



Public Works Commission

Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, April 7, 2011
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

Present: Allen, Alward, Henry, Holland, Kidd, Nelson, Schueler

Absent: None

Vacancies: Anderson's and Worthington's Appointees

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meetings of February 3 and March 3, 2011

Both sets of minutes will be amended to correct a Commission vacancy to be Councilmember Anderson's appointee and not Moore. Both amended sets of minutes were approved (MSC Schueller/Allen, with a vote of 7-0-0).

CHAIR REPORT: The regular meeting of June 2, 2011 will be replaced by a Joint Meeting of the PWC, Transportation and Disaster and Fire Safety Commissions on June 16, 2011. See Information Item 3 below.

STAFF REPORT: Update of 5-Year Street Plan is deferred to May 2011. Additionally, the presentation of the Proposed Budget is deferred because the department submittals have not yet been approved by the City Manager.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Introduction of Andrew Clough, Acting Public Works Director

ACTION ITEMS: (Matters for discussion and possible action)

1. Public Works Department Work Program and Proposed Budget for 2012:

Acting Director Clough indicated that his top priorities are (1) continuity of operations, (2) communications and information management, and (3) project management and setting goals. He further emphasized that all funds should be

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included in the 5-Year Plan. Although funds are scarce, he is in favor of spending a small amount on a trail of permeable pavement. His ultimate objective is to “create a path forward” by changing our way of doing business.

2. **Review of Progress toward PWC Work Plan for 2011:** Mr. Clough’s comments covered this as well.

INFORMATION ITEMS: (Action may be taken on any information item at this meeting if a majority of Commissioners votes to move it to an action item. This vote may take place at or before the time the item is scheduled to come up).

1. **Charging of Electric Vehicles in Public Right-of-Way:** Discussion took place as to whether the final report adequately represented commissioners’ positions on both sides of the issue. The concerns were resolved without affecting the submittal of the final report.
2. **Solar Street Lights:** The secretary read a report from the electrical Supervisor which indicated several reasons why solar street lights are not developed well enough to the point of practical applications in City environments.
3. **Joint Meeting of the PWC, Transportation and Disaster and Fire Safety Commissions on June 16, 2011 on the topic of “Better Streets”:** This was agreed to by commissioners.
4. **Media Article “The Efficiency Dilemma”:** So noted.
5. **Adoption of the Southside Plan and Review of DEIR Comments:** So noted.

FUTURE AGENDAS

ADJOURNMENT