



**Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
July 8, 2015**

ATTENDANCE

Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Bomke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	J.D. Sudeth
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Josh Collins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joan Walters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Hasara	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Wesley
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jackie Newman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Murphy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Plunk		

Others:

Tim Sumner– Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.	Norm Sims – SSCRPC
Christie Crites – Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.	Jeff Fulgenzi - SSCRPC
Nathan Bottom- City Engineer	Gail Weiskopf- SSCRPC
Mark Mahoney – Director Public Works	
John Higginbotham – City Engineer	
Gregg Humphrey – Springfield Metro Sanitary District	
James Donelan – Alderman Ward 9	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Joan Walters called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order.

II. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Chair Walters announced that commissioner Ms. Jackie Newman was not in attendance for the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Walters asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 13, 2015, regular meeting. Mr. Robert Plunk moved to approve the minutes. Mr. J.D. Sudeth seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

IV. NEW COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION

Chair Walters asks for the nomination of Mr. Mike Murphy to replace Commissioner James Donelan, who was elected Alderman. Mr. Josh Collins moved to approve the nomination. Mr. Plunk seconded the motion, and the nomination was approved.

V. PRESENTATION: CRAWFORD MURPHY & TILLY, TIM SUMNER

North East Sewer Study Mark Mahoney – Director Public Works

- A. Chair Walters introduced Mr. Tim Sumner Project Manager from CMT and stated that he had given an excellent presentation to the City Council about the North East Sewer Study. Mr. Sumner announced



that, Mr. Mark Mahoney, Director of Public Works had a couple of slides to begin the presentation. Mr. Mahoney said this presentation served as two purposes the North East Sewer study and a background of the responsibilities of the City Sewer Division when presented to City Council. This was an opportunity to share with the 6 new council members what the City Sewer District does, what the Springfield Sanitary District does and how a potential merger would change things. Mr. Mahoney spoke about the sewer division responsibilities and gave an overview of the history and the operations. The following operations are currently maintained by the sewer division: 1) 495 miles of the Sanitary Sewer Collection System; 2) Storm Water pump Station; 3) Storm Sewer Collection System as needed (200 miles); 4) Overhead Sewer Program; 5) Inlet Repair; 6) Street Sweeping; 7) Snow Plowing; and Leaf Pickup. A comparison of the sewer rates where City of Springfield & SMSD Serviced is \$39.28 and SMSD Serviced (outside Springfield) is \$57.65 shows for the same amount of typical use, the City of Springfield charges a willfully inadequate amount.

Mr. Mahoney discussed the source of the funding for projects and the different projects the City have anticipated needing repairs. There would not be a dedicated funding source for maintenance of over 200 miles of separate storm sewers. There was discussion of the Capital Improvement Plan that is available on the City's website, which lays out the details of this project. The city has been under an administrative order by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency since February 2013 because of the sanitary sewer overflows. The Public Works Department is in violation of the federal Clean Water Act by pumping water in heavy rains to reduce basement backups and take pressure off the system. Crawford, Murphy & Tilly engineering firm prepared and submitted a report to the EPA prior to the deadline. The next step is to hear from the EPA whether or not the proposed solutions and construction schedule were acceptable or what changes may need to take place.

Mr. Sumner stated the focus on the Northeast Area is in response to the Administrative Order issued by US EPA. SSOs are Sanitary Sewer Overflows. SSOs happen when the sewage leaves the system whether by manhole lids or some other opening, which are public health hazard. This is not a unique problem to just Springfield, other communities big or small deal with this problem. During heavy rains the problem with the city's aging sewer system is evident because there is not adequate capacity for the excess water. It infiltrates through the soil, deep cracks, breaks in the pipes, and can also come in from the residential side from downspout, foundation drain or a sump pump, which uses up the capacity and surcharges the pipe. When this happens the overflow comes up through the floor drain in basements and rises through the manholes through the sewer systems.

Sewer Study addresses sewer issues in the area bordered by Clear Lake Avenue, Dirksen Parkway, 14th Street and Mayden Road, which are in the city's problem flooding area and what the EPA calls a hot spot area.

Inflow and infiltration (I&I) is water that comes into the system. There is a difference between the two and where it comes from. The inflow sources can be roof drain connection, uncapped cleanouts, or a hole in the manhole cover. The infiltration source could be deteriorated manhole, cracked or broken pipe, or broken house lateral. When the City by-pass pumps I&I to help reduce basement flooding the USEPA declares it a violation of the Clean Water Act. City of Springfield does not have a permit to discharge where as SMSD does have a permit because SMSD is not only a collection system but also a treatment system. So the SMSD has Combine storm and Sanitary, with an understanding that during a storm it will reach capacity and will have to discharge, whereas the SSO should never happen.



Bringing together the monitoring data and the computer model allows us to better predict system response to rainfall and reductions associated with rehabilitation. The proposed solution is multi-faceted included both sewer and sanitary. It involves both public and private infrastructure and it is multi-jurisdictional. The goal is to optimize the solution. Additional system capacity would be the last solution after the City has utilized all avenues. The conservative cost estimate is \$43 million over 15 years and there's not a specified funding source which is subject to the USEPA approval. The northeast area of the city, there are 38 miles of city owned sewers, 71 miles of private sewer laterals, 755 manholes, and an estimated 4,679 residences of which almost 1,900 have basements.

VII. DISCUSSION OF TASKFORCE WORK PLANS

Chair Walters stated this is an example of what she is hoping that the CEC can do for each of the topics. By educating the entire group with some of the issues we are facing, we could probably reach a better conclusion about what we could be doing. Chair Walters asks the committee members to discuss any topics or ways to approach the committee level while review each taskforce work plan.

A. Regional Leadership Council as Strategic Partner - Higher Ed Institutions as Strategic Partner – Robert Plunk & Jackie Newman

Mr. Plunk noted no report.

Chair Walters suggested inviting the Chairman of the Sangamon County Regional Leadership Council (RLC) to discuss the standing and activities of the RLC. There was discussion of the goals of the RLC and the CEC hoped to assist their efforts. Mr. Plunk agreed to invite Chair Brian Cuffle to a CEC meeting.

B. Sewer Transfer Study - Chair Walters

Chair Walters noted that Ashley Kirzinger, PhD. is scheduled next month to come and talk about the Sangamon County Survey which has items that impact the CEC's work.

C. Regional Policing Study – Karen Hasara & Sen. Larry Bomke

Sen. Larry Bomke explained that Hon. Karen Hasara would be contacting Mr. Jim Cimarossa to address the CEC about municipal policing on a broader scale.

There was discussion about how Mr. Murphy and Mr. Cimarossa were on the CEC-1 Public Safety Committee and were able find common ground with both the City police and sheriff's office at their meetings. Some of their topics at the time were about having joint training, recordkeeping and other consolidations to reduce cost. Mr. Murphy and Jeff Fulgenzi noted that a great deal was learned during the research and recommendation phase as a result facilitated meetings with stakeholders. Appropriate questions were asked as responses encouraged quality discussions. Although uncomfortable at times, the meetings added value; the open dialogue helps to allow walls to become down.

Clarification about the meeting on July 21st with Sherriff Wes Barr on Strategic Planning Session was brought up. It was noted that Sherriff Barr had originally asks for one or two mayors and one CEC member. The first two mayors who responded were chosen to attend. Mr. Fulgenzi shared that



there was a great deal of interest from more mayors in participating in the planning efforts with the Sheriff.

D. Developing Legislative Linkages - Karen Hasara & Sen. Larry Bomke

Sen. Larry Bomke suggested inviting Governor Rauner after the budget is in place.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Lt Governor's Task force meetings. The CEC hopes to learn more and requested the recent Task Force reports.

E. Developing Linkages with Townships - J.D. Sudeth

Mr. Sudeth suggested inviting Dick Treat or Marty Mau from Capital Township to one of the CEC's meetings to update the CEC.

Mr. Fulgenzi discussed a letter Treasurer Tom Cavanagh sent to the Sangamon County Township officials' regarding the tax collection system the Treasurer manages. The Treasurer's office desires to streamline the tax payment process, speed payment delivery while reducing costs for both the Townships and the Treasurer's office. It was noted that the proposal was consistent with the goal to eliminate the collectors' position in Sangamon County. The decision to eliminate the town collector must be made by the township officials as several Sangamon County Townships have done in recent years.

F. Developing Linkages with Fire/EMS – Robert Plunk & Robert Wesley

Mr. Robert Wesley stated that the Fire/EMS meeting was cancelled. Mr. Wesley expressed the fact that there are twenty-five separate fire districts, distinct local governments and just about all of them have some resistance. There is resistance among the Fire Chiefs and trustees. This effort requires political action neither of the parties has picked up yet. The mayor hasn't picked it up. The County Board President has not picked it up. The members of the County Board have not picked up this issue. The villages currently are trying to understand it, which is not the same case as picking it up as is needed. In our founding governmental entity, there is passive resistance to it. He noted that SFD Chief Ken Fustin has retired. At Joan's request Mr. Wesley agreed to invite Ken Fustin to talk about the notions he had and if he is willing to talk about fire ems service. Wesley noted that Chief Fustin has been participating throughout the term of the CEC. Chief Fustin will be asked about current problems but particularly down-stream problems. Joan suggested the September meeting if he is available.

The CEC does not have the attention of the stakeholders who should participate. There is not a lot of "pain" right now and until there is some "pain" the CEC will not move the discussion beyond vested parochial interests. This effort has taken a great deal of time of the CEC and additional resources. It was noted that the state of affairs is potentially a danger to some citizens.

G. Create Network of Business Leaders - J.D. Sudeth & Josh Collins

Mr. Collins mentioned a checklist that Public Works has drafted for Building Permits and for submission of land development which should be available in a couple of weeks. The City of Springfield is hiring a plan reviewer to serve as a point of contact for Building Permits.



VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair Walters discussed future scheduling, Ashley Kirzinger, Ph.D., Director of Survey Research Office from University of Illinois at Springfield will be in August. Chair Walters suggested Fustin for September and Jim Cimarossa for October.

Mr. Jeff Fulgenzi noted the November meeting falls on Veteran's Day.

Mr. Norm Sims suggested setting time aside to review the CEC's implementation strategy for its priority recommendations. Mr. Wesley shared that Ms. Amy Uden has been accepted to Harvard University with a full PHD scholarship in government, she will leave for Harvard Mid-August.

VII. OTHER SPECIAL REPORTS

A. Staff Report

Regional Leadership Council Update: The next RLC Meeting will be held Wednesday July 29th, 5:30-7:00 p.m., at Lincoln Land Community College-Trutter Center.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Walters asked if there were any public comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Walters asked if there were any further comments. There being none, she called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Plunk motioned to adjourn. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Weiskopf
Acting as Recording Secretary