



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

December 8, 2022
8:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:	Commissioners Alpert, Greer, Chair Millan
Commissioners Absent:	Vice Chair Nystrom
Staff Present:	Vince Damasse, Josette Descalzo, Shana Epstein, Martha Eros, Daren Grilley, Michael Hensley, Ilene Knebel, Tristan Malabanan, Lucy Quiralte, Ruben Morales

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: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of Minutes

Consideration of Minutes of the Public Works Commission regular meeting of November 10, 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 Commissioner Greer, SECONDED by Commissioner Alpert to approve the Consent Calendar items as presented (3/0).

AYES: Commissioners Alpert, Greer, Chair Millan

NOES:

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Operations Reports from City Departments, Consultants and Outside Agencies

CONTINUED BUSINESS

3. Central Stores Program – Inventory Management Update

Public Works Director Shana Epstein introduced Central Stores Supervisor Ruben Morales and Public Works Manager Lucy Quiralte to provide an update on the central stores inventory program and the current ongoing audit. The Commission asked about access, shrinkage, reduction of inventory, and long lead items.

4. Proposed Agenda Items for January Through June 2023 Meetings

Operations Manager Michael Hensley provided an overview of the proposed agenda items for the next six months of Public Works Commission meetings. The Commission asked about adding agenda items for future well sites, flow restrictors/meter replacements, will serve letters and their impact on affordable housing projects, water storage, and reservoir improvements.

5. Update on the Proposed Ordinance Prohibiting the Use, Sale, and Distribution of Single Use Plastic and Polystyrene (Styrofoam) Goods and Materials

Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Program Manager Josette Descalzo provided an update on the proposed ordinance banning Styrofoam and single-use plastic items. He asked for an extension on outreach efforts that include promoting green business certification. The Commission asked about providing alternative products to Styrofoam and single use plastics to make it easier for businesses.

6. Considerations in Amending the Ordinance of the City of Beverly Hills Relating to the Removal of Groundwater – Dewatering Ordinance

Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Program Manager Josette Descalzo provided an update on the dewatering ordinance, including current dewatering programs and removing R-1 exemptions. The Commission discussed the proposed amendments. Staff noted the recommendations; focusing on new/substantially remodeled homes and providing cost savings.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Best Practices – Metro Microtransit Overview

Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Daren Grilley introduced Metro Operation Superintendent Rani Narula-Woods, who provided an overview of LA Metro's microtransit system and its history. The commission asked about subsidies and the designation of ridership zones in communities.

*The commission took a break at 9:28 AM.
The commission returned from break at 9:40 AM.*

PROJECT UPDATES & STATUS ITEMS

8. La Brea Subarea Update

Water Resources/Operations Manager Vince Damasse and Project Manager Tristan Malabanan provided an update on the construction of LCW-1 and the testing of the transmission main. The commission asked about the operational status of the well. Staff also discussed properties near the Sand Pite site that might suit our needs.

9. Water Efficiency Update.

Public Works Director Shana Epstein provided an update on water efficiency, including new water limits and threats to the Colorado River. There has been positive feedback regarding overall water conservation. The Commission asked about lost water in the Coldwater Canyon broken pipe incident and the completion date for the project.

10. Capital Projects Update

Engineering Services Manager Samer Elayyan provided an update on capital projects, including the contract for the Robertson Sidewalk project. Project Manager Tristan Malabanan provided an update on the Burton Way project. The commission asked about future plans for the Burton Way Median.

11. Specific Information and Department Updates

Public Works Director Shana Epstein provided an update on an upcoming City Council item of interest to the Commissions. Public Works will bring design proposals for LCW-2 and 3 (La Cienega Park) to City Council on Tuesday, December 13. The commission asked about the cause for design modifications.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

12. Chair's Report

Chair Millan was thanked for serving as Commission Chair in 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

13. Director's Report


Public Works Director Shana Epstein also thanked Chair Millan for his service. Public Works anticipates a liaison meeting with City Council on water rate increases before the end of the year. A successful compost/shredding event was held recently. The public is reminded to turn off irrigation for the rainy days to come.

The Commission and staff departed the Commission Room at 10:19 AM to tour the recently remodeled City Hall Tower. The tour concluded at 10:49 AM and the Chair adjourned the meeting at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

Date/Time: December 8, 2022 / 10:49 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY of JANUARY, 2023



Wendy Nystrom, Chair

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