



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

Room 280A
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

In-Person / Telephonic / Video Conference Meeting

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

September 8, 2022
8:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: September 8, 2022 / 8:00 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:	Commissioner Alpert, Greer, Vice Chair Nystrom, Chair Millan
Commissioners Absent:	None
Staff Present:	Vince Damasse, Samer Elayyan, Shana Epstein, Debby Dunn, Anthony Garza, Daren Grilley, Michael Hensley, Ilene Knebel, Tristan Malabanan, Rob Welch

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Members of the public may address the Commission regarding any items 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.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from David Gingold

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By order of the Chair, the Agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Consideration of Minutes of the Public Works Commission regular meeting of August 11, 2022**
- 2. A Resolution of the Resolution of the Public Works Commission of the City of Beverly Hills Continuing to Authorize Public Meetings to Be Held via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(E) and Making Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same**
Comment: Recent legislation was adopted allowing the Public Works Commission to continue virtual meetings during the COVID-19 declared emergency subject to certain conditions, and the proposed resolution implements the necessary requirements.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Greer, SECONDED by Vice Chair Nystrom to approve the consent calendar items as presented (4/0).

AYES: Commissioners Alpert, Greer, Vice Chair Nystrom, Chair Millan

NOES: None

CARRIED.

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Operations Reports from City Departments, Consultants and Outside Agencies

None

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Status update for the Water and Wastewater Cost of Service Study

HF&H Consultant Rick Simonson briefly reviewed last week's meeting regarding the calculation of the estimated sewer flow. He presented refined calculations, the mass balance results and their recommendations. Senior Vice President from HF&H John Farnkopf presented the examples of flow factors and rate structure approaches from surrounding communities. Bill comparisons for one month and three months were discussed.

The Commission commented and gave feedback.

- Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Greer, SECONDED by Vice Chair Nystrom that the Public Works Commission:
1. Support the proposed policy recommendations, which separate the residential wastewater customers (single-family and multi-family) and add a quantity (volumetric) charge for the single-family and multi-family classes using the sewer factor that assumes the three-year one month calculation that comes to 52% per single family as the sewer return;
 2. Support the proposed change in the commercial wastewater customer classes to include a third class;
 3. Support water CIP scenario 2 to recommend to City Council;
 4. Support the fixed charge revenue ratio for water;
 5. Support the pass-through charges, outside city differential, water reliability charge, and water shortage revenue stabilization factors; and
 6. Recommend that City Council begin the required Proposition 218 public notice process for rates based on the cost of service studies (4/0).

AYES: Commissioners Alpert and Greer, Vice Chair Nystrom, Chair Millan

NOES: None

CARRIED

The Commission took a break at 9:06 AM

The Commission returned at 9:17 AM

4. Performance Measures Fiscal Year 2021/22 Year-End Update

Deputy Director of Public Works/Operations Michael Hensley presented the Performance Measures within the Public Works Department from the past three years, highlighting various items. The Commission commented and had suggestions for other measures to be considered.

5. Stormwater Compliance Master Plan Update

Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager Josette Descalzo provided an update and summary of the Stormwater Compliance Master Plan that was adopted in 2019. The Commission inquired about some specifics of the Robertson Blvd Project.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Best Practices – Wind Farming

Customer Relations Coordinator Anthony Garza presented a PowerPoint to the Commission about the history and the concept of harnessing wind power throughout the world. He noted advantages and disadvantages of the system, places in the world where wind farming is prevalent, especially in the United States, and reasons for future growth.

The Commission took a break at 10:12 AM.

The Commission returned at 10:20 AM.

PROJECT UPDATES & STATUS ITEMS

7. La Brea Subarea Update

Project Manager Tristan Malabanan updated the Commission on the LCW-1 project; its timeline and budget were reviewed. Water Resources and Operations Manager Vince Damasse, with consultants Richard Slade and Anthony Hicke discussed the next steps in construction to get the well online, and the water quality in both the Sand Pit site, the LCW-1 and La Cienega Park wells.

8. Water Efficiency Update

Utilities General Manager Robert Welch and Water Conservation Administrator Debby Dunn responded to Commissioner inquiries regarding excessive water monitoring and enforcement and related topics.

9. Capital Projects Update

Engineering Services Manager Samer Elayyan provided an update to the Coldwater Canyon Main Line Replacement Project. A community meeting will be held at Coldwater Canyon Park on Thursday, September 29 from 6PM – 7PM to discuss this project, future projects and obtain feedback. An update was also given on the Robertson Sidewalk Improvement bids, which are slated to be rejected at the September 12 City Council Meeting due to the inconsistency of the bids and cost. Project Manager Tristan Malabanan provided comment about the Burton Way Project.

10. Specific Information and Department Updates

Director of Public Works Shana Epstein informed the Commission that Finance had closed the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 books and that the end of the year report for the Water Enterprise Fund will be presented at a future Commission meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

Chair Millan mentioned the upcoming Mayor's Cabinet Meeting as well as the Liaison Meeting that will be held next week. A request was made for an update on the newly implemented street cleaning schedule rollout and to continue to look for real estate for the water enterprise plan.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

Director of Public Works Shana Epstein reminded the Commission to sign up for the Metropolitan Water District trip. Upcoming events reviewed were:


- Transit Study Public Meeting at the Municipal Gallery on September 8;
- Household Hazardous Waste Roundup is being held on September 24 on 3rd street between Foothill and Civic Center;
- City Council items of interest to the Commission;
- Virtual meeting with neighbors of Cabrillo to be held on October 6

Utilities General Manager Robert Welch informed the Commission that the Upper Feeder Program with MWD is on schedule and that the dewatering for the pipeline began on September 6. The process is moving along as planned with the request to cease outside watering until the project is complete.

ADJOURNMENT

Date/Time: September 8, 2022 / 11:25 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY of OCTOBER, 2022



John Millan, Chair

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