

Over the last four months I have asked City staff and Council many questions. The questions below were not answered.

April 21st email to Mr. Barron:

1. When did the Salem City Council execute a FY2020 Stormwater SDC Capital Improvement Program budget modification?

April 27th letter to Mr. Barron:

2. How does the City justify the budgeting of expenditure of capital funds on Design and Analysis when there are no CIP authorized Stormwater SDC funded projects?
3. Who are the members of the Stormwater CIP committee and why has that committee not applied Stormwater SDC revenue to CIP identified Stormwater SDC funded expenditure projects?

May 7th letter to Mr. Atchison:

4. Is the City of Salem permitted to use Park SDC fees to fund an identified 309 listed street expansion or transportation project?

May 12th / May 18th letter to Mr. Atchison:

5. What stormwater infrastructure did this purchase accomplish?

May 20th Memo to Council:

6. How much of the \$200,554 small conveyance pipe and ditches moneys has been expended between 2000 and 2019?
7. Is there any restraint other than amount of SDC revenue available that limits expenditure of the full \$200,554 small conveyance pipe and ditch allowance in one year on a single project?
8. What are the processes that allow the City to expend more than \$200,554¹ from Stormwater SDC revenue on small conveyance pipe and ditch projects in a single year?
9. In 2020 the City expended \$401,764.52 stating that the funding source was from the Stormwater SDC 5% small conveyance improvement allowance. How does the City justify this more than doubling the allowed expenditure of the small conveyance pipe and ditch adopted allocation? Adding the inflation factor offered in the 2019 draft Stormwater Master Plan brings the original 5% allowance to \$334,524 not \$401,000 plus expended in 2020.
10. What are the pipe and ditch improvements secured with the \$401,764.52 expenditure?
11. What are the stormwater infrastructure improvements resulting from the 2020 land purchase?
12. What other non-stormwater infrastructure benefits are secured by this stormwater SDC funded purchase?

¹ The draft 2019 Stormwater Master Plan update offers an inflation multiplier of 1.668.

June 12th letter to Council:

13. When and what mid-year project using Stormwater small conveyance 5% allocation funds was last approved by the Salem City Council?
14. Was that prior mid-year Stormwater SDC expenditure similar to the FY2020 Stormwater land purchase?
15. How could a \$400,000 plus Stormwater SDC expenditure be approved by the Salem City Council without first moving Not Allocated – “Unspecified” moneys to an actual Stormwater SDC funded project within the 2019-2020 budget?
16. Has the City affirmed that the land purchase expenditure is permitted under the small conveyance improvements allocation included in the Salem Stormwater Master Plan?
17. What was the urgency to purchase the Taybin parcel in October 2019 and how did that urgency result in staff ignoring basic budgeting processes and recommend the utilization of Stormwater SDC funds contrary to SDC expenditure policies, i.e. buying land for a potential non-stormwater infrastructure purpose?

June 17th memo to Council:

18. What is the improved stormwater **detention**² capacity that was achieved by this City of Salem land acquisition?
19. What is the new Stormwater infrastructure capacity that was accomplished by the Taybin land purchase?
20. Which Stormwater Master Plan policy or “infrastructure” did the Taybin land purchase accomplish?
21. How is authorizing the use of Stormwater SDC funds to demolish a residential dwelling comply with the Salem Stormwater Master Plan?
22. How is the expenditure of stormwater SDC money for any non-stormwater infrastructure benefit legally justified?

July 2nd email to Glenn Davis:

23. Who was the source of the “late 2017 proposed development at 298 Taybin Road NW” and who were the principals who initiated the proposed development?
24. What was the development proposal?
25. What constrained the City's ability to respond to such a proposal in 2017 or 2018?

² “Detention: A stormwater facility that delays the downstream progress of stormwater runoff in a controlled manner. This is typically accomplished using temporary storage areas and a controlling outlet device.”