

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**October 24, 2023**  
**6:40pm**

PRESENT: Alderpersons Fulop, Garza, Savage, Webb  
ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Volkert, City Engineer John Griffin

Call to Order – Alderperson Fulop called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 109 North Main Street.

Roll Call – All members of the Committee were present; Alderperson Webb filled in for Alderperson Carroll.

Public Comment Period – No public comment.

Discussion and consideration of approving the Municipal Stormwater Permit Compliance Report and revised TMDL Implementation Plan. (Executive Summary attached). John Griffin informed Committee that the 5-year municipal stormwater permit from the DNR will expire on October 31, 2023. This permit establishes compliance obligations that require the removal of solids and phosphorus from stormwater discharges. He also mentioned that the City will not be in compliance with the permit. He went on to say that it doesn't sound good but the City has done everything they can and he feels the City is doing very well compared to other communities. The DNR can't point to any community that is closer to compliance than the City of Hartford is. The DNR anticipates they will issue the new Stormwater Discharge Permit in the summer of 2024. John Griffin drafted a letter to the DNR with ideas on how the City can reach compliance. Some of those ideas are, stormwater modeling, staff training, and public outreach. John Griffin also feels that the most important and cost-effective way to reach compliance with the municipal stormwater permit is to look at ponds that are not part of the stormwater model and get those ponds entered into the model so the City can get credit for those. The ponds that are not already in the model are due to the fact of not having a maintenance agreement in place.

Alderperson Garza asked if the ponds that are not already under the permit are big enough to count to the Cities Compliance. John Griffin said yes, they would be. It would just be a matter of the legalities and getting the pond into the model. He again reiterated that this would be the most cost-effective way to reach compliance.

Alderperson Fulop asked what exactly does the permit do for the City and he was informed that there is no incentive to be compliant and no ramifications as well.

Adjournment:

Motion by Alderperson Savage, seconded by Alderperson Garza for adjournment at 6:57 p.m.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shanna Kreilkamp, City Clerk

