

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021
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A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Committee Members Present: Kathleen E. McIntyre, President
Scott Bahr, Council Vice President
Rob Donovic
Jim Jolly
Laura M. Toy

Committee Members Absent: Brandon McCullough
Cathy K. White

City Officials and Others Present: Thomas Goralski, Police Captain, Interim Chief
Brian Kahn, Director of Emergency Preparedness
Paul Bernier, City Attorney
LaShawn Thomas, Director of Governmental Affairs
Ted Davis, Director of Parks & Recreation
Don Rohraff, Director of Public Works
Jacob Rushlow, Assistant Director of Public Works
Todd Zilincik, City Engineer
Tom Welsh, Director of Golf Services

Additional Attendees: See list of attendees attached

The meeting convened at 7:02 p.m.

1. CR 233-21 Subject matter of flooding, infrastructure and watershed issues.
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The meeting was led by Council President, Kathleen McIntyre. The issue was referred to committee to look at this issue holistically with all stakeholders, understand if and how flooding in residential areas could be mitigated through action by the city, the costs of such mitigation work and funding sources for work.

Numerous residents who live south of Whispering Willows Golf Course spoke about the significant flooding episodes they have experienced with increasing frequency. Previously significant flooding would occur every 3 – 4 years, now they experience 3 of 4 episodes each year.

The following mitigation actions were discussed (with the understanding that none of these items in isolation will resolve the problem):

- Continuing proactive maintenance to ensure that drains are clear and free of blockages, with residents clearing leaves, small brush, debris from the drains in front of their houses and calling the city if drains are blocked with large brush, etc.
- Continuing to model storm flows to understand rain fall levels that create flood risk
- Utilize the current Greenmead Master Plan process to explore possibility of a detention pond on the Greenmead property, this would require funding and the approval of the Livonia Historical Preservation Commission. (Whispering Willows Golf Course does not have enough room to accommodate a sufficiently sized detention pond.)
- Wayne County's 2021 updating of its storm water code will help prevent future flooding issues, but it doesn't address current areas where there are flooding issues
- The city could look at a Special Assessment District for funding mitigation projects
- The city needs to ensure that new developments comply with the grading requirements included in their site plan approvals

There are no dedicated funds for the management of storm water. Drinking water and sewer systems require all of the funding that it received.

There was discussion regarding a storm water tax.

Grand Rapids has an excellent stormwater management system and Livonia will dive deeper into understanding their storm water management projects and how the projects are funded

The Committee recommends:

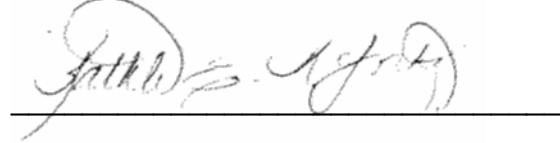
A resolution for the Administration to provide a proposal regarding mitigation issues in reference to the Willow Woods Subdivision

Note: To remain in committee for future updates.

This item is to be placed on the **Regular Meeting Agenda of October 4, 2021**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jathin S. Aggarwal", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and fluid.

cc: City Clerk, City Attorney