



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**

Thursday, July 5, 2001, 7:00 p.m.
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

MINUTES

Roll Call: 7:10 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioners Holland, Lofton

Staff Present: Jeffrey Egeberg (Secretary)

Comments from the Public:

Karen Craig, Commission on Disability, spoke in favor of exemptions for the disabled from moving vehicles during street sweeping.

Roland Peterson, Telegraph Business Improvement District, spoke on reductions in services from the Public Works Department in this district.

Norman Rabkin, Commission on Disability, spoke in favor of exemptions for the disabled from moving vehicles during street sweeping.

Announcements: None.

Approval of Minutes: Meeting of June 7, 2001

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

Adoption of Agenda: Action Items 1 and 2 were moved to Subcommittee Reports.

Presentation: None

Action Items:

3. Priority List for New Traffic Signal Installation: Jeff Egeberg presented the tentative list from the last Transportation Commission meeting and indicated that the current signal design for Oxford and Vine is second on this list. There is budget carried over from the Fiscal Year just closed (FY 01) for another new signal and new money for another signal in the new year (FY 02). Both would be taken from this list. The Commission would like appropriate staff to answer the following questions at a future meeting:

- a. Is there a rational maintenance approach, which includes the estimated maintenance costs for different-sized signal configurations? How much of the City's traffic signal inventory is interconnected (synchronization)?
- b. A breakdown of construction costs for different types of new signals is requested.
- c. An improved priority list is requested, with descriptions of all data and the criteria for prioritization explained.

4. Draft Tree Removal Ordinance: Discussion indicated the Commissioners' concern with financial impacts and liability for unsafe tree conditions. Additional wording indicating this was added to the attached statement. Also, the wording "...an already overworked Public Works staff" was changed to "...City staff." The amended statement was adopted (MSC Broderick/St. John) to be sent to the Parks and Recreation Commission, with a CC to members of the City Council.

5. Revised Subcommittee Organization: For Standing Committees, the attached proposed scheme was modified to replace Lofton with Perry on the "Public R/W" Subcommittee and replace Perry with Lofton on the "Facil/Equip" Subcommittee. This was adopted (MSC Shumer/Broderick) contingent on Commissioner Lofton's agreement (since he is not present); if not, the original assignments will be retained. The Ad Hoc configuration was adopted as such (MSC Perry/Shumer).

Information Items:

1. Work Plan/Staffing for Increased Street Paving Funding: Jeff Egeberg reported that there has been no progress since the last meeting and that the Council apparently passed the new budget without the increased staffing.

2. Commission Work Plan: The idea of forming an Ad Hoc Committee to develop a Work Plan was proposed. Chair Piercy proposed that a priority goal in the Plan would be to encourage the use of Standards and Measurements by Public Works staff.

3. Future Agenda Items: Commissioner Broderick's item on Records Retention will be held over to the September meeting. Chair Piercy indicated that the Work Plan topic will be carried on each Commission meeting agenda through the end of the calendar year.

Subcommittee Reports:

1. Undergrounding: The Rule 20B Information Packets will be ready by the Subcommittee meeting on July 19, 2001 (or revised date). The packet will not be approved by the full Commission. Due to the high level of interest, it has been decided to hold 4 to 5 larger area meetings, rather than in each proposed district. It was also noted that the Task Force is currently set to “sunset” on July 25, 2001. Finally, the Subcommittee will begin to develop a new policy for Rule 20A to develop City-wide criteria, rather than receiving individual applications from interested districts.

2. Capital Improvements: The attached information sheet on a “PCI-Driven” Pavement Management System was discussed. Staff will develop this concept more fully consistent with the direction of the GASB 34 approach.

3. Street Sweeping: The draft report was not “100% received” at the last meeting. A revised final report is expected one week before the July 25, 2001 subcommittee meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.