CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280-A
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
SYNOPSIS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

December 11, 2014
8:30 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Felsenthal, Wolfe, Aronberg, Shalowitz and Pressman.
Commissioners Absent: None

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Wolfe.

C. COMMISSION MINUTES

Consideration of the Minutes of the Public Works Commission Special Meeting of November 13, 2014. MOTION by Commissioner Pressman, SECONDED by Commissioner Aronberg to approve as amended. Absent objection by the Commission, the Minutes are approved by order of the Chair. **CARRIED 5/0**

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

E. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Mayor's Cabinet Meeting
Commissioner Aronberg attended the meeting of November 26, 2014.

Other Items of Interest
Mr. Chavez stated the WEP was recognized as an "A" priority during City Council Priority Setting. Ms. Rhay introduced Josette Descalzo, new Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Manager.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Utility Bill Design Update*
   Mr. Cartagena provided an update. The new design is laid out and Mark Brower is working with Munis to secure an outside vendor to develop software for the bill format.

2. *LED Streetlight Project*
   Ms. Rhay provided an update. PWS' next energy savings project is changing out street lights to LED's. Mr. Chavez stated this project was discussed in the City Council priority session.

3. *Assignment of the City's Solid Waste Franchise Agreement*
   Ms. Rhay provided an update. The City's refuse and recycling provider, Crown Disposal (Crown) holds an agreement with the City that is valid through 2018 with two options to extend to 2022. Crown gave the City notice that they are selling their assets to Recology and are asking for approval of the assignment. An ad hoc committee was formed to work through the re-assignment which must be approved by City Council.

4. *Water Treatment Plant Overview*
   Ms. Rhay provided an update consisting of background and operational information. Staff is working on a new contract with Hazen & Sawyer for chemistry monitoring. The Plant will be down roughly three months during rehabilitation.

5. *Beverly Hills Emergency Water System Storage Capacity Evaluation*
   Mr. Gobas and Mr. Swan provided an update. The City's current water storage consists of 10 reservoirs containing 43 million gallons. Emergency scenarios were discussed.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. *Water Enterprise Plan Development*
   Ms. Rhay provided an update. The next Workshop is scheduled for January 8th.

2. *Water Service Obligation to City of West Hollywood*
   No new information; this is an ongoing item.

3. *Water Capacity Fee Update*
   Ms. Rhay provided an update. The presentation given to City Council on December 2, 2014, was provided. Service connection fees are currently in the City's schedule.

4. *Reports from Sub-Committees*

Conservation & Education Sub-committee. The Landscaping Workshop with MWD had roughly 50 attendees. The Sub-committee met with Psomas to discuss whether initiatives should be included in the WEP; this is not part of their scope. There will be a recommendation at the next meeting.

5. *Outstanding Action Items List from Previous Meeting*
   Mr. Cartagena provided an update. Monitoring Reports are included in this month's packet.

6. *Capital Improvement Program Projects Under Public Works Management*
   Chair Shalowitz reviewed; no action taken.

7. *Discussion of Future Agenda Items and Areas of Priority*
   Chair Shalowitz asked that PWS Staffing be placed on next months' agenda. Commissioner Felsenthal requested a presentation that includes PWS as a potential future user of the land located across from the Public Works Building, the South Lot, for introduction to City Council.

8. *Solid Waste Receptacle Replacement Program – Phase I*
   Mr. Burnley provided an update. Phase 1 of the Lid Replacement Program is complete. An RFP for Phase 2 will be released sometime in the beginning of 2015.

F. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

G. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

None.

H. ACTION ITEMS

- Chair Shalowitz requested *LED Streetlight Project* be revisited in February.
- Chair Shalowitz requested a report in January or February about the effectiveness of the City's solar panels.
- Commissioner Felsenthal requested Staff provide examples of cities that have completed the solar panel process and savings they realized.
- Staff will bring information to the next meeting regarding the balance of debt from building the Plant.
- Commissioner Aronberg would like an update on the Santa Monica Redevelopment project at the next meeting, including permeable concrete versus asphalt.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Shalowitz, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.