

CITY OF TONGANOXIE
321 S. DELAWARE 913-845-2620
May 23, 2016
7:00 Special Meeting



Honorable Jason K. Ward, Mayor
Council Members
Chris Donnelly James Truesdell
Curtis Oroke Andy Gilner Kara Reed

Open Special Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mr. Truesdell, Mr. Oroke, Mayor Ward, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Gilner, Ms. Reed

Discussion on storm water drainage in the Greystone neighborhood

Mr. McCommon provided a chronological summary of the conversation and reports to date between city officials and Mr. Provost of 238 Whilshire.

Mayor Ward opened the floor for public discussion.

Mr. Provost and Lucas McWilliams of 242 Whilshire described the experience of the flash flood of July 6, 2015. Mr. Provost expressed that he believes the 1% probability calculations by the developer's engineer are in error. He also believes the drainage pipe under Finch Drive is undersized and too high in elevation.

Mr. Brian Kingsley explained how calculations apply to drainage and what standards are considered acceptable.

Mr. Provost asked the professional staff and city council what solutions are possible.

Mr. Kingsley suggested that Mr. Provost could raise the elevation of his back yard and the neighborhood homeowners could pursue a special assessment to reconfigure the drainage easement plus realign and up-size the drainage pipe under Finch Drive.

Mr. Donnelly said that he relies on engineers to advise on engineering work.

Mr. Oroke observed that he believed there were too many fences located in the drainage easement.

Mayor Ward asked what direction council members wish to provide.

Mr. Donnelly requested that the city engineer analyze options with the drainage pipe under Finch Drive and the easement elevations.

Mr. Kingsley suggested that he could prepare an estimate of cost of the analysis for the council's approval.

Mr. Gallagher of 232 Whilshire said he observed water flowing in reverse out of the pipe during a strong storm.

Mr. Kingsley committed to providing an estimate for the next council meeting.

Council members agreed to consider additional analysis by the city engineer.

Mr. Gilner motioned to adjourn, Ms. Reed 2nd, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathan D. McCommon".

Nathan D. McCommon