

- Care Act money is not in the FY22 budget. Alderman McCreery is hoping a significant amount can be added to the stormwater fund for improvements.

Andy Sanders:

- In addition to a new Stormwater Commission, there will be the introduction of a Utility Commission as well. This commission will act similarly to the Stormwater Commission, and will value the input of residents in the Utility program processes in Germantown.
- The proposed Stormwater User Fee will increase from \$3.25 to \$9.00 monthly. The average stormwater rate will be an increase of \$69.00 annually per resident. From this fund, there will be \$800,000 of capital improvements by the stormwater fund. As it stands, there is not funding for stormwater and it is channeled from the general fund.
- Information to the public regarding the proposed Stormwater User Fee increase will be available on multiple platforms – included in utility bill, newspaper, website, and social media.
- National Public Works Week is May 16, 2021 to May 22, 2021. Public Works celebrated Public Works Day with staff and honored Bobby Carter, who is retiring after 42 years with the City of Germantown.
- Air Quality Control Program Ordinance updated to reflect new regulations as implemented by the State of Tennessee.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS:

Terri Johnson:

- Information and communication to the public regarding the Stormwater User Fee increase is key!

Claudio Meier:

- An article report in BBC Environmental and Science News found sewer overflows discharge micro plastics into rivers. They also found that sludge found in waste water treatment plants applied on agricultural fields contains a high number of micro plastics. There is not much evidence that micro plastics are bad for human health but they do have an impact on organisms in the river and the sea.

Jimmy Davis:

- There was a second breach found near Davis Fields where Byhalia pipeline is going to go. Davis would like to speak with Schoefernacker about this issue. There was a report made to the Memphis City Council from CAESAR, and there should be more detailed report in the weeks to come.

OLD BUSINESS

Claudio Meier: A few months ago there was the potential of a tornado. There is no designated shelter in Germantown.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made to adjourn by Jimmy Davis, seconded by Claudio Meier.

ROLL CALL: Skelley-yes, Erskine-yes, Johnson-yes, Phillips-yes, McCreery-yes, Threlkeld-yes.
Motion approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



Joe Skelley, Commission Chairman

Environmental Commission Meeting

Thursday, May 13, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present:

Chairman Joe Skelley
Jimmy Davis
Urania Erskine
Terri Johnson
Claudio Meier
Gene Phillips
Susan Threlkeld
Alderman McCreery

Staff:

Andy Sanders
Joe Nunes
Leslie Acerra
Scott Balentine (NPC Liaison)

ABSENT:

Francoise Mireles
Scott Schoefnacker
Jayu Wagh

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Skelley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum for the Environmental Commission meeting was established.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to accept the Minutes from the March 11, 2021 meeting by Urania Erskine and seconded by Susan Threlkeld.

ROLL CALL: Skelley-yes, Davis-yes, Johnson-yes, Meier-yes, Phillips-yes, McCreery-yes

Motion approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

Joe Nunes:

- 708 cars came through Johnson Road Park for Amnesty Day which was a 22% increase over the fall event and a 27% increase over the spring event. 165 cars came through Southern Ave which was even with last fall, but was down significantly from spring 2019.
- New bid for disposal this year goes to BMA on May 24, 2021. If approved, it will reduce our price per ton by \$60,000 per year. New bidder is Quad County.

Alderman McCreery:

- A sincere thank you to the staff and volunteers involved in Amnesty Day. The City of Germantown is thankful for this event and it is making a difference in the lives of our residents.
- The FAC stormwater subcommittee previously met to discuss the stormwater management fee. This fee has not changed in 11 years. The City of Germantown is undertaking the process of starting a Stormwater Commission. There is a drainage deficiency in Germantown and residents are not able to give their recommendations and implementations on how to make improvements. This commission would be beneficial to the stormwater processes.