



Lowell City Council

Environment & Flood SC

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: October 12, 2021
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Zoom / City Council Chamber
Lowell City Hall, Lowell, Ma.

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairperson Samaras, C. Elliott and C. Nuon. Others present were C. Chau, Mark Young (Water/Sewer) (Zoom), C. Conway and C. Mercier.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Samaras called the meeting to order.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Samaras introduced Mr. Young to provide information to the subcommittee. Mr. Young commented on the CSO mitigation in the City noting there has been substantial improvement in the City and that they are working with the EPA to develop future plans as well. Mr. Young indicated that the best course of action for the City would be to build a treatment and storage facility as it would be least costly and there is a current location available in the City and that will be discussed with the EPA. C. Samaras noted the need for information and requested written report so information can be put forward to the Council and the public. C. Elliott commented on the options which are costly but need to be done and public be made aware of them. C. Elliott noted that sewer separation is not the best option for the City but treatment facility is. C. Chau noted that CSO is important to City but also there must be good drinking water, recreational use and the protection of nature to consider. C. Samaras noted the need for basic information and would report out at following meeting; such information to include costs and benefits from proposed projects. C. Elliott noted that recent work has produced impressive results. Mr. Young noted there is no set plan but it evolves with what is being indicated in the field. C. Elliott favored the CSO approach and noted that City water is good quality and river is in good environmental shape. Mr. Young noted improvements toward odor mitigation in the City and the challenges lies with the ability of the old equipment.



ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Elliott, seconded by C. Nuon. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM

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