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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Kooiker and City Council

FROM: Terry Wolterstorff PE, Public Works Director

DATE: June 21, 2013

RE: Recommendations from the Stormwater Drainage Utility Task Force

On July 16, 2012 the City Council authorized staff to develop a stormwater drainage ordinance and drainage fee structure necessary for proceeding with a stormwater drainage utility. Following my request, the City Council approved the appointment of 8 citizens and two council liaisons to a Stormwater Drainage Utility Task Force on November 19, 2012. The Task Force met bi-weekly from January to May. The Task Force reviewed the deficiencies in the existing stormwater drainage system including undersized pipes and open channels and lack of ongoing maintenance. Following that review, the Task Force debated the details of a proposed utility including the basic calculations of the ordinance, budget projections, size and duties of the work force needed to maintain the stormwater drainage system, and the existing 1990 Interim Policy on Drainage Basin Fees. On May 9, 2012 the Task Force unanimously recommended the attached ordinance and resolutions necessary to implement a Stormwater Drainage Utility

