



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, May 2, 2002, 7:00 p.m.
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

Roll Call: 7:02 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Comments from the Public: None.

Announcements: None.

Approval of Minutes: April 4, 2002

Amended as follows:

Information Item 2: In first sentence add “staff” before “committee.”

Subcommittee Report 3: Change “standards” to “tracking and collecting usable information on cost of performed maintenance.”

The minutes were approved as amended (MSC Campbell/Perry/Holland abstaining).

Presentation: A presentation on GIS development involving the “Azteca City-Works” system was given by Lorin Jensen and Cristi Delgado.

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Action Items:

1. Recommendations regarding advance notice for construction tow away zones: The commission would like to allow staff more time to collect information on potential impacts, including both City and private projects, including checking with the AGC. It was suggested to check with the City of Oakland on its experience since adopting its 72-hour provision. It was decided to carry this item over to the next meeting (MSC Campbell/Holland). The secretary was requested to convey this timeframe to the City Manager and Transportation Commissions.

2. Impacts on Infrastructure CIP due to budget issues, including new Measure B allocations and General Fund reductions: With regard to General Fund reductions, the Commission would like to know what the cuts are in other departments. Concerning making recommendations to Council on whether to maintain existing levels in infrastructure programs, it was acknowledged that some “hard choices” may need to be made. With regard to new Measure B funding, the overall staff recommendations are not yet available. It was decided to carry over this entire item to the next meeting (MSC Holland/Shumer).

3. Adoption of updated 5-Year Street Paving Plan: The draft council report was approved as submitted (MSC Perry/St. John), specifying that the council report should be signed by the commission chair. It was also noted that the implementation of the Plan has incorporated the additional funding from AB 2928, including the current year’s program.

4. Identifying Maintenance Costs in New Project Proposals: Commissioner Shumer’s proposed language for a recommendation to Council was adopted as amended (MSC Shumer/Alward). The secretary will prepare the final revision for review and for sign-off by the Chair.

5. Policy Regarding Public Hearings Not Starting After 10 p.m.: The Commission adopted the following statement: “It is the policy of the Public Works Commission to start all public hearings no later than 7:30p.m.” The secretary is authorized to convey this statement as appropriate to the City Clerk and/or the City Council (MSC Shumer/St. John).

Information Items:

1. Continued discussion on performance measure development: This item is continued to future agendas.

2. Status of GASB 34 compliance: A new “RFP” competitive solicitation process has been completed, and staff has selected the engineering firm of Harris and Associates to provide

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these services. The contract has been submitted for the June 11, 2002 Council meeting. The deadline for completion of these services is September 15, 2002.

Subcommittee Reports:

1. Utility: An undergrounding informational meeting was held for the Thousand Oaks Heights neighborhood on April 24, 2002.

2. Right-of-Way: The 5-year street paving plan was updated and reviewed.

3. Facilities & Equipment: A subcommittee work plan was distributed to all Commissioners.

4. Ad Hoc: Sewer Program Review: The subcommittee is still trying to obtain pertinent cost information.

Items for Future Agenda:

1. Recommendations regarding advance notice for construction tow-away zones.

2. Impacts on infrastructure CIP due to budget issues, including new Measure B allocations and General Fund reductions.

Adjournment: 9:15 p.m.