

**Department of Public Works and Parks**

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AGENDA
COMMISSION ON STORM WATER ISSUES
HEMAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
975 PENNSYLVANIA
Tuesday, February 3, 2026
3:30 PM

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**2. ATTENDANCE-ROLL CALL****3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA****4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ❖ January 13, 2026

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS****7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- ❖ Monitoring Subcommittee Report
- ❖ AdHoc Subcommittee Report

8. NEW BUSINESS**9. OLD BUSINESS**

- ❖ Draft Stormwater Master Plan-Continue discussions

10. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS**11. ADJOURNMENT**



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Draft MINUTES OF THE STORMWATER COMMISSION
January 13, 2026

1. Call to Order. The fifty-ninth meeting of the Stormwater Commission (Commission) was called to order at 3:37 PM by Chair Todd Thompson.
2. Attendance-Roll Call. The following Commission members were present at the Community Center: Susan Armstrong, Garry Aronberg, Bob Criss, Phil Eastin, Mark Holly, Eric Karch, Todd Thompson. Also in attendance were, Mirela Celaj (Director of Public Works), and John Muligan (City Attorney). John Tieman (Councilperson) was ill and did not attend.
3. Visitors. Tom Sullivan, Jerold Tiers.
4. Agenda. The published agenda was accepted by voice vote (moved by Mr. Aronberg, second by Ms. Armstrong): Roll Call; Approval of Agenda; Approval of Minutes; Citizen Participation; New Business; Old Business; Subcommittee Reports; Council Liaison Comments; Adjournment.
5. Minutes. Approval of the minutes of the December, 2025, meeting were moved and second by Commissioners Thompson, Criss. The motion passed by voice vote.
6. Announcements by Commissioners and Staff.
 - MSD presented to City Council the preliminary plans for combined sewer overflow storage in a deep tunnel under part of University City. Visitor Sullivan distributed copies of an MSD fact sheet on the deep tunnel project.
 - The tunnel would be about 200 ft below the surface of the ground. It would extend from near North & South at Amhurst Ave, the upper stream end, to Hanley at Shaftsbury to near Midland and Olive intersection and parallel Olive to Ferguson and turn south parallel Big Bend and Laclede Station Road through Calyton, Maplewood to Shrewsbury.
 - The Council was upset that notification to the council of such an extensive project has been made so late in the design project and offers of property purchase and easement acquisition have already begun.
 - Schedule: design complete in 2027. MSD plans additional public engagement in 2027. Construction will be completed in 2039.
 - Residents complained about likely noise disruption and visual disruption of residential neighborhoods.
 - Commissioners questioned whether tunnel was big enough to accomplish nearly elimination of combined sewer overflows.
 - Commissioners wish to monitor development of plans for opportunities to reduce stormwater problems.
 - Commissioner Karch reminded commissioners of a seminar on Stormwater Reduction and Pollutant Sourcing from Urban Trees sponsored by University of Minnesota. The seminar on internet is Thursday 1/15 at 10:00. Commissioner Karr previously sent links to commissioners: <https://z.umn.edu/mn-stormwater-seminar-series>.



7. Citizen Comments. None

8. Committee Reports

8.1. Monitoring:

8.1.1. Commissioners Eastin and Karch reported the following:

- 8.1.1.1. Commissioners Criss and Eastin meet with fire department officials involved in flood monitoring to learn fire department procedures and inform them of Early Warning System (EWS) capabilities and identify interface EWS with their work.
- 8.1.1.2. Fire Marshall reported to Commissioners Criss and Eastin that Commission's request for \$14,000 budget item is being considered for the fiscal year 2027 budget.
- 8.1.1.3. Public Works Director Cilaj will check on balance of current budgeted items for the Early Warning System.
- 8.1.1.4. EWS components are now reaching the end of their design life and equipment needs to be replaced. Small repairs have been funded out of pocket by personnel unreimbursed by Commissioners. It is now important that formal budget maintenance crew be available for maintenance of the EWS. Maintenance could by contractor such as Neighborhood. \$1000 and a bucket truck are needed now for current repair of rain gauges. Public Works Director Cilaj will order the solar panel for the rain gage repair and arrange for use of City's bucket truck for repair.
- 8.1.1.5. The Stormwater Management Plan should include recommendation for City to take responsibility for operation and maintenance of EWS and incorporation of EWS into Code Red system because EWS is useful in predicting floods.

8.2. Imperviousness Bill Hoc Committee: no update: None

9. New Business: None

10. Old Business

10.1. Draft Stormwater Management Plan.

- 10.1.1. Tunnel (stormwater) at University Heights – MSD provided memo summarizing cleaning and future 5-year inspection frequency. Master plan should be updated to reference ongoing inspection reports to be submitted by MSD and reviewed by City.
- 10.1.2. Code: Rely on current code and proposed impervious area ordinance:
 - 10.1.2.1. Proposed Impervious area ordinance would prohibit increases of stormwater runoff onto adjacent property.



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10.1.2.2. Flatwork permit - Consensus is to leave threshold for permit application at 100 SF as in proposed impervious area ordinance. Risk is inconsequential that someone would game the system by completing several small projects that are each less than 100 SF.

10.1.2.3. Current greenspace restriction in property maintenance code is 10 percent. After discussion of higher greenspace requirement, consensus was to leave greenspace unchanged in our small lot community.

11. Council Liaison.

11.1. Councilperson Tieman: None

12. Adjournment: 6:12 PM (Aronberg, Armstrong).

Minutes Preparation. Minutes were prepared by Garry Aronberg and Eric Karch.

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