



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, September 3, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:09 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Allen, Alward, Henry, Holland, Kojan, Nelson, Schueler, Threet

Absent: None

Vacant: Councilmember Worthington's appointee

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2009 were amended to change the maker of the motion on Street Repair Policy from Nelson to Alward and to add that the Commission requested a copy of the Rule 20A off-agenda Council report. The amended minutes were approved (MSC Nelson/Alward with a vote of 8-0-0).

CHAIR REPORT: Commissioner Soto-Vigil has resigned, and no replacement has been named.

STAFF REPORT: The off-agenda report on Rule 20A Utility Undergrounding was canceled, and the Commission's report, together with a City Manager report, will be on an upcoming Council agenda. The Commission requested copies of the attachments with information from the City's General Plan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Street Repair Policy:** Commissioners Henry and Nelson had a meeting with the
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Mayor, who indicated support for the permeable paver proposal and wanted to see the Commission's report on a September agenda. The Commission will be recommending one location at this time, which is Addison from Shattuck to Milvia. The Commission is recommending that outside funding be used as much as possible, in lieu of funds from the street program. A motion was further made that City government take appropriate steps to also solicit contributions from the businesses located on that block (MSC Allen/Nelson with a vote of 8-0-0). It will be important to publicize the nature and purpose of the trial because there may be a public tendency to view it entirely as an aesthetic improvement consistent with the arts district theme.

Further discussion was held on the street repair policy itself. Staff was requested to provide an overall listing of the condition assessment of all streets in the city. It was further noted that the ultimate objective of adding the provision regarding new technologies is that it is a change in long-term policy itself, rather than the particular experiment or trial at hand. Finally, the draft Council report was approved as submitted (MSC Nelson/Alward with a vote of 8-0-0).

2. Climate Action Plan: The excerpts from the Plan were noted and discussed for possible inclusion in the next Commission Work Program when it is developed.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Telecommunications Regulation: Discussion took place, which centered on the fact that this is a very large and important topic but that there may not be much that the Commission can do. Main considerations are aesthetic effect when placing new equipment and facilities and whether revenue can be generated. The subcommittee will continue to look at whether the "San Diego decision" provides any new opportunities for increased regulation for these purposes and may consult with the City Attorney on this.

2. Street Lighting: The Commission has noted that there is no formal plan for a street lighting program but will not pursue this further at this time.

FUTURE AGENDAS: The Commission would like to utilize large-scale mapping capabilities during its meetings, such as may be produced from the Geographic Information System, to facilitate discussions on subjects like telecommunications installation, street lighting and other infrastructure elements. It was noted that the Commission "Primer" contains several valuable maps, and additional copies should be provided to new commissioners. It was further requested that the Commission be provided a copy of the AT&T map of proposed locations for the new "Uverse" cabinets.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:18 p.m.