



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
SYNOPSIS
SPECIAL PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING
February 20, 2008**

The Special Meeting of the Beverly Hills Public Works Commission was held in City Hall Room 180-A 2:30 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Fisher, Vice Chair Yukelson, J. Stabler, P. Foldvary and J. Shooshani
Absent: None.
Guests S. Weinglass, S. Pudiwala, H.Phan

Staff: D. Gustavson, S. Epstein, C. DiRenzo, R. Hickman

B. PRESENTATIONS

None.

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1) AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None.

2) COMMISSION MATTERS

None.

3) CORRESPONDENCE

None.

D. COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

E. CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Wastewater Rate Study

A Wastewater Rate Study was presented by Mr. Sudhir Pardiwala of Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. Mr. Pardiwala began his presentation by giving an overview of the rate study objectives, pricing objectives, the rate setting process and alternative rate structures. He also stated that one objective is to develop a five year plan which would address capital needs, recover adequate and stable revenues and integrate financial policies. Mr. Pardiwala also gave the Commission a sample of the pricing objective results.

Ms. Epstein asked the Commission if they would like to make a motion to proceed with Alternative 4 and a variation of Alternate 4 with three tiers based upon three levels of residential water usage.

MOTION by Chair Fisher to approve to have Raftelis Financial Consultants look at Alternative 4 and a variation of Alternative 4 in greater depth and have staff come back in March with the actual rates.

MOVED BY Commissioner Yukelson and SECONDED by Commissioner Foldvary.
(5/0)

Ayes: Fisher, Foldvary, Stabler, Shooshani and Yukelson

Noes: None.

CARRIED

Water Rate Study

Mr. Pardiwala presented a Water Rate Study to the Commission. He discussed the history of revenue requirements as well as water usage projections.

Mr. Pardiwala also discussed the proposed rates for fiscal year 2009 and beyond and he spoke about proposed bi-monthly rate charges for single family, multi-family and commercial customers. He also showed a graph indicating a comparison of bi-monthly water bills for nearby cities/agencies.

Mr. Pardiwala went on to discuss Metropolitan Water District's Water Supply Allocation Plan and water shortage scenarios. Mr. Pardiwala then showed the Commission MWD's Water Allocation Plan and the effects of various shortage scenarios. He also discussed policy issues and the challenges of Proposition 218.

2008 Commission Priorities

This agenda item has been tabled to the next meeting scheduled on March 13, 2008.

Ad Hoc Committees

Chair Fisher and Commissioner Shooshani agreed to meet with Ms. Epstein and participate in a communications discussion.

F. COMMISSION MINUTES

Consideration of the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 10, 2008.

MOVED by: Commissioner Stabler SECONDED by Commissioner Foldvary to approve the minutes as corrected of the Regular meeting of January 10, 2008.

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Ayes: Fisher, Foldvary, Shooshani, Stabler and Yukelson

Noes: None.

CARRIED

G. COMMISSION MATTERS

Steven Weinglass was sworn by in Byron Pope, City Clerk, as Public Works Commissioner replacing Commissioner Daniel Yukelson who will begin serving on the Planning Commission. Commissioner Yukelson was given a small gift by the Commission and staff in appreciation for his work on the Public Works Commission.

Next Commission meeting will be on March 13, 2008, at 8:30 a.m.

Discussion of Public Works Commission Priorities agenda item tabled until the next Public Works Commission meeting.

Ad Hoc Committee assignments also tabled until next meeting.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

Chair Fisher gave the Commission a brief update from the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Fisher with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by Rosemarie Hickman, Executive Assistant I



**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
SYNOPSIS
REGULAR PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING
March 13, 2008**

The Regular Meeting of the Beverly Hills Public Works Commission was held in City Hall Room 180-A 8:30 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Fisher, Vice Chair Yukelson, P. Foldvary J. Shooshani, and S. Weinglass
Absent: J. Stabler
Guests: S. Pudiwala, H. Phan, L. Ezzet and D. Bice

Staff: D. Gustavson, S. Epstein, C. DiRenzo, R. Hickman

B. PRESENTATIONS

None.

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1) AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None.

2) COMMISSION MATTERS

None.

3) CORRESPONDENCE

None.

D. COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

E. CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Solid Waste Utility Rates

Mr. Laith Ezzet of HF&H Consultants began by giving the Commission the background on solid waste utility rates. He stated that the City performs residential and commercial customer billing and remits commercial payments to Crown Disposal who provides commercial solid waste collection services to the City. Mr. Ezzet also stated the objective of their study was to estimate the residential and commercial rate increases for fiscal years 2009 to 2010. Mr. Ezzet stated the recommended adjustment for the next two years for residential rates is a 4% increase next year and 4% the year after. Because commercial rates are healthy, no rate increase is proposed for next year or the year there after. Mr. Ezzet concluded by addressing Commissioners questions/concerns.

Ms. Epstein asked the Commission if they would like to make a motion to recommend adopting Scenario 1 to increase solid waste rates over a two year period.

MOTION by Chair Fisher and SECONDED by Commissioner Shooshani to recommend adopting Scenario 1, which is a 4% increase for residential solid waste for both FY 2009/10 and no increase for commercial solid waste for FY 2009/10 .

(4/0)

Ayes: Fisher, Foldvary, Shooshani and Weinglass

Noes: None.

CARRIED

Water Utility Rate Study

Ms. Epstein stated that staff has come back at the request of the Commission with a different scenario of what a 6% increase over the next two years would look like.

Mr. Sudhir Pardiwala of Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. went over the water rate study objectives for the City of Beverly Hills. He said that part of their goal is to target 50% of revenues in reserve funds, 10% of revenues from base charges and to promote conservation in discretionary use. Mr. Pardiwala stated that in order to fund Operating and Maintenance and Capital Improvement Projects, revenues must be increased by 8% in July 2008 and for the next three years.

Ms. Epstein asked the Commission if they would like to make a motion to recommend adopting an 8% water rate increase over a two year period.

MOTION by Chair Fisher and SECONDED by Commissioner Foldvary to recommend approving staff's recommendation of an 8% water rate increase over two years.

(4/0)

Ayes: Fisher, Foldvary, Shooshani and Weinglass

Noes: None.

CARRIED

Wastewater Rate Study

Mr. Pardiwala then began his presentation on Wastewater Rates by giving an overview of the rate study objectives, financing options, cost of service and a review of rate structure alternatives. Mr. Pardiwala said although staff is looking at a five year plan, it is a two year rate study that he would be discussing.

Ms. Epstein suggested that the Commission hold another meeting to discuss Alternative 4 only on March 27, 2008. Scott Miller, Chief Financial Officer will be invited to attend.

Rate Notification

Ms. Epstein discussed draft notices which were included in the Public Works Commission packet. She stated that there will be three notices mailed out, one will be to residents and one to businesses notifying them of rate changes and the third will be to explain the emergency conservation ordinance. Ms. Epstein is requesting that the Commission review the letters and recommend any changes as well as deciding if they would like there to be an additional outreach meeting similar to last year's meeting.

Notice of Violation

Ms. Epstein informed the Commission that the City of Beverly Hills was given a notice of violation from Regional Water Quality Control Board. Beverly Hills is among 20 other

cities noticed regarding high limits of bacteria in the Santa Monica bay. Beverly Hills had no sanitary sewer overflows that reached the stormwater during the period in question. Ms. Epstein noted that Beverly Hills was not named in the lawsuit, only the County of Los Angeles and Malibu.

Capital Improvement Projects Update

Mr. Ara Maloyan, Deputy City Engineer gave the Commission an update on current capital improvement projects. He began by going over the following list of projects that have been completed.

2008 Commission Priorities

This agenda item has been tabled to a future Commission meeting.

Ad Hoc Committees

Chair Fisher would like to update the Ad Hoc Committee assignments at the next Public Works Commission meeting.

F. COMMISSION MINUTES

Consideration of the minutes of the Special meeting of February 20, 2008.

MOVED by: Commissioner Fisher SECONDED by Commissioner Foldvary to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of February 20, 2008.

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Ayes: Fisher, Foldvary, Shooshani, and Weinglass

Noes: None.

CARRIED

G. COMMISSION MATTERS

Next Commission meeting will be on March 27, 2008, at 8:30 a.m.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor's Cabinet Meeting

Chair Fisher gave the Commission a brief update from the Mayor's Cabinet Meeting.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Fisher with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Submitted by Rosemarie Hickman, Executive Assistant I



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

SYNOPSIS
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008
8:30 a.m.
City Hall
City Hall Municipal Gallery

ROLL CALL

Present: Sherman, Linder, Nazarian, Yousem, Goldsmith
Staff: Kahn, Richey

1. COMMISSION WELCOME

Members of the Human Relations Commission were introduced.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS

Participants introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their roles in the faith-based community.

3. County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health

Dr. Patrice Grant and J. "Sandy" Mills from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) presented information on the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Plan that is part of Prop. 63, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), funded by a 1% tax on California incomes over \$1 million. DMH is undertaking an intensive, inclusive, and multi-faceted approach to developing the County's PEI Plan that focuses on prevention, early intervention, planning at the Service Area level, and community partnerships.

Anyone interested can sign up to be placed on a mailing list and/or participate in a focus group for PEI planning: mhsapei@dmh.lacounty.gov

4. Changing Lives and Sharing Places (CLASP) Program

The Step Up on Second Outreach and Engagement Team introduced themselves and gave a brief explanation of the services they provide and experience with homeless individuals in Beverly Hills.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

None

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Next Steps: Topics and issues for future meetings. None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT at 10:14 a.m.