



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Action Minutes
Thursday, June 6, 2019

Willow Room, Corporation Yard, 1326 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA

CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 PM

Present: Ray Yep, Nic Dominguez, Jim McGrath, Shane Krpata, Sachu Constantine (late), Margo Schueler, John Hitchen, Jackie Erbe, and Matt Freiberg

Absent: none

Staff: Nisha Patel, Joe Enke, Andrew Brozyna, Danny Akagi, Elmar Kapfer, Alisa Shen

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lars Skjerping attended and made no comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the May 2, 2019 meeting were approved (McGrath/ Krpata 8/0/1 absent: Constantine)

CHAIR REPORT: Ray Yep reported on the following:

1. Ray asked that we set a date for the commission social gathering in August. It was decided to hold it on Saturday, August 24, from 11 am – 2 pm.
2. Reported that he attended the Council Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment and Sustainability committee meeting earlier in the day.
3. Reported that he attended the last Council meeting on the budget and requested a staff person for utility undergrounding be added.
4. Reported that there is a contract for a computerized maintenance management system on the next Council meeting.
5. Reported that there is Council interest to conduct a study of electric charging stations as the City moves to an all-electric fleet.

STAFF REPORT: No report

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Adeline Corridor Specific Plan – Alisa Shen made a presentation on the Adeline Corridor Draft Specific Plan, including the planning process, plan overview, and five big ideas. Written comments are to be submitted by July 5.
2. Updates on Measure T1 – Andrew Brozyna provided an overview of the next semi-annual update to Council for the Measure T1 program. Andrew mentioned that planning for the Phase 2 projects will start in July. Elmar Kapfer provided status updates on some specific projects. Ray suggested scheduling a presentation on the Aquatic Park tide tubes project to the PWC.

3. 5-year paving plan – Ray reported that the paving sub-committee met on May 23, 2019 and discussed the draft 5-year paving plan for FY2020 – FY2024. Joe Enke provided a flowchart showing how the 5-year paving plan was developed. Comments from the commissioners included:
 - Jackie suggested showing “go/no go” decision points on the flowchart. She also suggested that “continuous blocks” and “equity” should be shown side-by-side.
 - Nic suggested using a scoring system to know how the criteria add up to a decision.
 - Margo asked how paving work is contributing to meeting our climate action goals. She also said we need to define equity.
 - Jim said that we need to update the street rehabilitation policy.

Joe said he is planning to present the draft 5-year paving plan to the Transportation Commission.

4. Approach to a long-term paving plan -- Matt Freiberg discussed an outline for preparing a long-term paving plan. He also used the outline to prepare a draft section in the upcoming 5-year paving plan recommendations to Council. The commissioners commented that this was a very good start.

Ray said the report to Council should include the following: a)review of the 5-year paving plan, b)responses to Council comments in 2017 and 2018, and c)suggestions for a long-term paving plan to improve Berkeley’s street condition.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. The PWC’s annual workplan has been updated for submitting to Council and a copy was provided to the commissioners.
2. Standing Information Item: Subcommittee Reports
 - Street paving – covered in earlier discussion.
 - T1 implementation – covered in earlier discussion.
 - Utility undergrounding – Ray provided a written reported of the sub-committee meeting held on May 22, 2019.
 - Watershed management – Nic handed out a memo, “Recent Trash Truck Fires and Creek Drainage” to meeting attendees. He asked about the correct format to submit the memo as council communication. Nic reported that the watershed sub-committee met and discussed the issue of foam in Codornices Creek. He also reported that previous reports to Council on the watershed management plan update and maintenance of Codornices Creek have not been submitted to Council. The Committee is considering withdrawing their reports based on new information they have received. The recommendations may no longer be useful because staff has already addressed the Codornices Creek maintenance items and a storm drain master plan is proposed to address all the GI and Watershed Management Plan issues. A Committee Meeting to discuss this is scheduled in the next couple weeks.
 - Street lighting – Matt is chairing the sub-committee and they have met. They reviewed the problems with the LED light conversion project and discussed a long term plan to address lighting needs.
3. Upcoming City Community Meetings- The Green Infrastructure plan will be on the Council agenda on June 18th.

FUTURE AGENDAS: Items for the July commission meeting.

1. Street paving

Motion to ADJOURN - (Freiberg/Schueler 9/0/0) 9:05 pm.

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