



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

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

March 8, 2018
8:00 a.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: March 8, 2018 / 8:00 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, Gilbert Borboa, Craig Crowder, Vince
Damasse, Shana Epstein, Ilene Knebel, Erick Lee, Chad
Lynn, Derek Nguyen, Ken Pfalzgraf

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 February 8, 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

Public Works Director Shana Epstein introduced Gilbert Borboa as the incoming Assistant Director of Public Works/Utilities.

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Operations Reports from City Departments, Consultants and Outside Agencies

- Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Director Barry Pressman was not in attendance.
 - Assistant Director Borboa reported on the February MWD Meeting. The discussion was centered on rates and proposed 3% rate increase. An upcoming meeting will discuss updates to the Metropolitan conservation program, water supply conditions and allocations.

2. Emergency Management

The Public Works Commission discussed and examined our emergency management systems in place and how we would deal with a similar situation to Montecito. City Staff in attendance for the presentation included: Management Analyst Meena Janmohamed, Fire Chief Greg Barton, Building Official Raj Patel, and Director of Emergency Management Pamela Mottice. Chief Information Officer David Schirmer and GIS Integrator Bond Harper were also present. The presentation focused on major roles in a disaster, hazard mitigation, communication, logistics, water issues, debris management and individual preparedness.

Commissioner comments:

- Our focus is to see what we can learn from the recent Montecito disaster and how we can help City departments do to better job preparing for an emergency.
- The Commission is requesting specific suggestions to allow Beverly Hills Public Works to be of assistance to the Departments involved in emergency responses.
- Clarification was made that direction was not being given during this discussion, but rather interests raised and potential policy considerations.
- The City can make suggestions and have City Staff prepared for an emergency, but ultimately it is the resident's responsibility to take the action to prepare themselves and their family for a disaster.
- The Commission inquired about surrounding communities and their preparedness levels.
- The Commission requested an annual update on the Public Works responsibilities for Emergency Management.

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. The submersible wells are in and have been tested. Follow up will be done in the coming weeks and then water will be delivered to the pilot project. A tentative schedule to accelerate the delivery of the La Brea Sub Area Project is underway. The oil derrick will be removed as part of the City Project to more efficiently plug the wells. City Council approved some graphic designs for the sound walls that will be along Wilshire Boulevard as well as the temporary closure of Canon, North of Wilshire Boulevard. Additional seismic evaluation is being investigated in the area. Lastly,

in the future, the report will have an additional item with regard to a water line replacement plan that is being developed over the next five years.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission asked about lane closures on Wilshire Boulevard.
- The Commission inquired if Metro was paying for the additional traffic control in the area.
- The Commission thanked Tony for his service as the City Engineer recruitment will be

The Commission took a break at 9:39 a.m.

The Commission returned at 9:49 a.m.

4. Hollywood Basin Wells Pre-Treatment Testing Update

Water Resources Manager Vince Damasse and Carollo Project Manager Adam Zacheis gave a brief update on the past month's pretreatment process. A significant reduction of particles are passing through the sand separator system. The level of Arsenic is reduced in the raw water stream as well as removal of Hydrogen Sulfide and Iron Sulfide. It was reported that there is a solid, stable performance of the RO system. Next steps were reviewed.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission inquired about a backup in the case of a power failure.
- The Commission asked about the Manganese in the Maple Wells and the challenge it may bring.
- The Commission asked for further explanation of the chart provided in the Staff Report.
- The Commission is concerned with the length of time the process is taking to get the RO Plant back online. The Commission inquired as to when the plant will come online.
- The Commission asked when a Liaison Meeting/City Council direction would be finalized.

5. Cabrillo Reservoir Resourcing – Option 2 Coldwater Canyon Park

Project Manager Derek Nguyen presented background on the project to the Commission. He identified the water use/irrigation in the area. Staff recommended analyzing the resourcing option as part of the 2018 Water Master Plan. Further comment about the water treatment was made by Senior Principal Engineer from Hazen Alex Rahimian-Pour.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commissioner questioned the contingency amount for the project.
- The Commission discussed the turnaround capability of the vehicles accessing the area and the possibility of alternate vehicles.
- The Commission is interested to make the Cabrillo Reservoir valuable to the City.
- The Commission agreed with the staff recommendation that it become part of the 2018 Water Master Plan.

6. Renewable Natural Gas and Fleet Service Update

Fleet Services Manager Craig Crowder reported on the collaboration with an outside vendor to manage and trade our low carbon fuel standard credits generated by using compressed natural gas. We can create more credits by using our renewable natural gas supply. Brief update was presented on grant funding and refunds for CNG credits. The funding for the credits received back to the city supplements the operation of the program.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission inquired about the capital expense for the renewable natural gas. Staff responded there is none; the same pipeline will be used.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Introduction to Urban Forest and Street Tree Master Plan Programs

Urban Forest Manager Ken Pfalzgraf introduced the program and the services they provide to the City. This includes tree maintenance; watering, pest control, grid trimming, removal and replacement of declining trees and Street Tree Master Plan projects.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission inquired about certain trees that have been planted and are now declining.
- The Commission commented about the mature Ficus Trees on Sunset Boulevard.
- The Commission asked for further information about the process they will be undertaking with the Street Tree Master Plan.

PROJECT UPDATES & STATUS ITEMS

8. Water Efficiency Update

Public Works Director Shana Epstein reported on an upcoming increase in activity for outreach on conservation and programming.

9. 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.

- No comments.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

10. Chair's Report

- The Chair requested a conversation about future reactions to the drought and the implementation of additional restrictions/penalties.
- The Chair shared items from the Human Relations Commission celebrating kindness.

Comments from Commissioners:

- The Commission inquired about advertising on K -Rails during the Vanity Fair street closure. Staff will investigate.

Ad Hoc Committee Updates

- None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

11. Director's Report

- Public Works Director Shana Epstein introduced the new Public Works Orientation packet.
- At the April Meeting, tours of the reservoirs will be completed.
- Upcoming events were reviewed including an Athens Tour, Earth Day, and Public Works Day.
- Meeting dates listed in packet.
- Deputy Director Erick Lee has accepted a new job opportunity

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time

March 8, 2018 / 11:15 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18TH DAY of APRIL, 2018



Jerrold Felsenthal, Chair