



Lowell City Council

Environment & Flood SC

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: July 24, 2018
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber
Lowell City Hall, Lowell, Ma.

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairperson, C. Cirillo, C. Kennedy and C. Elliott. Also present were C. Mercier, Mark Young (Lowell Water/Sewer), Mike Stuer (Lowell Water/Sewer) and Chuck Wilson (Engineering Consultant).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Cirillo called the meeting to order.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Mr. Young provided presentation entitled "Lowell Flood Damage Reduction System Repairs & Accreditation". The presentation focused on the background; protection area; system design; pump station; deficiencies in system; corrective action; and accreditation process. Mr. Young noted the corrective action involved removing vegetation from wall; strengthening the levee; and upgrading pump. Mr. Young outlined the accreditation process along with the timeline for FEMA. C. Kennedy questioned effect pump station may have on Beaver Brook area. C. Elliott commented on the Rosemount area; activation of the pumps and flood insurance reduction. Mr. Young noted that a number of homes would be removed from the flood plain reducing insurance costs. Mr. Stuer commented that many homeowners received notice regarding flood plain and provided analysis regarding calculation of the flood plain. C. Kennedy commented on corrective action in the Rosemount area and if further relief would be coming. Mr. Young commented on the use of Porter Dam and other corrective measures in that area. C. Cirillo questioned status of the national flood insurance program. C. Elliott questioned continued flood coverage for the area as well as FEMA time frame. **Motion** by C. Cirillo, seconded by C. Kennedy to request City Manager provide letter outlining the current process being done in the City to reshape the flood plain so that homeowners may begin process to reduce insurance costs. So voted. **Motion** by C. Elliott, seconded by C. Cirillo to request federal delegation engage FEMA in an attempt to expedite the process of flood plain mitigation. So voted.



ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Cirillo, seconded by C. Elliott. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

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