



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting**  
**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday, June 5, 2014**  
**1326 Allston Way, Ratcliff Building**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:10 PM

Present: Henry, Kelley, Neal, Schueler, Swift, Yep, Abramson

Absent: None.

Staff: Sean Rose (Acting PWC Secretary)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No members of the public were present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 1, 2014 were approved as amended below (MSC Swift/Schueler, 7-0-0):

Page 1 of 2, Call to Order: Change “Absent: Abramson” to “Absent: Abramson (Excused)”

Page 2 of 2, Water Conservation Referral paragraph: Change from “...from City Council to Commissioner Swift...” to “...the ad-hoc water conservation subcommittee comprised of Commissioners Swift Schueler, and Kelley...”.

General context: Where possible, add more context on the actions related to substantial items on the agenda.

**CHAIR REPORT:** None

**STAFF REPORT:** Secretary Rose gave a report on the current status of the Public Works Department’s presence at Solano Stroll, the Allston Street Permeable Paver Demonstration Project, and the Council action at the May 20, 2014 City Council meeting relating to the Electric Vehicle Charging pilot project.

**PRESENTATION:** Mr. Paul Hathaway of Pacific Interlock Pavingstone gave an interesting and informative presentation on fully permeable pavers. Fully permeable pavers allow water to permeate through the paving stone itself. Standard permeable pavers are permeable only through the joints between individual stones. The latter type are used more frequently in current practice, and are the type being installed on the Allston Way Permeable Paver Demonstration Project. Mr. Hathaway discussed some of the costs and benefits of fully permeable pavers relative to standard permeable pavers and conventional asphalt concrete. The Commission and staff thanked Mr. Hathaway for his time and thorough presentation.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- 1. Water Conservation Subcommittee Report on the City Council Water Conservation Referral to the PWC:** Commissioner Swift provided a summary on behalf of the ad-hoc Water Conservation Subcommittee of the Council Report the subcommittee drafted for the July 8, 2014 City Council meeting. The Report was written in response to Council’s referral to the Public Works Commission and the Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC) to explore possible measures to address California’s historic drought. Highlights of the report include recommending that a) the City reduce its water usage by 20% within 12 months, b) City facilities achieve WaterSmart Certification from East Bay Municipal Utility District, and c) some lawns not utilized for recreational sports be replaced with drought tolerant landscaping. Commissioner Swift also stressed their desire to have one single point of contact at the City regarding the issue of water conservation. Chair Yep pointed out that the report does not substantially address recommendations for curbing residential and commercial water use, which accounts for approximately 98% of the total water use in the City. He did not feel the report should go to the City Council without those recommendations. The Commission debated this issue, whether the 20% goal was achievable within the specified timeframe, and other aspects of the report. There was general agreement on the importance of curbing residential and commercial use to significantly address the drought. There was some disagreement over whether the report should address that issue at this time. The Commission passed the following motion:

“Make minor style and content amendments to the report, approve the amended report for submittal to the City Council at the July 8, 2014 Council meeting, and send the amended report to the CEAC for approval at their June 12, 2014 meeting.” (M/S/C Schueler/Swift, 5-2-0; Ayes: Schueler, Swift, Henry, Kelley, Abramson; Noes: Neal, Yep; Abstain: None; Absent: None).

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

The following information items were discussed:

1. Report on job walk with Nichols Consulting Engineers and Commission (Schueler, Rose)
2. Report on June 3, 2014 City Council meeting on the the 5-year paving plan (Yep, Rose)

In the interest of time, the Commission elected to defer the discussion of the Sacramento Street Garden, approaches to stormwater catchment, and the public outreach subcommittee report to a future meeting.

**FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:**

1. FY16 Paving Plan
2. Sacramento Street median garden update
3. Public outreach for Measure M – subcommittee report
4. Water harvesting
5. Terrewalks product, in lieu of conventional concrete sidewalk

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:58 pm