



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

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

February 10, 2022  
8:00 AM

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Nazarian, Alpert, Greer, Vice Chair Nystrom, Chair Millan  
Commissioners Absent: None  
Staff Present: Vince Damasse, Josette Descalzo, Debby Dunn, Samer Elayyan, Shana Epstein, Daren Grilley, Michael Hensley, Jessie Holzer, Ilene Knebel, Tristan Malabanan, BHPD Chief Mark Stainbrook, 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.

None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Consideration of November 10, 2021 Public Works Commission regular meeting minutes.
2. Consideration of January 13, 2022 Public Works Commission regular meeting minutes.
3. 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 Findings and Determinations Regarding the Same

Motion: MOVED by Commissioner Greer, SECONDED by Vice Chair Nystrom to approve all items on the Consent Calendar as presented (5/0).

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

NOES: None

**CARRIED**

## **REPORTS FROM PRIORITY AGENCIES**

### **Operations Reports from City Departments, Consultants and Outside Agencies**

Utilities General Manager Robert Welch commented on current activity at Metropolitan Water District.

Beverly Hills Police Chief Mark Stainbrook introduced himself to the Commission, spoke about crime trends and answered Commission questions.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **4. Performance Measures Fiscal Year 2021/22 Mid-Year Update**

Deputy Director of Public Works/Operations Michael Hensley reviewed the performance measures outlined in the report for the first six months of the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022. Both increases and decreases in measures were discussed.

### **5. Net Zero Policy Update**

Water Resources Manager Vince Damasse provided an update on other agencies Net Zero Policies as compared with Beverly Hills.

The Commission gave feedback and comments.

### **6. Certifying Beverly Hills Businesses in the California Green Business Network**

Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager Josette Descalzo presented this item. He displayed the website outlining the steps showing how businesses can benefit from participating in the California Green Business Network Program. By showing their compliance with sustainability and cost saving measures, they can be recognized for their efforts from both the City of Beverly Hills and statewide.

The Commission expressed their support for the program.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **7. Best Practices Around the World- Bicycling in the Netherlands**

Transportation Planner Jessie Holzer shared an overview of the bicycle transportation policy in the Netherlands and how it advances the country's sustainability goals.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from David Gingold.

The Commissioners commented and gave feedback.

## **PROJECT UPDATES & STATUS ITEMS**

### **8. Foothill Water Treatment Plant Update/La Brea Subarea**

Water Resources Manager Vince Damasse Project presented updates and status of the Foothill Water Treatment Plant Project including a 30-day testing summary. Additional comments were offered by Principal Engineer from Carollo Engineers Dustin Whyman, PE. Project Manager Tristan Malabanan gave an overview of the La Brea Subarea Project.

The Commission took a break at 10:03AM

The Commission returned at 10:13 AM

**9. Water Efficiency Update**

Water Conservation Administrator Debby Dunn discussed the current drought situation. The City will remain in the Stage C water conservation restrictions. She relayed water saving tips. The Commission commented on the City's water use; a report will be presented quarterly in the future.

**10. Capital Projects Update**

Assistant Director of Public Works/City Engineer Daren Grilley gave an update on Capital Projects including the Robertson Sidewalk Project, Burton Way Median and the Metro Section 2. In addition, there was an update on the Cabrillo Reservoir Project. Water Resources Manager Vince Damasse, with Consultant/Vice President of Kennedy/Jenks David Ferguson, gave a presentation on storage alternatives and the options for smaller reservoirs. Vice Chair Nystrom and Commissioner Greer spoke on behalf of the Ad Hoc meeting held recently on this topic.

Public Speaker: Public comment was heard from David Gingold.

The Commission commented and suggested the Cabrillo items be brought back with additional updated information.

**11. Specific Information and Department Updates**

No Report.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION**

**12. Chair's Report**

The Commission offered additional information about surrounding cities and their Net Zero Policies and a future Agenda item was suggested with regard to supplemental trash and dog waste receptacles.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM STAFF**

**13. Director's Report**

Director of Public Works Shana Epstein reviewed the most recent City Council Meeting action including the Urban Forest Master Plan and the drought declaration. Additional future items were discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Date/Time: February 10, 2022 / 11:09 AM

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY of MARCH, 2022

  
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John Millan, Chair