



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes**

Thursday, January 5, 2012

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 pm

Present: Alward, Haramati, Henry, Holland, Kidd, Schueler, Yep

Absent: Alfsen, Allen

Vacant: None

Note: Raymond Yep was introduced as Mayor Bates' new appointment. He was requested to describe his background with respect to service on the Commission.

Note: The Secretary informed the Commission that shortly before the meeting, he received electronic communication from the City Clerk that Commissioners Alfsen, Haramati, and Kidd have been terminated from the Commission for failing to meet minimum attendance requirements. Since the Commissioners had not yet received the notices, the Chair decided to proceed with the meeting, with Haramati and Kidd considered present and Alfsen being absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Although Nancy Yep was in attendance, she did not desire to provide public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 3, 2011 were approved as submitted (MSC Schueler/Holland with a vote of 7-0-0). The minutes of the Special Meeting of December 3, 2011 were corrected to refer to utility undergrounding Rule 20A in lieu of Rule 20B. The amended minutes were approved (MSC Schueler/Kidd with a vote of 7-0-0).

CHAIR REPORT: The Permeable Paving Field Trip to El Cerrito and Emeryville will be scheduled for the February-March timeframe, and the Secretary was requested to identify staff to be invited.

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STAFF REPORT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Josh Bradt, Watershed Resource Specialist, has resigned from his position and will become the Project Manager for the Water Board for the regional “Greenspine Project.”

ACTION ITEM:

1. **Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair (Preliminary):** Commissioner Haramati was nominated for Chair and Commissioner Alward as Vice Chair. The election will be held at the February 2012 meeting. Any further nominations will be taken at that time.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. **Staff Report on Status of Policy Development for Electric Vehicle Charging:** The Secretary provided an oral report from Timothy Burroughs from the Energy Office, who is the lead staff on this topic. The proposed Council Report scheduled in the Spring is expected to come to the PWC for comment ahead of time. The recommendations will probably include some use of the Right-of-Way in commercial areas but not residential.
2. **Utility Undergrounding - Rule 20B Funding:** During discussion, the title of this topic was corrected to be Rule 20A not 20B. The PWC will schedule this for further consideration in July 2012.
3. **Staff Report on City Involvement in San Pablo Greenspine Project:** There is some confusion between this project and the Proposition 84 grant program, and staff will return to the February 2012 to clear this up. However, Commissioners were very interested to learn of the staff’s tentative proposal to apply for up to \$3,000,000 in grant funds for a permeable paving project in the Hopkins/Josephine locations. Grant provisions require that it involves drainage directly into a creek (in this case, Codornices). The grant requires up to \$600,000 in local match, which could come from the 15% discretionary element of the Street Paving Program.
4. **Paving Subcommittee Report:** Staff indicated that the report to council on PICP candidates is due in March 2012 and expects to have preliminary concepts available for the February 2012 PWC meeting. It was noted that these candidates could be superseded by the Prop 84 grant project, if approved. There was further discussion that the PWC proposal is expected to provide other attributes, such as traffic calming. The Secretary also announced that Director Clough would like to meet with relevant Commissioners on the subject of preferable and present soil conditions. This would be the Paving Subcommittee (Henry, Schueler, Haramati, Alward).
5. **Copies of Presentation on Permeable Paving given by Erica Yelensky:** Held over till next meeting.

FUTURE AGENDAS: Refer to the adopted 2012 Work Plan.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:45 pm