



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, May 7, 2015
1326 Allston Way, Ratcliff Building

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 PM

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

Absent: None

Staff: Donald Irby (Public Works Engineering)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Three residents (Ms. Diane Sequoia, Mr. Roger Pritchard, and Mr. Marvin Snow) spoke on the topics of Measure M paving, the state of the City's infrastructure, and Utility Undergrounding. Ms. Sequoia requested information on the Measure M outreach consultant (Skeo Solutions). Mr. Pritchard expressed concerns regarding the condition of the City's infrastructure and expressed an interest in becoming a commissioner. Chair Schueler indicated there was a seat open for District 2 and directed Mr. Pritchard to the City's website for commission information. Mr. Snow thanked the commission for the work recently completed by the UUD subcommittee. Mr. Snow requested the City provide residents with a document which clearly outlines the 20B utility undergrounding process. Mr. Snow also requested information regarding noise and safety related to the Union Pacific Railroad lines which run through the City.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for the regular meetings of April, 2015 were approved as amended. (M/S/C Swift/Elgstrand, 7-0-0)

CHAIR REPORT:

1. **Subcommittee meetings:** Chair Schueler spoke briefly about recent difficulties related to scheduling of subcommittee meetings. The commissioners discussed options for future subcommittee scheduling efforts.

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STAFF REPORT: None

PRESENTATION: Mr. Richard Harris, EBMUD Manager of Water Conservation, gave an informative presentation on EBMUD's current water supply and recently adopted demand reduction goals. He provided an 8 page handout to supplement the presentation.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Paving subcommittee** : Commissioner Henry provided a handout which summarized the paving subcommittee review of Public Works current five year street rehabilitation plan. The commission discussed information in the handout and the need to develop a long range paving strategy with emphasis on more durable road surfaces, green infrastructure, and permeability. They requested that Staff provide currently available PCI data sorted by arterials, collectors, and residential streets. The commission deferred approval of the current FY 2016 and FY 2017 paving plans proposed by staff.
 - i. The commission passed the following motion: “Paving subcommittee should work with staff to develop a long range paving strategy to present to Council.” (M/S/C Swift/Yep, 7-0-0)

2. **Undergrounding Subcommittee Report:** Commissioner Yep discussed the draft report to council prepared in response to CM Wengraf’s referral to develop a comprehensive plan for the funding of the undergrounding of all utility wires on all major and collector streets in Berkeley. The commissioners discussed a number of proposed edits to the report. Commissioner Yep will update the report as appropriate to incorporate these edits.
 - i. The Commission passed the following motion: “Allow Utility Undergrounding Sub-committee to edit and finalize the current draft report and forward to the other commissions.” (M/S/C, Schueler/Swift, 7-0-0)

INFORMATION ITEMS: None

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:

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ADJOURNMENT: 10:00 pm