

MINUTES
SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
PLANNING AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

2:30 p.m.

SEWRPC Office Building
Commissioners' Conference Room
W239 N1812 Rockwood Drive
Waukesha, WI 53187-1607

Present:

Excused:

Commissioners:

Daniel S. Schmidt, Chairman
Jose Delgado, Vice Chairman
Steve Bostrom
Michael A. Crowley
James A. Ladwig
Aloysius Nelson
Robert W. Pitts
Nancy Russell
Peggy L. Shumway
David L. Stroik

Charles L. Colman
Brian R. Dranzik
William R. Drew
Jeffrey D. Schleif

Staff:

Michael G. Hahn	Executive Director
Kevin J. Muhs	Deputy Director
Elizabeth A. Larsen	Assistant Director – Administration
Debra A. D'Amico	Executive Secretary

ROLL CALL

Chairman Schmidt called the Planning and Research Committee meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present. Chairman Schmidt indicated for the record that Commissioners Colman, Dranzik, Drew, and Schleif, had asked to be excused.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2018, MEETING

Chairman Schmidt asked if there were any changes or additions to the February 27, 2018, meeting minutes. There were none.

On a motion by Mr. Stroik, seconded by Mr. Bostrom, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the February 27, 2018, Planning and Research Committee Meeting were approved as edited.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Sewer Service Area for the City of Racine (Copy attached to Official Minutes) Chairman Schmidt asked Mr. Hahn to review with the Committee the proposed amendment to the adopted regional water quality management plan pertaining to the sanitary sewer service area for the City of Racine. A copy of the preliminary draft of a SEWRPC Staff Memorandum dated March 2018, concerning this matter had been provided to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting.

Mr. Hahn indicated that by letter dated November 28, 2017, the Racine Wastewater Utility on behalf of the Village of Mount Pleasant requested that the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) amend the City of Racine and environs sanitary sewer service area tributary to the City of Racine wastewater treatment plant. That area is currently documented in SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 147, (2nd Edition), *Sanitary Sewer Service Area for the City of Racine and Environs, Racine County and Kenosha County, Wisconsin*, dated June 2003, as amended. He said that the basic purpose of the amendment would be to expand the sewer service area to include additional lands along the IH 94 corridor in the southwestern portion of the Village of Mount Pleasant.

He directed the attention of the Committee members to Map 1, which identifies the proposed 4.3 square miles located on the east side of IH 94 near STH 11 in the Village of Mount Pleasant to be added to the sanitary sewer service area. He noted this area includes 0.2 square miles of environmentally significant land, 0.4 square miles of existing urban land, and 3.7 square miles of agricultural and other open land. He then noted that under planned conditions, the subject site would be in predominantly industrial/business park uses.

Mr. Hahn stated that the proposed addition to the City of Racine sanitary sewer service area represents an increase in the planned sewer service area of 6 percent. He also stated there should be no significant adverse water quality impacts attributable to the development of the planned sanitary sewer service area, assuming that all applicable Federal, State, and local permits are obtained and that proper site development and construction practices are employed.

Mr. Hahn noted that the Racine Wastewater Utility wastewater treatment plant has a capacity of about 21.4 millions of gallons per day (mgd) and the development of the proposed area is anticipated to generate an average annual sewage flow of 6.2 mgd. Thus, the total average annual flow, including flow from the development of the proposed area would be 27.6 mgd. The average annual plant capacity is 35.5 mgd.

He also noted that:

- If vacant developable lands within the Racine and environs sewer service area were fully developed, average annual flows to the wastewater treatment facility would be expected to increase by approximately 13 to 19 mgd.

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- The additional wastewater flow from the development of the proposed addition to the sewer service area would not increase the flow to the wastewater treatment plant beyond its current capacity, however, combined with the addition over time of flows from development of other parts of the service area could result in a total flow to the plant of 40.6 to 46.6 mgd, which would exceed plant capacity.
- The Racine Wastewater Commission has initiated facility planning to address the need to add treatment capacity.

Mr. Hahn noted that the expansion is consistent with the land use component of the regional land use and transportation plan and with the regional water quality management plan. He then said the public hearing was held on February 27, 2018, and that no objections to the proposed amendment were expressed at the hearing. However, members of the Board of the Water Commissioners raised concerns related to the approval of the amendment prior to consideration of the Lake Michigan water diversion application by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the perceived uncertainty of the amount of wastewater attributable to the area being added to the sewer service area.

The Board of Wastewater Commissioners approved the sewer service area amendment on February 27, following the public hearing. The resolution adopting this amendment recognizes that the Village of Mount Pleasant must secure sufficient treatment plant capacity to accommodate future development in the Village.

Mr. Hahn noted that Appendix A provides job/housing balance information for the Village of Mount Pleasant and the City of Racine. The City of Racine does not have a shortage of affordable housing compared to job wages. Mount Pleasant is projected to have a shortage of lower and moderate cost housing relative to job wages. Thus, a community-specific jobs/housing analysis should be conducted with consideration to comprehensive plan changes.

Mr. Hahn then stated that the amendment will go to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for approval and the WDNR will then provide the amendment to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for certification.

There being no questions or discussion, on a motion by Mr. Stroik, seconded by Mr. Nelson, and carried unanimously, the SEWRPC Staff Memorandum for the Village of Union Grove to amend the Union Grove sanitary sewer service area, dated March 2018, was approved and recommended for Commission adoption.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on a motion by Mr. Bostrom, seconded by Mr. Stroik, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Hahn
Deputy Secretary

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