Clerk Laurie Asche, Planning & Development Director Jonathan Raiche, Public Services Director Chris Krueger, City Attorney John Hessel, and Communications Manager Jessica Winter.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2024 WORK SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member Schaefer to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2024 Work Session minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

STORM WATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Public Services Director Chris Krueger introduced Josiah Holst and Samantha Keeven with HRGreen to provide an update on the Stormwater master plan. HRGreen met with MSD earlier this week, and MSD commended the city for taking this initiative. The program aims to identify the highest-priority stormwater problems in the City. Determine costs to budget and plan, and define which projects should be designed and constructed first. The program does not address basement backups. The program's benefit is that it evaluates problems quantitatively to determine priority. Establish partnerships with MSD, MoDOT, and St. Louis County to make money go further. MSD provided data on past and future projects. Thirty-four were identified as stormwater projects. Four of those projects are within Kirkwood and scheduled between now and 2028. A stormwater Questionnaire was done to find the types of problems that are frequently self-reported. The study was paid for using OMCI funds. Two open houses were held in October, with over 100 attendees. Over 250 unique online responses were received between Sept. 26 – Nov. 30, 2024.

Seven areas were selected for conceptual stormwater projects:

- S Harrison Ave and Grand Ave.
- Avery Dr./ Avery Ct.
- N Harrison Ave. and Wilson Ave.
- Danworth Cr/ Maeville Dr.
- Laven Del Ln.
- S Harrison Ave. and Hillcrest Pl.
- N Clay Ave. at Way Ave.

MSD has an unfounded project that addresses these drainage issues:

- Kirkwood Rd. near Garden Ln.
- Applewood Dr. cul-de-sac
- N Woodlawn Ave near Woodleaf Ct.
- Intersection of E Madison Ave. and Smith St.
- 404-655 Leffingwell Ave.



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- Porter Ave.
- W Essex Ave at Goethe Ave.

Some discussion that took place as follows:

- A question was raised about drainage from public to private streets.
- A question was raised asking the difference between public and private issues.
- A question was raised about erosion along Greentree Park and if it's an MSD issue.
 - HRGreen cannot evaluate and will take into consideration.
- Concerns about Harrison Ave. having several stormwater issues.
- A question was raised about a commercial project, can the City require stormwater mitigation.
 - The city does not do additional reviews on top of MSD reviews.
- A question about what the city can do about new residential construction was raised.
 - That will be a part of phase 2.
- A question was raised about recommended possible buyouts.
- A question was raised about digging out some of the creeks and making them larger.
- A question was raised about basement backups getting into stormwater drainage systems.
- A question was raised about how the best practice is evaluated.
 - The next phase is to have discussions with communities and MSD
- A question was raised about Walker Lake being on the list of problems investigated.
 - Recommendation to build a higher dam.

Staff will present the completed report in the summer of 2025. Proposition S money will become available in January 2026.

There being no further matters to come before the council, the meeting was adjourned.

Laurie Asche
City Clerk