



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, November 6, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: 7:13 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Alward, Henry, Holland, Prevo, Wolfe

Absent: Commissioners Nelson, Schueler, Shumer

Vacant: Councilmember Anderson's appointee

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of October 2, 2008 were approved as submitted (MSC Holland/Prevo, with a vote of 5-0-0).

CHAIR REPORT: Vice Chair Henry brought up the resignation of Chair Tom Francis from the Commission and pointed out the option of waiting until the regular time for elections in February 2009, in lieu of electing a short-term Chair before that. This will be placed on the agenda for the Special Meeting (Retreat) in December 2008.

STAFF REPORT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Revised Council Report on Rule 20A Undergrounding: Discussion was held on the

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revised report in the packet, and it was agreed to change the word “meager” to “limited” in the Background paragraph and to change the title to “Undergrounding of Utilities for Ashby Avenue/Tunnel Road.” The amended report was then approved for submittal to the Council agenda process (MSC Wolfe/Alward, with a vote of 5-0-0).

2. Street Repair Policy Proposal: Discussion was held regarding the draft revised policy contained in the packet. Under “Section 1. General Policy,” suggestions were to reverse the order of the first added sentence to read something like “The street system provides the surface conveyance system for vehicles, bicycles, transit, and pedestrians and further contains the storm water conveyance system and utility right-of-way.” This should be stated as a “primary purpose” of the policy. The proposal will go back to the Work Group for further editing. The usual timing for sending the annual update to Council is April of each year.

3. Comments on Permeable Pavers: The latest update contained in the packet was reviewed. Attention was directed to the new matrix of candidate streets for trial installations. Site plans for the proposed Peerless development on 4th Street between Allston and Bancroft were also reviewed. It was noted that the developer has expressed interest in using permeable pavers on the enhancements to the public right-of-way on 4th Street. The next step will be to prepare for a possible Council Work Session to be announced in the near future.

4. December 6, 2008 Retreat: Discussion was held regarding the draft agenda. Suggestions were to make sure that the previous Work Plan is in the packet, to move up the “Outreach” items on the agenda, and to remove Commissioner names from the items. The secretary will publish the agenda per normal timelines.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Status of Past PWC Recommendations: Commissioner Wolfe will produce a new version of the report prepared by the secretary to include in the retreat packet.

2. Update on Municipal Regional Permits and Possible Effects on Street Sweeping: The Regional Board is apparently preparing a major revision to the tentative regulations and has not finished within the projected timeframe. A report to the Commission will be made at a future date when it is released.

FUTURE AGENDAS:

Dec: Special Meeting (Retreat) – Annual Work Plan

ADJOURNMENT: 9:03 p.m.