



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Thursday, June 7, 2001, 7:00 p.m.
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

MINUTES

Roll Call: 7:07 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Piercy, Perry, St. John, Alward, Holland, Lofton, Gartner, Broderick

Absent: Commissioner Shumer

Staff Present: Jeffrey Egeberg (Secretary), Patrick Keilch, Darryl Moore, Sherman Jackson, Wendy Wong

Comments from the Public:

Emily Wilcox, Commission on Disability, spoke in favor of the transfer of the Transportation Planning function to the Public Works Department.

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Andy Katz, ASUC, spoke in favor of street sweeping and recommended that the parking prohibition be reduced from 3 hours to 2 hours.

Richard Thomason, Transportation Commission, spoke on a target-PCI-based Pavement Management System, on a plan to increase the street paving program, and on consolidating the Transportation Planning and Traffic Engineering functions.

Order of the Agenda: It was MSC (Holland/St John) that Action Item 2 (Street Sweeping) will be moved ahead of Action Item 1 (Transportation/Traffic), and then the Commission will decide

the order of the remainder of the agenda.

Announcements: Commissioner Perry announced that Roy Oakes, long-time Public Works Director in Berkeley, recently passed away.

Approval of Minutes: Meeting of May 2, 2001

A correction was made that the leads on the joint actions of the two commissions were not designated to be Commissioners Perry and Thomason, but that the Chairs of the two Commissions would agree on that later. The minutes were approved as amended (MSC Piercy/Gartner).

Meeting of May 3, 2001

The minutes were approved as submitted (MSC St John/Piercy).

Presentation: Darryl Moore, Public Works Administration staff, presented a summary of new government accounting requirements under "GASB 34," with which Berkeley must comply by June 30, 2002. Since this involves infrastructure inventory development, the Commission will be updated regularly on progress. A consultant is expected to be on board soon and will hopefully be available to give the Commission a more thorough briefing.

Action Items:

2. **Street Sweeping Policy:** The report presented is a draft, and as such, no action is taken. However, a timeline and process is suggested. The final report is to be submitted at the next Commission meeting on July 5, 2001 so that it can be placed on the Council agenda for one of the last two meetings before the summer recess. This will be discussed in detail at the next subcommittee meeting on June 20, 2001. All interested commissioners are invited.

3. **Discussion of 5/2/01 Joint Meeting with Transportation Commission and Possible Adjustments to Street Repair Policy:** Staff indicated that (1) slope data is not available and is not an input to PMS, (2) longitudinal cracks are better addressed through maintenance activities, rather than capital paving programs, and (3) that a "target-PCI" approach is being considered within the GASB 34 evaluations, which will take several months. Commissioners expressed their individual reactions to the discussions held during the joint meeting with the Transportation Commission on May 2, 2001. Discussion ensued on whether to have an annual joint meeting with the Transportation Commission, concurrent with adoption of the annual program update, but it was concluded, without taking action, to refer the matter back to the CIP Subcommittee for further recommendations.

4. **Restructuring of Commission Subcommittees:** Further discussion took place on the merits of the old and new subcommittee structuring, as shown on the attachments. It was pointed out that the main goals to be attained are productivity and participation. The new structuring proposal was passed (MSC St John/Holland; Broderick abstained) to take effect in

September, after the summer recess. Assignments to each subcommittee will take place during June and July 2001.

1. **Transportation Planning and Traffic Engineering:** Commissioner Perry introduced the motion delivered in writing expressing the Commission's position regarding the restructuring proposals to the City Council. This was passed (MSC St John, ?; Holland abstained) and is to be delivered on the Council Agenda for the June 12, 2001 meeting.

Information/Discussion Items:

1. **Council Presentation on the Sewer Fund:** Commissioner St John summarized the presentation made at the Council meeting of May 15, 2001. The joint assessment with the Budget Review Commission is expected to take about a year.

2. **City Retention Procedures:** Item held over at request of Commissioner Broderick

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm.