

**City of Valdosta - Stormwater Committee (SWC)
Meeting No. 1 Minutes**

Date: November 17, 2009

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Multi-Purpose Room (City Hall Annex)

List of Attendees:

- Elliot Norwood – District 1
- Rodney Flucas – District 2
- Angela Wall – Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC)
- Dan Deaver – Engineer
- Elton Cowart – District 6
- Ginny Holton - Community
- Danny Parkinson – District 4
- Jeff Lovell – At Large/Engineer
- Sonny Vickers – District 3 Councilman
- Von Shipman – City of Valdosta – City Engineer
- Henry Hicks – City of Valdosta – Utilities Director
- Emily Davenport – City of Valdosta – Stormwater Superintendent
- Jason Scarpate – City of Valdosta –Assistant Utilities Director
- Steve Sedgwick – CDM
- Patrick Victor – CDM
- José Maria Guzman – CDM

Absent:

- Alan Sanderson – District 5
- Can Denizman – VSU
- Danny Roundtree – Contractor
- Connie Ledbetter – Community
- Henry Calhoun – Community
- Danny Sermons - Community

Summary

This was our first meeting in which the City of Valdosta introduced CDM as the consultant that is currently working in the update of the stormwater master plan and the technical backup for the stormwater committee. The committee members introduced themselves and had the opportunity to meet several City staff from the Engineering and Utilities Department. Mr. Steve Sedgwick with CDM introduced the topic of stormwater and its related issues in an urban environment like Valdosta. The attached presentation includes the detailed content of the presentation and discussion, while the items below were separate topics of discussion.

Special Items:

1. Increased Maintenance: Since the City is now under scrutiny due to tighter regulations, there is need for increased maintenance of the stormwater infrastructure. The City approved a stormwater utility in 2006 in order to secure funds specifically to address stormwater issues, and the increased level of maintenance.
2. Public Education and Outreach: Councilman Vickers pointed out that one important aspect of the stormwater problems, is education. The City could use its radio stations, and printed media (e.g. City Beat) to educate the community regarding the importance of litter and trash control. The solution should not be considering only engineering and construction solutions to a behavior problem.

The committee will meet during the next five months to discuss and present a recommendation to City Council in April 2010. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 1st at 5:30 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room. If you have any questions please contact Emily Davenport at 229-259-3592.