



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, January 3, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:16 pm

Present: Alward, Henry, Haramati, Neal, Schueler, Yep

Absent: None

Vacancies: Arreguin, Moore, and Worthington Appointments

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. **Regular Meeting of November 1, 2012:** The minutes were approved as submitted (MSC Schueler/Neal with a vote of 5-0-0, Henry arriving late).

2. **Special Meeting of December 8, 2012:**

A. Alward's notes were amended as follows: "Deputy" deleted from "Deputy Director of Public Works," "Infusion" changed to "Infiltration," and "Major" changed to "Mayor." The notes were then approved as amended (MSC Schueler/Yep with a vote of 5-0-0, Henry arriving late).

B. Yep's notes were approved as submitted (MSC Schueler/Yep with a vote of 5-0-0, Henry arriving late).

C. Haramati is to produce a summary Work Plan document for 2013.

D. The Secretary will produce a consolidate set of minutes for posting and for the record.

CHAIR REPORT: The PWC has several assigned tasks in which the Council is very interested. As such, the importance of filling the existing vacancies on the Commission was emphasized. Commissioners were encouraged to discuss this with their appointing Councilmember.

STAFF REPORT: The URS contract for the Permeable Paving Trial Project is being finalized and a kickoff meeting is to be held later this month. Henry and Haramati will be invited to attend that meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Election of Chair & Vice Chair is to be held in February 2013. Ray Yep has been nominated for Chair and Keith Alward for Vice Chair.

ACTION ITEMS: None

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INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Measure M - Adjusting Criteria of 5-Year Street Paving Plan: The Secretary distributed copies of the last plan update to the Council (November 2012) and highlighted two attachments: the Policy and the Implementation Process, so that the Commission could consider revising them to conform to recent developments: (1) Measure M/Watershed principles, (2) the Auditor’s recommendation of an overall target PCI (and timeframe), and (3) the newly adopted Complete Streets policy. Yep presented his “Discussion Topics” as attached hereto. Further discussion highlighted the following points: (1) a high priority for use of Measure M funds would be as a match for any grant funding, (2) rather than simply “marking up” the existing Policy, the bigger picture and the longer term needs to be considered, (3) all pertinent previous planning processes be reviewed (e.g. SOSIP), and that the “quality” objectives therein be referenced, and (4) that the presentation at the Council Workshop is primarily by staff, with assistance from the PWC. It was concluded that staff will prepare a draft presentation for critique by the PWC, as the main agenda of the regular PWC meeting on February 6, 2013.

2. LED Street Lights (Staff Presentation): Neal DeSnoo’s presentation consisted of five points: (1) the Council Referral, (2) Existing Conditions, (3) New Technology, (4) Pilot Projects, and (5) a City-wide Retrofit. Existing conditions are that street lights represent 20% of the City’s CO2 emissions. Technologies consist primarily of LED’s or Induction. Induction was originally thought to be preferable and is slightly more economical, but the overall benefits of LED’s are superior. He presented spreadsheets for cost and energy comparisons as enclosed. The quality of LED light is better and is more uniform. There is approximately an 8-year payback. All are invited to view (at night) the pilot at the Marina and to provide feedback. Safety/consistency/controls are rapidly developing parameters. The City is pushing for 10-year warranties in our bids. The Energy Commission’s Council draft will be sent to the PWC Secretary to draft a Council response for adoption at the February PWC meeting.

3. Liaisons to other Commissions and Bodies: Held Over

FUTURE AGENDAS:

1. “Envision” Program/Concepts: Consideration for Council Workshop

ADJOURNMENT: 9:55 pm