



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

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

August 8, 2019
8:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: August 8, 2019 / 8:02 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CIVILITY STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Alpert, Felsenthal, Wolfe, Chair Aronberg
Commissioners Absent: Vice Chair Greer
Staff Present: Gil Borboa, James Burnley, Vince Damasse, , Josette Descalzo,
Shana Epstein, William Hamilton, Ilene Knebel, Tristan
Malabanan, Derek Nguyen, Robert 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.

Speaker: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of July 11, 2019, Public Works Commission regular meeting minutes.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Wolfe, SECONDED by Commissioner Alpert to adopt the minutes as presented (3/0).

AYES: Commissioners Alpert, Wolfe, Chair Aronberg
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Felsenthal
NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Assistant Director Gil Borboa reported on the issues Metropolitan Water District is currently working on including identifying water contaminants, the Santa Monica feeder repair/pipeline detection, and the Cadiz Water Project.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Capital Projects Update

Engineering Manager Robert Welch reported on the sewer storm drain rehabilitation project, sewer repair project, the Metro update including an update on the noise mitigation and air quality concerns, and the request from Metro requesting a waiver of the holiday moratorium.

Comments from Commissioners:

- The Commission inquired about lawsuits regarding vibrations from the Metro project.
- The Commission briefly discussed the Sunset Reservoir design, the decreased expenditures for the oil wells, the groundwater ordinance and the priority of repairing/replacing aging pipes, especially with regard to fire hydrants.

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

Assistant Director Gil Borboa and Water Resources Manager Vince Damasse reported on the progress of the Water Treatment Plant Design. There was a test run of the plant and the summary will be available at the upcoming Ad Hoc Meeting on August 27. A progress update and preliminary design for the La Brea Subarea pump house was presented and a review of the most recent DDW Meeting was provided. Staff is still researching well site locations that are hydro geologically feasible.

Foothill Water Treatment Plant

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission discussed the rationale for the design consideration.
- Accommodations/space planning are being considered with the new design within the existing building.

La Brea Subarea

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission discussed additional options for the well sites and/or the possibility of deep wells at the chosen locations.
- The Commission discussed the type of filters/media used for the oxidation process.
- The Commission requested an update of DDW comments.
- The Commission commented about the plans for the pump house.
- There was a brief discussion about wells/potential well sites along La Cienega.

The Commission took a break at 9:33 AM.

The Commission returned at 9:45 AM.

4. Solid Waste Franchise Agreement Update on Open Items

Solid Waste Manager James Burnley reported on the resolution of the three outstanding questions from the last commission meeting; Revenue sharing with regard to recycling, Computer compatibility and Sunday Service Surcharge.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission inquired about specific recycling commodities.

- Commissioner Felsenthal commented about the rate increase and lack of other bidders for the Agreement.
- There was further discussion about approving the recommendation so the rate study process can move forward.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Alpert, SECONDED by Commissioner Wolfe to recommend to City Council not to release another RFP and to accept the key terms as negotiated by staff and consultants with Athens Environmental Services (3/0).

AYES: Commissioners Alpert, Wolfe, Chair Aronberg
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Felsenthal
NOES: None

CARRIED

5. LED Street Light Project Update

Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Manager Josette Descalzo updated the Commission on the progress of the LED Street Light Program. The City Touch Software was demonstrated.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission discussed the return on investment & cost savings from the project.
- The Commission discussed the CPA's additional costs as a result of Edison's rate increases.

6. Stormwater Compliance CIP Update

Burton Way Median

La Cienega Park/Frank Fenton Field

Project Manager Derek Nguyen reported on the Burton Way Median and the grant funding available for the project.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission inquired about the allocation of the budget for the project.
- There was a brief discussion about the water diversion and cost savings.

Consultant Jim Schlaman from Black & Veatch reported on the development of a stormwater compliance CIP project. He reviewed major objectives of the stormwater compliance CIP, the implementation summary and the CIP impact.

Commissioner comment:

- The Commission discussed the concepts for stormwater capture.
- Staff concurred with the Commission that reference to the Culver City Partnership should be included

Staff discussed how the report will be used with master plans in future projects.

Black & Veatch Consultant Kevin Reel reported on the evaluation of an Enhanced Watershed Management Plan and the summary of the feasibility study for La Cienega Park/Frank Fenton Field. An infiltration project is not achievable at La Cienega Park/Frank Fenton Field because their geotechnical test results indicated infiltration is not feasible. Alternatives to the project were presented. Funding options were reviewed by Black & Veatch Consultant Adelina Pirijanyan.

Commissioner comments:

- The Commission commented on the large expense and the regional aspect of the project.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PROJECT UPDATES & STATUS REPORTS

7. Water Efficiency Update

No comments.

8. Specific Information and Department Updates

No comments.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

9. Chair's Report

- Mayor's Cabinet notes are in the packet.
- Ad Hoc Update- Water Efficiency regulations were discussed at a recent Ad Hoc Meeting and a working group will be scheduled to continue the discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

10. Director's Report

- Staff participated in National Night Out.
- Public Works Department photo contest winner's photos were displayed.
- Commissioners were encouraged to attend the MWD Trip.
- The Hyperion Water Treatment Tour is taking place on August 30. It will be a Special Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: August 8, 2019 / 11:55 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY of SEPTEMBER, 2019



Sandra Aronberg, M.D., Chair