



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 6, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:05 pm

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

Absent: None

Vacant: Mayor Bates' Appointee

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** March 2, 2006 Regular Meeting

In Information Item #2, "ZAB" should be changed to "Planning Commission." The minutes were approved as amended (MSC St. John/Holland, with a vote of 6-0-0).

**CHAIR REPORT:** Commissioner Shumer announced that she has recently been appointed to the Zoning Adjustments Board and will step down as Chair of the Public Works Commission at the next meeting. A nominating committee, consisting of Commissioners Holland, Shumer and St. John, was appointed in preparation for elections of a new Chair and Vice Chair at the May 4, 2006 meeting.

**STAFF REPORT:** A new Residential Street Sweeping petition has been submitted to opt in Hilgard, and this is being referred to the subcommittee.

**7:30 pm ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Newly appointed Commissioner Marian Wolfe was introduced and welcomed. Commissioner Wolfe agreed to join the Subcommittee on Street Sweeping.

**ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDED UPON REQUEST**

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There have been further delays in attempting to arrange another tour of EBMUD Wastewater Treatment Facilities.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Financial Assistance to Property Owners for Private Sewer Lateral Repairs:** Continued discussion took place on possible future Phases 3 and 4 (in conjunction with sewer main construction). Discussion focused on whether CDBG funds could be used for low-income assistance, whether there should be a phase of voluntary compliance, whether all inspections should be paid by the City, and whether the program needs to be self-supporting. Several options for moving forward were identified: 1) “shelve” the further implementation, 2) investigate what could be paid for from the Sewer Fund, 3) allow a longer period of time for compliance, such as two years, and 4) phase in over a gradual period of 2 – 5 years. The topic was referred to subcommittee, to be brought back for further discussion at the next meeting (MSC St. John/Alward, with a vote of 6-0-1, Edwards abstaining, Jackson arriving late).

**2. Recommendations on Street Sweeping Program:** The draft Council report was discussed, and it was sent it back to subcommittee for updating and to return for action at the next meeting.

**3. Creeks Task Force Recommendations:** Commissioner St. John presented the draft recommendations from the Task Force as contained in the packet. In the draft statement to the Planning Commission, the term “watershed assessment...” will be changed to “watershed management plan.” The amended communication was approved for the Chair to sign and forward to the Planning Commission (MSC St. John/Holland with a vote of 7-0-0).

### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- 1. Staff Report on Private Sewer Lateral Repairs in Last Three Years:** This report was noted with interest and appreciation.
- 2. Staff Report on Impervious Surface Abatement and Watershed Management Activity in the City’s Storm Water NPDES Permit:** This report will be held over to the next meeting.

### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

1. Presentation by Gil Dong, Fire Department Emergency Coordinator
2. Report on 2005 Legal Claims for Flood Losses
3. Staff Presentations: Environmental Issues
4. Issues Being Deferred for Now
  - a. Street Lighting Standards (including maintenance)
  - b. Citywide Plan for future Rule 20A Undergrounding Funds
5. Reports from Liaisons to Other Commissions

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:20