



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

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

February 14, 2019
8:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: February 14, 2019 / 8:03 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CIVILITY STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Gil Borboa, James Burnley, Vince Damasse, Samer Elayyan, Shana Epstein, Debby Figoni, Melissa Gomez, Daren Grilley, Michael Hensley, Ilene Knebel, Chad Lynn, Mandana Motahari, Tania Schwartz, 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

Speaker: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of January 3, 2019, Public Works Commission special meeting minutes.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Alpert, SECONDED by Commissioner Felsenthal to adopt the minutes as presented (5-0).

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

NOES: None

CARRIED

2. Consideration of January 10, 2019, Public Works Commission regular meeting minutes.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Alpert, SECONDED by Vice Chair Greer to adopt the minutes as amended (5-0).

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

NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Dr. Pressman was not in attendance. Assistant Director of Public Works/Utilities Gil Borboa, gave a brief overview of the most recent Metropolitan Water District Meeting and the appointment of Dr. Pressman to the Executive Committee. He conveyed Governor Newsom's position on the Bay Delta to support the "one tunnel approach," and he reported on the water supply conditions in the state.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Capital Projects Update

City Engineer Daren Grilley updated the Commission on the Capital Improvement & Major Project items. Specifically updated were the Oil Well Project, Metro Purple Line and the Civic Center Drive Reforestation Project.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission asked for detailed information on what has changed from the previous month's report.
- The Commission asked questions specific to the Oil Well Project.
- The Commission inquired about the Metro Funding.
- The Commission had questions about the Civic Center Reforestation, Water Main Replacement items and the Beverly Gardens Park Restoration.

4. Foothill Water Treatment Plant Update/La Brea Subarea Update

Assistant Director of Public Works/Utilities Gil Borboa, Water Resources Manager Vince Damasse and Project Manager Samer Elayyan gave a brief update on the project.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission commented about the length of time the overall project is taking as well as other questions specific to the project.
- The Commission asked that this item be moved to the CIP list for future meeting reporting.
- The Commission requested the Sand Pit item be brought back at the March Meeting for further discussion.

City Attorney Larry Wiener commented about the possible delay of the design/build/operate contract for the Water Treatment Plant being brought to City Council on February 19, 2019.

5. Emergency Storage Evaluation Update & Fire Safety Review

Assistant Director of Public Works/Utilities Gil Borboa presented a summary of available emergency water storage and a fire safety review, which assessed reservoir sites and booster locations.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commissioners commented on conservation efforts during an emergency and the amount of available water storage.
- The Commission requested Emergency Management Staff be available for questions the Commission may have in this matter.
- There was a brief discussion about a property that was purchased for the water division to consider for more storage.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Alpert, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Felsenthal that the Commission requests staff prepare an overview engineering memorandum-style report within 60 days relative to the existing budgeted amount available for emergency water storage (5/0).

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

NOES: None

CARRIED

The Commission took a break at 10:08 AM

The Commission returned at 10:15 AM

The Commission requested Staff provide conservation numbers from the December incident at the next meeting.

Staff recommended the Commission install the ShakeAlert LA app.

6. Emergency Water Conservation Plan Update: Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 3

Assistant Director of Public Works/Utilities Gil Borboa presented the proposed amendments to Article 3.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission discussed the amendments and suggested more items be added to complete the report.
- The Commission recommended the item go back to an Ad Hoc subcommittee for further refining.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Anti-Litter Campaign

Senior Management Analyst Tania Schwartz briefed the Commission on the Anti-Litter Campaign recommended materials and graphics.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission commented on areas of the city (construction sites and alleys) that may need more signage and attention with this campaign.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Alpert, SECONDED by Vice Chair Greer to approve the proposed Anti-Litter Campaign (5/0).

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

NOES: None

CARRIED

PROJECT UPDATES & STATUS REPORTS

8. Water Efficiency Update

Water Conservation Administrator Debby Figoni reported on the water reduction for the month of January. She reiterated that residents should always water wisely.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission asked if the Turf Removal Program information would be disseminated.

9. Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) Award Funding
Planning and Research Analyst Michelle Tse reported on this funding program to promote clean air standards.

10. Specific Information and Department Updates

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission would like to see more diversification in the use of consultants.
- The Commission suggesting separating the list out between consulting and contract work.
- The Commission had follow up questions and comments about the Emergency Management portion of the report.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

11. Chair's Report

Comments from Commissioners:

- The Commissioner comments included kudos to the Commission and City Council for the finalization of the Water Enterprise Fund.
- The Commission sent congratulations for the promotion of George Chavez to City Manager.
- Vice Chair Greer attended the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting and gave a brief update.
- Chair Aronberg requested the list of subcommittees be included in next month's packet.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF


12. Director's report

- Inundation maps and the impacts of the Water Supply Fee will be discussed at the next Liaison Meeting.
- New legislation has passed for a robust organic and green waste program. Athens will start working with our commercial customers assessing the merits of the new program.
- Sandbag information was disseminated.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: February 14, 2019 / 11:10 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY of MARCH, 2019



Sandra Aronberg, M.D., Chair