

2019-8-ORD Larry Cochran (Dept. of Planning & Zoning) for an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the Parish of St. Charles, Appendix C, Subdivision Regulations of 1981, Section IV.D.2.a, to specify certain types of Stormwater inlets for roadside drainage.

Mr. Albert: Mr. Faucheux is here at your request to answer any questions you have.

Commissioner Frangella: This one came across where Public Works wanted to change the types of catch basins to conform and we had issues or questions on did we go to one just so everything would conform and now if we move it to different ones how it is that going to work.

Mr. Faucheux: The original request when we were going to the high velocity, the standup type drains we meant to include that it would give Public Works the ability to substitute. We really only want to use this one or the roll over drains. We want to add the additional roll over drain for a few different reasons 1. We do have some subdivisions that do not have trees and not mature subdivisions and I'll use for instance Ashton where they have the roll over drains and they would like to continue with roll over drains and we don't have an issue with them continuing with roll over drains. The second part of that is there are some areas of the parish that the drainage system is not big enough to reach the scouring velocity needed to self-clean the culverts, in those areas we do need the smaller screens which we have in the roll over basins and we don't have in the high velocity drains that we've been putting especially if you look down the Ormond Boulevard area, that's a prime location for them. Ormond Boulevard acts as a basin, it fills up, we get high velocities through there, we're not worried about building leaves or sticks in those type culverts, it's self-cleans. At some point in the future we're going to go to a routing system where we check these basins and we do periodic tv-ing of these systems just to be sure that nothing is building up in there. It's all new, we're not worried about it presently right now, we're still putting these drains in, in the Ormond area, they're performing excellently and we are doing some periodic checks. We have 4 culvert cleaning trucks so we are going to start a route where we check these on a periodic basis. We're not prepared to go to these parish wide as of yet. The thing that concerned me and the reason why we went forward with the high velocity drain is that we're looking at approximately 7500 homes throughout the east bank and the west bank of the parish, in areas where we have these type trees, oaks trees, pine trees, cypress trees, magnolia trees, those are the type trees that build a lot of leaves and clog up our catch basins as well as the newspapers that gets thrown in everybody's yard. So in those areas we still want to be consistent with the high velocity drain and to have the roll over drain as an alternate and the Public Works Department with a decision to recommend one or the other. So that's the reason for the change, we're actually adding back what we omitted was the roll over drain. We still want to keep the high velocity drain in there but we do want to have the ability to use the roll over drains where appropriate

Commissioner Frangella: Any questions?

Mr. Faucheux: Honestly I think there was a comment made about cost when I was reading. When you're putting them in initially in a subdivision, you're not trying to change them, the cost is almost identical, it's almost a wash, whether you're using one or the other.

Commissioner Frangella: I think it was more of maintaining them when you have to replace them, the cost of having 2 in stock vs. 1 in stock

Mr. Faucheux: We're just looking at the 2.

Commissioner Richard: That's why we postponed it so you could come talk to us.

Commissioner Frangella: Any other questions?

Mr. Faucheux: Ok. Thank you.

Commissioner Frangella: Call for a vote. We don't have a public hearing on this.

Mr. Albert: You've met your public hearing requirement.

Commissioner Frangella: Call for the vote.

YEAS: Petit, Granier, Richard, Dunn, Frangella, Galliano
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Gordon