



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Action Minutes

Thursday, July 11, 2019

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

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 PM

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

Absent: Jim McGrath

Staff: Nisha Patel, Joe Enke

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the June 6, 2019 meeting were approved (Schueler/ Krpata 6/0/0/3 abstain: none, absent: Constantine, Erbe, McGrath)

CHAIR REPORT: Ray Yep reported on the following:

1. The July 16th Council meeting will have a presentation by PG&E on their plans to shut-off power under extreme fire hazard conditions. The PWC's annual workplan is also in the agenda packet.
2. Reminded the commissioners that our social get together will be on August 24 at 11 am.

STAFF REPORT:

1. Joe Enke reported that the construction work underway includes the Shattuck reconfiguration, Panoramic Hills paving, the Measure T1 streets, and the FY2018 and 2019 paving projects. These total about \$27 million. With the GI, facilities, sidewalk, and sewer projects underway, the total amount of construction underway is about \$57 million.
2. Nisha Patel reported that the paving funding report to Council has been moved to Sept. 10th.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. 5-year paving plan – Ray reported that the paving sub-committee met on June 12 and 24, 2019. He also met with Joe Enke and Joe Ririe on June 21st. The sub-committee prepared a draft 5-year paving report to Council and we discussed the following:
 - A. Comments on the 5-year paving plan:
 - Margo suggested: a) the plan uses asphalt paving and does not contribute to reducing greenhouse gases, b) the Hopkins and Cedar paving will require additional funding for bikeways, c) delete the word "equitable", and d) the Adeline corridor specific plan may impact the use of T1 funds for paving Adeline Street.
 - John suggested: The City is starting a corridor study of Hopkins. Joe responded that paving Hopkins will be after the corridor study is finished.

- Sachu asked for a metric on how paving work is bundled across the city.
- B. Comments on the Council requested actions items:
 - Sachu noted that Bellecci is misspelled.
 - Margo suggested: a) add wording for discretionary and demonstration projects, and b) replace wording for pavers with alternative paving technologies.
- C. Comments on the long-term paving master plan:
 - Nic suggested: a) need to define equity, and b) the master plan should state the type of pavement desired.
 - Margo suggested: a) add Climate Action Plan, Resilience Strategy, and hazard mitigation plan to updating the street policy, b) should not prepare a 40-year asphalt paving plan, and c) "complete streets" have different definitions.
 - Shane suggested: a) Caltrans may do a "complete streets" makeover of Ashby Avenue, and b) equity should consider people and history.
 - John stressed the impact of heavy vehicles on our streets.
 - Jackie suggested developing a network metric instead of using PCI. What do we want our street paving to accomplish?

A motion was made by Margo to approve the 5-year paving plan and the preparation of a long-term paving master plan and to authorize the paving sub-committee to make final edits to the report based on the discussion. The motion was approved (Schueler/ Dominguez 8/0/1 absent: McGrath)

2. Memo on recent trash truck fires and creek damage

Nic discussed the report to Council. It was approved to submit the report for the July 23rd or September 10th Council meeting (Freiberg/Erbe 8/0/0/1 abstain: none, absent: McGrath).

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Standing Information Item: Subcommittee Reports

- Street paving – covered in earlier discussion.
- T1 implementation – Ray reported for Jim McGrath. The T1 sub-committee met on July 8th. Staff reported that the King Park bio-swale project will be replaced with GI projects from the GI plan. Also, there was discussion on the planning for Phase 2. Not all Phase 1 projects will move to Phase 2 funding, staff have researched legal opinions, and the Phase 2 recommendations will go to Council in March 2021.
- Utility undergrounding – Ray reported that the undergrounding sub-committee met on June 20th. We introduced Charlie Scawthorn, who will help with the risk analysis. The sub-committee will be preparing a progress report to Council.
- Watershed management – Nic reported that the Commission's Council Reports on the Watershed Management Plan Update and Codornices Creek maintenance are withdrawn.
- Street lighting – No report.

FUTURE AGENDAS: Items for the September commission meeting.

1. Sidewalk program

Motion to ADJOURN - (Dominguez/Constantine 8/0/0/1 abstain: none, absent: McGrath) 9:30 pm.

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