



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

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

July 12, 2018
8:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: July 12, 2018 / 8:03 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: Josette Descalzo, Shana Epstein, Debby Figoni, Daren
Grilley, Ilene Knebel, Chad Lynn, Michelle Tse.

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.

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By Order of the Chair, the agenda was approved as amended, hearing item #5, prior to item #2.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the regular meeting of June 14, 2018.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Greer, SECONDED by Commissioner Alpert to approve the minutes as presented. (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 reported on the highlights of the most recent Metropolitan Water District Meeting.

Recordings of the Public Works Commission's meetings are available online within three business days of the meeting. Visit www.beverlyhills.org to access those recordings.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Capital Projects Update
City Engineer Daren Grilley updated the Commission on the Capital Improvement & Major Project items.
3. Water Conservation Ordinance Update: Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 2 – Water Use Efficiency Regulations
Water Conservation Administrator Debby Figoni reviewed the recent modifications to the Ordinance.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Wolfe, SECONDED by Vice Chair Aronberg to approve the Water Conservation Ordinance Update Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 2 – Water Use Efficiency Regulations, as modified (5-0).

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

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

CARRIED

4. Water Rates-Cost of Service
The proposed changes maintain the revenue requirements that was approved by the City Council in December 2017. Additional costs are not added to the current rates except the new proposed water reliability charge. This technical memorandum outlines the policies involved with developing the cost of service study. The Chair acknowledged the Ad Hoc Committees for their time and efforts and their focus on a goal of fairness to all affected. HF&H Consultant John Farnkopf, Sr. Vice President and HF&H Consultant Rick Simonson, Vice President, presented their cost of service report. Each policy recommendation was reviewed and discussed.

Speaker: Lauren Meister, City of West Hollywood

The Commission took a break at 10:10 a.m.
The Commission returned at 10:18 a.m.

After a lengthy discussion, there was a consensus among the Commissioners for all the policy recommendations except the outside city and quantity charges for single-family. Supplemental information was requested so the Commissioners may conclude the discussion at the August Commission Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

5. County of Los Angeles – Safe, Clean Water Program (Taken out of order)
Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Manager Josette Descalzo introduced Jolene Guerrero, P.E., Head of Community and Government Relations, LA County Department of Public Works. She presented the details of an ordinance/parcel tax that will be voted on by the Board of Supervisors and if approved, move to the ballot in November.

PROJECT UPDATES & STATUS ITEMS

6. Water Efficiency Update

For information only. It provides an update on staff activities related to the City's water conservation programs, policy and outreach efforts. No discussion.

7. Specific Information and Department Update

This report transmits information regarding items considered by the City Council, an update on the Department's Master Plans, a will Serve Letter Update, and a financial statement for the Water Enterprise Fund.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

8. Chair's Report

The following items were reviewed:

- The Chair suggested that we have many experts in the community who we should enlist for assistance.
- Future agenda items requested by the Chair include will serve letters, irrigation meters, explanation of department performance measures and water independence.
- The upcoming City Council Study Session will discuss Local Groundwater.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

9. Director's Report

The following items were reviewed :

- The Water Supply update will be presented in the next few months.
- The Burton Way Median Report will be presented in August.
- La Brea Subarea Preliminary Timeline was presented.
- The Commission's Role in the Strategic Vision.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time

July 12, 2018 / 12:18 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY of AUGUST, 2018



Jerrold Felsenthal, Chair