



Public Works Commission

**Regular Meeting
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Minutes
Thursday, June 4, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:06 p.m.

Present: Avellar, Henry, Holland, Kojan, Nelson, Schueler, Threet

Absent: Allen, Alward, Soto-Vigil

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 7, 2009 were amended to add the following sentence to Announcements: "It was noted that recent court cases regarding telecommunications issues have given cities greater flexibility in dealing with these installations." The amended minutes were then adopted (MSC Nelson/Kojan with a vote of 7-0-0).

CHAIR REPORT: Anna Avellar has been temporarily appointed by Councilmember Wengraf to serve at tonight's meeting in Barbara Allen's absence.

STAFF REPORT: The secretary provided an update on paving University Avenue, which will start next month and proceed in phases, starting with the segment from the freeway to San Pablo Avenue. The phases are primarily paid for with federal "ARRA" funds and state Prop 1B funds, for which the situation may change at any time. The first phase will be performed at night and will involve the closure of the freeway ramps.

The secretary also provided an update on the recommendations to Council on Rule 20A utility undergrounding, in that although it was on the agenda on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, it was held over to a future meeting by Councilmember Wengraf. A new date has not yet been announced.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Work Plan Update: After discussion, it was decided that the topic of the Climate Action Plan will be the main topic for the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2009 and will be the major focus of a possible revision to the Work Plan.

2. Street Repair Policy: This item was moved from an Information Item to an Action Item (MSC Schueler/Holland with a vote of 7-0-0). The report submitted for the Council Agenda of 6/23/09 was discussed. The candidate locations being studied for a PICP trial were further discussed. The follow-up Council recommendation on three finalist locations shall be set for adoption at the next Commission meeting on July 9, 2009. Additionally, the following motion was adopted: “That staff make every attempt to incorporate permeable pavers (PICP) in a portion of the University Avenue paving project” (MSC Schueler/Nelson with a vote of 7-0-0).

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Subcommittee Status Report on Telecommunications Regulation: The subcommittee will continue to investigate reference materials such as existing franchise agreements, pole sharing agreements, etc. It will be brought back to the full commission at an appropriate time.

2. Proposed 2010-2011 Budget: Staff presented a report on the Public Works Department’s proposed budget for FY 2010-2011. Staff proceeded to answer questions raised by Commissioners.

3. Staff Report on Street Lighting: Staff presented a financial report on the funding levels for the program and how the money is spent. It was noted that it all goes for maintenance of existing streetlights without any funding for new lighting. Commissioners raised the following questions for follow-up by program staff:

- a. Investigate the use of LED lighting, which may have 30% less maintenance cost.
- b. Has there been any consideration of “Dark Sky” principles?
- c. Why do certain lights turn off for a few minutes and then come back on?
- d. Certain lights are on around-the-clock because they appear to be controlled by photocells that are blocked by tree branches. Can the trees be trimmed?

FUTURE AGENDAS:

July 2009: (1) Street Repair Policy; (2) Climate Action Plan

ADJOURNMENT: 9:15 p.m.