



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes**

Thursday, April 4, 2013

Ratcliff Building, Corporation Yard, 1326 Allston Way

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 pm

Present: Haramati, Kelley, Neal, Schueler, Swift, Yep

Absent: Henry

PUBLIC COMMENT: Claudia Eyzaguirri said she was there to observe and had talked to Kriss Worthington about the possibility of serving on the PW Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2013 were amended as follows: (1) pg 1 – Public speaker name spelling is Adina Ishii; (2) Item 2: correction “and streets need sweeping” (not paving); and (3) Pg 4 – Measure M, 2nd sentence change to March 2013 (not 2012). The amended minutes were approved (MSC Scheuler/Kelley with a vote of 6-0-0, Henry absent).

CHAIR REPORT: None.

STAFF REPORT: Permeable Paver Pilot Project: Next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2013 to receive URS recommendations regarding evaluation of 5-6 potential sites. Haramati and Henry will attend the URS meeting as observers. The permeable paving pilot will be approximately 2 blocks long. URS will complete the design so that it can hopefully be installed by October 2013.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Diz (Linda) Swift was welcomed as a new PW commissioner.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Council referral on LED Street Lights:** The draft report was discussed. In response to recent public concerns, Public Works staff is looking at where to add more lights for efficiency and to improve lighting. “Two tier” may be possible if the contractor selected is willing to extend collecting their payments from the savings from a 12-year to a 20-year turn around. Haramati will make further edits to (1) take out #1 and change to areas evaluated for appropriate lighting; (2) add (before future items and items for city staff consideration) the turnkey use of capital funds, the breadth of the rollout, and how much of the city is covered in rollout; (3) add more general discussion on scope that Council wanted the commission to look at; (4) and not to recommend one approach over the other due to lack of cost figures and equity issues. Staff indicated that existing streetlights are

paid out of the Street Light Assessment Fund that is supplemented by the General Fund, as the assessment is not sufficient to cover costs. Savings of \$280K to \$380K annually would be freed up for other things in the City after costs are paid off (about \$4M for over 700 street lights with pay back over time). Haramati was authorized to revise the report as indicated above for submittal to Council (MSC Schueler/Haramati, with a vote of 6-0-0, Henry absent).

2. **Renaming of Berkeley Public Health Clinic:** The draft council report was approved as submitted (MSC Haramati/Kelley with a vote of 6-0-0, Henry absent).
3. **Measure M Public Process:**
 - a. Mission Statement with amended language: 1st Paragraph is “What is Measure M”; 2nd Paragraph is how and why. Remind everyone that must be a street capital improvement, not maintenance, and any green work must be associated with street capital paving. The Mission Statement was approved (MSC Haramati/Neal, with a vote of 6-0-0, Henry absent).
 - b. Public Input Process with amended language for Information Sessions (Community Meetings): Subcommittee is authorized to make amendments and edits per scenario planning process. This should be brought to subsequent meetings. Discussion was held on how to disseminate information for the Information Sessions. The public input process ideas were adopted (MSC Schueler/Neal, with a vote of 6-0-0, Henry absent).
4. **Update of Sub-committee Assignments**
 - a. Measure M: Henry, Swift and Yep
 - b. Paving: Schueler, further assignments to be made at the next meeting. Permeable Paving is sub-subcommittee of Paving committee: Henry and Haramati
 - c. Street Lighting: Selecting sub-committee is deferred to future meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. **Brown Act Familiarization:** (Commissioner Neal). Deferred to future meeting.

FUTURE AGENDAS: As above.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:57 pm.