



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

February 8, 2018
8:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: February 8, 2018 / 8:01 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CIVILITY STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Alpert, Greer, Wolfe, Vice Chair Aronberg,
Chair Felsenthal

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Tony Antich, Vince Damasse, Shana Epstein, Debby Fioni,
Michael Hensley, Ilene Knebel, Erick Lee, Chad Lynn,
Mandana Motahari, Derek Nguyen

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items not on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. By State law, the Commission may not discuss or vote on items not on the Agenda.

Speakers: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the regular meeting of January 11, 2018.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Alpert, SECONDED by Vice
Chair Aronberg to approve the minutes as presented. (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Alpert, Greer, Wolfe, Vice Chair Aronberg,
Chair Felsenthal

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

CARRIED

2. Resolution Amending Rules of Procedure for the Public Works Commission

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Aronberg, SECONDED by Commissioner Wolfe to accept Resolution 2 (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Alpert, Greer, Wolfe, Vice Chair Aronberg, Chair Felsenthal

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Operations Reports from City Departments, Consultants and Outside Agencies

- Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Director Barry Pressman was not in attendance.
 - Director Epstein reported that the State announced that the California Fix will move forward with a phased approach. Metropolitan supported this action.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Capital Improvement & Major Projects

Acting City Engineer Tony Antich updated the Commission on the Capital Improvement & Major Project items in the Commission packet.

Commissioner comments:

- Commissioners inquired about delays in procuring pumps and bench testing or the Maple Wells.
- The Commission asked about the financial arrangements regarding the removal of the oil wells and were advised that the City of Beverly Hills is financing the removal, not the school district.
- The Commission also confirmed that only one bid was received for the oil well plugging and that same company, ARB, will be doing the well monitoring and air quality monitoring.
- The Commission suggested that when projects are completed they should be removed from the list.

4. Hollywood Basin Wells Pre-Treatment Testing Update

Water Resources Manager Vince Damasse gave a brief update on the past month's progress with regard to well testing. Lab results are still pending. More information will be available at the April Commission meeting.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission inquired about the technical report and its contents.
- The Commission is concerned with the Filtronics System and its cost.
- The Commission asked about timing with regard to the design phase and when we will have usable water from the plant.

- Further explanation was made to the flow chart included in the packet and suggestions were made to further clarify.
- The Commission also briefly discussed enhancing/recharging the groundwater supply.

5. Fiscal Year 2018/2019 CIP Projects and Priorities

Project Manager Derek Nguyen presented an update on the Public Works CIP Plan for the upcoming fiscal year. Staff is seeking Commission approval on the items in order to bring recommendations to City Council.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Wolfe, SECONDED by Vice Chair Aronberg that the Public Works Commission concurs with the staff recommendation regarding the approval of the proposed budget enhancements to the City Council for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 CIP Budget (5-0).

AYES: Commissioners Alpert, Greer, Wolfe, Vice Chair Aronberg, Chair Felsenthal

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

None

PROJECT UPDATES & STATUS ITEMS

6. Water Conservation Update

Water Conservation Administrator Debby Figoni reported on current water usage and the possibility of an upcoming drought. There will be continued outreach on leaks, and signing up for water tracker, and in April, participation in the Wyland Mayor's Challenge which promotes reducing environmental resources.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission suggested making conservation mandatory. There was a dialog about the shared responsibility between the homeowner and the gardeners with regard to watering.
- An update to the Municipal Code with regard to water use/efficiency was also discussed. The Chair suggested a renewed effort for the subcommittee to meet and move forward with this update.
- The Commission suggested looking at the City's water use and possible ways to reduce.

The Commission took a break at 9:45 a.m.

The Commission returned at 9:55 a.m.

Chair Felsenthal called the Special Meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. and adjourned at 10:15 a.m. at which point the Regular Meeting continued.

PROJECT UPDATES & STATUS ITEMS

7. Specific Information and Department Update

This report transmits answers to questions that have been raised at previous Public Works Commission meetings, information regarding upcoming items for the City Council meeting, an update on the Department's Master Plans, a financial statement for the Water Enterprise Fund and a Will Serve status update for development projects.

- The Commission inquired about the earthquake report and its impact on any ongoing projects.
- The Commission requested additional information for the CIP expenditures. Finance will provide in the March report.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

8. Chair's Report

- The Chair reported on his recent tour of the Metro/Subway tunnels.
- The Chair will be setting time aside at the March meeting to discuss overall water/health/fire/safety conditions in Beverly Hills.
- The Chair expressed his willingness to listen to other Commission concerns and agenda as necessary.
- The April Public Works Commission Meeting will be held on April 18, instead of April 12.

Comments from the Commissioners:

- The Fiber to Premise project has started but the signage has not been accurate as to when they are working in certain areas on specific dates.
- The Commission suggested to gather a list of best practices in other cities with regard to water and power conservation.
- There is a test planting in Parcel 13 and a tree discussion at the Library Auditorium on February 22, 2018.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

9. Director's Report

- The newest issue of the Public Works Department Newsletter, "The Backbone," has been distributed with all utility bills. We encourage your input on articles that may be of interest. Ultimately, it will be distributed via enotice.
- City Engineer interviews will be scheduled for March 2, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time February 8, 2018 / 10:33 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY of MARCH, 2018



Jerrold Felsenthal, Chair