



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: September 16, 2008
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Appointment to the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission**

Recommendation:

Adopt a resolution appointing Mr. Jeffrey J. Johnson to serve on the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission for a three-year term ending January 31, 2012

Previous Directives:

February 27, 2004: Resolution 2004R-081 appointing Mr. Craig Cooper as the Commissioner

Prepared by: Lois Eberhart, Surface Water & Sewers Administrator 673-3260

Approved by:

Steven A. Kotke, P. E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenter: Lois Eberhart, Surface Water & Sewers Administrator

Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	NA
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	NA
Policy Review Group (PRG):	NA

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
 Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
 Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
 Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
 Action requires use of contingency or reserves
 Business Plan: Action is within the plan. Action requires a change to plan.
 Other financial impact (Explain):
 Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: A SAFE PLACE TO CALL HOME: the city's infrastructure will be well-maintained. ENRICHED ENVIRONMENT: plentiful green spaces, public gathering areas, urban forests in Minneapolis. Lakes, rivers and the soil and air will be clean.

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information:

In 1982 the Minnesota Legislature adopted the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act mandating that all watersheds within the seven-county area be governed by a watershed management organization (WMO). The nine cities with land in the Shingle Creek watershed (Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Maple Grove, Minneapolis, New Hope, Osseo, Plymouth and Robbinsdale) entered into a Joint Powers Agreement in 1984 to form the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission (SCWMC).

The SCWMC goals are to:

- Maintain the existing 100-year flood profile throughout the watersheds
- Protect and improve water quality based on practical use.
- Strive to provide water quality that supports recreation, fish and wildlife based on practical use.
- Establish an education and public outreach program.
- Protect and improve groundwater quality and promote groundwater recharge.
- Protect and improve wetlands.
- Reduce erosion and sedimentation.

The joint powers agreement commits each member city to appoint a commissioner and alternate commissioner to serve 3-year terms. Mr. Craig Cooper has served as the Commissioner for a number of years, however he is moving out of Minneapolis. The position of alternate commissioner is currently vacant.

Recommendation

The Public Works Department is recommending that Mr. Jeffrey J. Johnson, 5000 Thomas Avenue North, be appointed as the Minneapolis Commissioner to the SCWMC to serve out the remaining term expiring January 31, 2009, and to serve for the 3-year term expiring January 31, 2012. Mr. Johnson was recommended for this position by the office of Council President Barbara Johnson (no relation to Mr. Jeffrey Johnson). Mr. Johnson is a resident of the Shingle Creek neighborhood, and has been active in Earth Day and other environmental and water quality initiatives in his neighborhood for a number of years.

Cc: Council President Johnson, Ward 4
Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission, Recording Administrator,
3235 Fernbrook Lane, Plymouth, MN 55447
Mr. Jeffrey Johnson, 5000 Thomas Avenue N., Minneapolis MN 55430

RESOLUTION

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis has entered into a joint powers agreement with the Cities of Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Maple Grove, Minneapolis, New Hope, Osseo, Plymouth and Robbinsdale that created the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission; and

That the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission agreement commits Minneapolis to appoint a commissioner and an alternate commissioner to serve three year-terms; and

That the current term of the present Commissioner appointee expires January 31, 2009.

Now, Therefore, Be It Further Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That Jeffrey Johnson, 5000 Thomas Avenue N, be appointed to serve out the remaining three-year term on the Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission and serve a new three-year term expiring January 31, 2012: