



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room – Room 280-B
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

July 12, 2012

8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chair Foldvary, Vice Chair Shooshani, Weinglass, Shalowitz

Commissioners Absent: Pressman

Staff: D. Gustavson, C. Theisen, F. Simonson, C. Di Renzo, D. Cartagena, C. Crowder, J. Burnley

Guests: A. Shooshani

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Foldvary.

COMMISSION MINUTES

Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular meeting of June 14, 2012.

MOVED by: Chair Foldvary and SECONDED by Vice Chair Shooshani to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 14, 2012.

4/0

Ayes: Foldvary, Shooshani, Weinglass, Shalowitz

Noes:

Abstentions: None.

CARRIED 4/0

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

D. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Mayor's Cabinet Meeting – Chair Foldvary stated the Mayor's Cabinet meeting scheduled for July 10, 2012 was cancelled.

E. CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Chair Foldvary questioned how the CIP subcommittee will function going forward. Mr. Gustavson stated that this committee was more of an Ad Hoc committee which by definition has a limited term with a single purpose. Chair Foldvary asked how would the subcommittees that were formed at the last Public Works Commission meeting be characterized as only one Commissioner would be participating. Mr. Gustavson replied that these might be liaison meetings rather than subcommittee meetings where the attending Commissioner would then report back to the whole Commission. Staff will contact the City Attorney's Office for clarification on how to formally define such bodies.

Refuse Container Replacement and Label Program

Mr. James Burnley, Solid Waste and Stormwater Operations Supervisor, addressed the Commission. Mr. Burnley shared his background in the solid waste field and stated that the City is considering a citywide refuse container replacement project to recycle and replace approximately 22,325 containers. Mr. Burnley provided information on replacement of these containers such as cost, size and their maintenance requirements.

Mr. Burnley also discussed the Commission's suggestion to replace current bin labels with the new design proposed for refuse vehicles. Staff suggests the new bin design label be hot-stamped on new containers to maximize their longevity. Commissioners reiterated that there appears to be confusion amongst the residential community with respect to recycling and fears a container replacement schedule would delay communication.

A long discussion was held concerning the cost, appropriateness, and methodology of implementing replacement waste containers. The Commission asked staff to report back on costs and options within three months.

Commissioners suggested staff consider the following action items:

- Use social media such as Facebook to reach residents
- Give labels to schools and have students take them home to put on their trash bins
- Ask Boy/Girl Scouts or volunteers to place labels on trash bins
- Cost/benefit analysis of City-wide bin replacement
- Engage Crown Disposal for share of advertising expenses in local papers

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Staff will check with Communication and Marketing and Risk Management on some of the suggestions noted above.

Overview of Fleet Services including Purchasing

Mr. Simonson gave the Commission a report on the current operational status of the City's Fleet Services. He spoke on the following:

- Challenges and Opportunities
- Vehicle Inventory
- Major Green Initiatives in Fleet Services
- Regulatory Matrix
- Procurement Process
- Cost Benefit Analysis for Vehicle Procurement
- Examples of Cost-Benefit Analysis CNG Trash Trucks
- Fleet and Warehouse Org Chart
- Fleet Service Center Highlights
- Fleet Statistics
- Challenges for Fleet in 2012/2013

Commissioner Shalowitz asked if the opening for the CNG station is on schedule. Mr. Simonson responded that it is scheduled for the end of August and that the Commission will be invited. Chair Foldvary stated that Mr. Simonson's presentation was very well done, one of the best he has seen.

Status of Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance

Mr. Cartagena gave the Commission the status of the plastic ban ordinance. He stated that at the request of Vice Mayor Mirisch, staff was asked to provide a report on the efforts by local municipalities to adopt local ordinances prohibiting distribution of single use point of purchase plastic bags. Mr. Cartagena stated staff has conducted a current and comprehensive list of approximately 2,100 businesses that may be impacted should a local ordinance be enacted. The largest city to adopt a plastic ban ordinance is the City of Los Angeles. Mr. Cartagena also stated that staff is prepared to release a hardcopy survey to business owners on this ban. He added that unique to Beverly Hills is that Crown Disposal recycles the City's plastic bags. Mr. Gustavson stated that the City is not concerned with taking away resources from Crown Disposal and whether or not the ban is passed, plastic bags will be recycled.

Mr. Cartagena stated this was an informational item only.

Capital Improvement Program Projects under Public Works Management

Staff and Commission briefly discussed CIP projects. Mr. Gustavson stated that work on Santa Monica Boulevard will not take place until 2015, one year after the City's 100 year celebration.

Public Works Commission meetings to be videotaped and posted on City website

Mr. Theisen noted he is trying to arrange a review of the *Brown Act*; parliamentary procedures for next month's agenda. He also said that beginning in September, Public Works Commission meetings will be video recorded and available for viewing on the City's website.

F. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chair Shooshani shared a photo of parking meters in Santa Monica. Mr. Gustavson stated that parking issues fall under the purview of the Traffic and Parking Commission.

Chair Foldvary asked staff to put the discussion of Chair rotation on next month's agenda.

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Foldvary, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Passed and approved

This _____ day of _____, 2012

Chair Pressman