



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 North Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Telephonic/Video Conference

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

June 11, 2020
8:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: June 11, 2020 / 8:01 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CIVILITY STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Millan, Felsenthal, Aronberg, Vice Chair Alpert,
Chair Greer
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff Present: Gil Borboa, Vince Damasse, Josette Descalzo, Shana Epstein,
Daren Grilley, Michael Hensley, Ilene Knebel, Mandana Motahari

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.

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of May 14, 2020, Public Works Commission regular meeting minutes.

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

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

NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

None.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Integrated Water Resources Master Plan (IWRMP) Workshop

Staff and consultants conducted a workshop with the Commissioners as part of the Commission's Agenda. Staff explained that the goal of the IWRMP is to provide an achievable and prioritized structure to set a short term 5-year capital improvement program.

Staff and consultants explained the process involved in preparing the draft IWRMP report. They explained IWRMP priorities reflected the outcome of workshops, staff discussions and recommendations based on an assessment of City systems.

Staff and consultants explained that they evaluated and scored potential capital improvement projects based on the following factors: cost, reliability, timeframe, feasibility, emergency resiliency, and risk factors.

As the consultants and staff presented their oral report on the IWRMP. Commissioners addressed comments and questions to the staff and consultants. Topics covered included: historic water demands and water demand projections, conservation, groundwater production, potential alternative sources for irrigation.

The Commission took a break at 9:57 AM
The Commission returned at 10:05 AM

After the recess, the Commission and staff discussed emergency storage for potable water. Potential projects were discussed, including the challenges related to three reservoir systems identified in the draft IWRMP. Staff and consultants then presented an analysis on the water, sewer and drain systems.

Comment read into the record: Wendy Nystrom

At the conclusion of the staff and consultant presentation, the Commission indicated by a verbal consensus that emergency water storage remained the Commission's recommended highest priority. Additionally, the Chair recommended, and the Commission concurred, that an Ad Hoc Committee of the Commission, involving the Chair and Vice-Chair, convene with the staff and consultants to review the scoring criteria of the IWRMP as well as various questions and comments that arose during the workshop session.

Staff expressed its desire to incorporate any necessary adjustments to the IWRMP so that the IWRMP report can be presented to City Council.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PROJECT UPDATES & STATUS ITEMS

3. Public Works Department Response to COVID – 19

There were no comments on the report in the Commission packet.

4. Foothill Water Treatment Plant/La Brea Subarea Update

Assistant Director Gil Borboa relayed that bids were received and discussed with the Ad Hoc for the construction of the treatment plant. This item will move forward to the June 16, 2020 City Council meeting for approval.

5. Water Efficiency Update

There were no comments on the report in the Commission packet.

6. Capital Projects Update

The Commission had a question about the Sunset Reservoir and its budget. City Engineer Grilley explained there have been complications with utilities that are being resolved but will not affect the project's budget.

7. Specific Information and Department Updates

There were no comments on the report in the Commission packet.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

8. Chair's Report

There was no Mayor's Cabinet Meeting this month. The Commission and staff made individual remarks recognizing the end of Commissioner Aronberg's term.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

9. Director's Report

Director Epstein reiterated that the water treatment plant bids are on the City Council Agenda on June 16, 2020 and the City Council will have a Special Budget Session Meeting on June 29, 2020. City Hall Meetings will remain virtual until specific protocols are in place.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: June 11, 2020 / 11:38 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY of AUGUST, 2020



Joshua L. Greer, Chair