



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

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

December 10, 2020
8:00 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date/Time: December 10, 2020 / 8:01 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CIVILITY STATEMENT

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Nystrom, Millan, Felsenthal, Vice Chair Alpert, Chair Greer

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Gil Borboa, Craig Crowder, Vince Damasse, Sharon, Dressel, Shana Epstein, Daren Grilley, Michael Hensley, Ilene Knebel, Tristan Malabanan, Tania Schwartz

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 comment: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Consideration of November 12, 2020, Public Works Commission regular meeting minutes.

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Millan, SECONDED by Commissioner Nystrom to approve as presented (5/0).

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

ABSTAIN: None

NOES: None

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES

Operations Reports from City Departments, Consultants and Outside Agencies

- BHUSD Representative/Project Manager Sierra Michaelson presented an update on the Veneco Oil Well Site project. All 19 wells are plugged and demobilization of the site has begun. The site restoration plan will be done, with BHUSD being responsible for the general cleanup of the site in preparation for construction of ball fields in the area. The Commission voiced concerns over the site cleanup and future plans.
- Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Director, Dr. Barry Pressman reported on the most recent Board of Directors Meeting where the continuing funding for the Delta Conveyance was discussed and supported as well as other pertinent environmental projects.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

2. Performance Measures Fiscal Year 2019/20 Year-End Update

Public Works Manager Michael Hensley updated the Commission on the Performance Measures of the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2020/2021 for each division of the Public Works Department.

3. Proposed Agenda Items for January Through June 2021 Meetings

Public Works Manager Michael Hensley solicited information from the Commissioners regarding the next six months schedule for the Public Works Commission. The Commission suggested the Inventory Management Issue be moved to an earlier date, the addition of the Sustainability Plan, cardboard recycling and a monthly IWRMP Emergency Water Storage report. Also further dialog about the Climate Action Plan, the operation of the Water Treatment Plant once it is online, the importance of tours for Public Works Commissioners and an advanced water reuse discussion were suggested.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Public Works Department Safety Program Update

Staff from Public Works and Risk Management gave verbal updates of the various City Safety Programs in place as well as department specific programs. Risk Manager Sharon Dressel, Fleet and Facilities Manager Craig Crowder and Senior Management Analyst Tania Schwartz provided additional information.

The Commission took a break at 10:09 AM.

The Commission returned at 10:20 AM.

PROJECT UPDATES & STATUS ITEMS

5. Public Works Department Response to COVID – 19

No report.

The Commission commented about the possibility of a Health Department being formed in the City of Beverly Hills and the topic being discussed at the most recent City Council meeting. There was a brief discussion about the use of sewage testing to predict COVID increases.

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

Water Resources Manager Vince Damasse reported to the Commission on the progress of the Water Treatment Plant Construction. Next steps will focus on process mechanical and final connections once the new equipment arrives. The August 2021 completion and October 2021 start date is still on track. A Water Ad Hoc Meeting occurred recently with preliminary blend water quality data presented. Data is being validated with a future update planned to the whole

Commission. Information was also presented about the Transmission Main Pipeline and Sand Pit Site Monitoring Well.

7. Water Efficiency Update

Water Conservation Administrator Debby Figoni presented a Quarterly Update which included a drought comparison, reservoir conditions, and irrigation reminders. Residents are encouraged to sign up for Water Tracker. <https://water.beverlyhills.org/> The Commission commented about implementing stricter water use restrictions and dissemination of the information about water use via mailers or in the water bills.

8. Capital Projects Update (TAB #8 taken prior to TAB #7)

City Engineer Daren Grilley gave updates on the Water Main Replacement Project, Sunset Reservoir Upgrade Project, Annual Street Paving Project, Sewer Rehabilitation Project, and Metro Project, Section 1. Metro Project Section 2 update was provided by Transportation Planner Jessie Holtzer. Portal costs and locations were briefly discussed.

Speaker: An email from Dr. Sharona Nazarian read into the record.

9. Specific Information and Department Updates

A follow up was given from last month's Water Enterprise Fund Financials. Additional questions were posed for the current month's report.

10. Chair and Vice-Chair Rotation and Recognition of Outgoing Commissioner

Chair Greer was thanked for his tenure as Chair. Starting January 2021, Vice Chair Alpert will become Chair and Commission Millan will become Vice Chair. Commissioner Jerry Felsenthal was thanked for his commitment and dedication while a member of the Public Works Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION

11. Chair's Report

- No Mayor's Cabinet Highlights.
- Brief updates were given for the Water and Solid Waste Ad Hoc Meetings held recently.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF

12. Director's Report

- Director Epstein reported on the recent City Council/Public Works Liaison Meeting regarding the Solid Waste Rates.
- Community Development Staff Members will be joining the Public Works Team due to a reorganization.
- Fourth Grader, Elliot Yi, from Horace Mann School was a winner in the MWD Calendar Art Contest.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: December 10, 2020 / 10:17 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY of JANUARY, 2021



Charles Alpert, Chair