



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

November 10, 2022
8:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: November 10, 2022 / 8:00 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Alpert, Vice Chair Nystrom, Chair Millan
Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Greer
Staff Present: Vince Damasse, Josette Descalzo, Debby Dunn, Shana Epstein,
Daren Grilley, 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

Chair Millan advised of an amendment to the posted Agenda.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Nystrom, SECONDED by Commissioner Alpert to approve the Agenda as amended; TAB 6 will be taken after TAB 2 (3/0).

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

CARRIED

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes

Consideration of Minutes of the Public Works Commission regular meeting of October 13, 2022.

2. A 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 Vice Chair Nystrom, SECONDED by Commissioner Alpert to approve the Consent Calendar items as presented with adjustments (3/0).

AYES: Commissioner Alpert, Vice Chair Nystrom, Chair Millan

NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Operations Reports from City Departments, Consultants and Outside Agencies

Metropolitan Water District Director Dr. Barry Pressman gave an update on the Water Inspection Tour that took place recently, the Water Surplus and Drought Management Report (WSDM) and the Water Shortage Emergency Conditions. The Commission discussed the updates and artificial turf.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

6. Best Practices - Water Replenishment District Strategic Plan for the West Coast and Central Basins (Item Taken Out of Order, After TAB 2)

Public Works Director Shana Epstein introduced Water Replenishment District (WRD) Assistant General Manager Rob Beste. He presented on WRD's use of recycled water in replenishing the West Coast and Central Basins. The Commission discussed the system and desalination plants.

The Commission took a break at 9:22 AM

The Commission returned from break at 9:31 AM

PROJECT UPDATES & STATUS ITEMS

3. Proposed Stormwater Ordinance Amendment

Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Program Manager Josette Descalzo presented three proposed amendments to the stormwater ordinance. The amendments would affect prohibited discharges, requirements for existing projects, and the LID criterion on development projects. The Commission discussed the proposed amendments.

Motion: MOVED by Vice Chair Nystrom, SECONDED by Commissioner Alpert to approve the proposed amendments in lowering the Low Impact Development (LID) thresholds to comply with the current MS4 Permit and require simple LID BMPs on smaller development projects that do not trigger the LID. The amendments should also include allowing pool filter backwash to be discharged to the sewer system. (3/0).

AYES: Commissioner Alpert, Vice Chair Nystrom, Chair Millan
NOES: None

CARRIED

4. Quarterly Legislative Update

Senior Management Analyst Melissa Gomez provided an update on state legislation related to the Public Works Department or that the city of Beverly Hills took a position on. The Commission discussed the updates.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Metropolitan Water District's Colorado River Municipal Conservation Memorandum of Understanding

Utilities General Manager Rob Welch presented an update on MWD's request for the city of Beverly Hills to join a multi-agency MOU designed to reduce reliance on the Colorado River and on providing a recommendation to City Council on adopting an ordinance to restrict non-functional turf. The definition of non-functional turf was discussed with additional comments by Water Conservation Administrator Debby Dunn. The ordinance will be presented at a future date. The Commission discussed the MOU.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Alpert, SECONDED by Vice Chair Nystrom that the Public Works Commission recommends to City Council to support the MWD MOU on the Colorado River (3/0).

AYES: Commissioner Alpert, Vice Chair Nystrom, Chair Millan
NOES: None

CARRIED

PROJECT UPDATES & STATUS ITEMS

7. La Brea Subarea Update

Project Manager Tristan Malabanan provided an update on construction and equipping of LCW-1, and the design stages of LCW-2 and LCW-3. The Commission discussed the updates and inquired about the development timeline.

8. Water Efficiency Update

Water Conservation Administrator Debby Dunn provided an update on changes in the drought climate, water reduction levels, and drought education.

9. Capital Projects Update

Engineering Services Manager Samer Elayyan provided an update on the Coldwater Canyon water main replacement project. The Commission requested an update on the Burton Way project.

10. Specific Information and Department Updates

The Commission had comments about the Water Fund Financial Statement included in the packet. She introduced Director of Finance Jeffrey Muir, who explained the reasons for billing issues. The Commission discussed the updates.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

11. Chair's Report

Vice Chair Nystrom reported on attending the MWD inspection tour.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

12. Director's Report

Public Works Director Shana Epstein discussed the upcoming shredding and electronic waste collection events at the Beverly Hills Farmers Market. The Commission was notified about the holiday lighting event on November 17 and Team Beverly Hills' upcoming visit to the Public Works Department in February 2023. An update on the next CAAC Meeting was presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Date/Time: November 10, 2022 / 11:01 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY of DECEMBER 2022



John Millan, Chair

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