



Public Works{tc \11 "Department of Public Works} Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, January 5, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: 7:09 pm

Present: Commissioners Dacey, Edwards, Holland, Jackson, Prevo, Shumer, St. John

Absent: Commissioners Alward, Ongerth

PUBLIC ATTENDING: 2

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. November 3, 2005 Regular Meeting: The minutes were approved as submitted (MSC St. John/Prevo with a vote of 6-0-0).
2. December 3, 2005 Special Meeting: A typo is to be corrected to add a “d” after “place” in the last item under “Review of Current Plan” on page 2. The minutes were approved as amended (MSC Holland/Dacey with a vote of 7-0-0).

CHAIR REPORT: Commissioner Shumer indicated that she had heard a “rumor” of a \$3,000,000 mid-year windfall in the City’s budget and that, if so, the Commission might want to recommend its use for deferred infrastructure improvements. The Secretary was requested to report back on this at the next meeting.

STAFF REPORT: The Council date for the private sewer lateral program has been postponed from January 17, 2006 to a future meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Henry De Graca has resigned as Infrastructure Maintenance Manager,

ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDED UPON REQUEST

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and Joseph Ayankoya has been assigned temporarily in that position.

Five Commissioners indicated an interest in a proposed tour of EBMUD Wastewater Treatment Facilities, and a tour of the Corporation Yard will be scheduled for all new Commissioners. The Secretary will proceed to make arrangements for these tours.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Adoption of the 2006 Work Plan:** Under Category I, the date for Item 3 (Surface Drainage) should be changed to March. A status report on the Creeks Task Force should remain on each agenda for the duration of the task force. Item 5 should be changed to “Street Lighting” with a date of February. The Secretary is requested to locate a staff report on the subject from 2 – 3 years ago. A new Item 6 should be added to be “Pedestrian Issues, sidewalk & path maintenance, streetscape.” Under Category II, a date of March was set for item 1 (Street Cleaning). A subcommittee of Commissioners Holland and Shumer was formed on that topic. For Item 2 (Rule 20A Undergrounding) a date of January 2007 was set, and a subcommittee of Commissioners Prevo and St. John was formed.
- 2. Implementation Level and Financing of a Private Sewer Lateral Program:** A subcommittee of Commissioners Dacey, Edwards, Jackson and Shumer was formed and is to report back at the next meeting.
- 3. Appointment of a Commissioner to Attend Aquatic Park Connection Design Workshop on January 12, 2006:** Commissioners Jackson and Prevo were appointed to attend the upcoming workshop.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 1. Description of the Process for a Pedestrian Plan:** The plan development is part of a statewide assessment program. Workshops will be widely announced to the general public.
- 2. Updated Assessment of Pavement Management Program:** A consultant pavement condition assessment has been completed, and a draft report has been prepared. The average Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for the City of Berkeley has dropped considerably since the last assessment four years ago. Staff will make a full report at the next meeting, including average PCI’s for other Bay Area jurisdictions.
- 3. Capital Improvement Plan for Storm Water Drainage System:** Staff engineer Lorin Jensen gave a presentation on the state of the City’s storm drainage system. He handed out copies of a 1994 Master Plan prepared by a consulting engineering firm, but indicated it is considerably out of date. He estimated that an annual budget of \$2,500,000 is needed to properly address the total backlog of repairs and improvements that are needed. A Council presentation is tentatively planned for April

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2006 for this purpose. There was some sentiment on the Commission that perhaps these funds should come from somewhere in the existing City budget, rather than increase the storm water fees.

4. **Status Report on Creeks Task Force:** Commissioner St. John handed out the draft report outline from the CTF and described the short timeframe remaining to finalize its report to the Council.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

1. Staff Presentations
 - a. Environmental Issues
2. Issues Being Deferred for Now
 - a. Street Lighting Standards (including maintenance)
 - b. Recommendation regarding Street Cleaning Program
 - c. Citywide Plan for future Rule 20A Undergrounding Funds
3. Reports from Liaisons to Other Commissions

ADJOURNMENT: 9:15 pm