



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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

July 11, 2013
8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:39 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Shooshani, Weinglass, Foldvary and Pressman

Commissioners Absent: Shalowitz

Staff: M. Aluzri, C. Theisen, K. Watson, C. DiRenzo, A. Eason, C. Burnley, R. Acaba, J. Harris

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Shooshani

C. COMMISSION MINUTES

Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular meeting of June 13, 2013.

MOTION by Commissioner Weinglass, SECONDED by Commissioner Shooshani to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 13, 2013.

Ayes: Foldvary, Shooshani, Weinglass, Pressman

Noes:

Abstentions: None

Absent: Shalowitz

CARRIED 4/0

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

E. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Mayor's Cabinet Meeting – Chair Pressman gave an update on the Mayor's Cabinet meeting. He added that minutes are now being taken at the Mayor's Cabinet meeting and are available on the City's website.

F. CONTINUED AND NEW BUSINESS

Bay Delta Conservation Plan – Dr. Robert Wunderlich introduced himself to those listening on the web, stating that he is a Beverly Hills resident serving as a representative of the City of Beverly Hills at Metropolitan Water District (MWD). Dr. Wunderlich stated that MWD is a water wholesaler for Southern California and that Beverly Hills is heavily dependent on MWD for its water. Dr. Wunderlich also said that Southern California relies on multiple water sources such as the Colorado River Aqueduct and the State Water Project. He explained the challenges both sources face. Dr. Wunderlich stated that the Bay Delta is vital to California as it supplies drinking water to 25 million Californians. He said the Bay Delta Conservation Plan addresses the wide scope of pressing Delta issues and that a public draft of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and EIR/EIS are scheduled to be released this summer. Dr. Wunderlich encouraged the Commission and the public to contact their elected officials and regulatory agencies to ensure their voice and perspective is heard.

Commissioner Weinglass suggested an ad hoc committee be formed to investigate the possibility of Beverly Hills forming a partnership with other cities to enforce conservation and explore alternate water supplies. The Commission's consensus was to designate Commissioners Weinglass and Shooshani as members of the ad hoc and to report back to the Commission in approximately two months.

Dr. Wunderlich extended an invitation to the Commission to attend a field trip to the Bay Delta this fall.

Discussion of Coliform Issue – Water Operations Manager, Kevin Watson, presented a report to the Commission to address specific items that Chair Pressman requested regarding the sequence of events that transpired during the Coliform event that triggered the public notice in March 2013.

Commissioner Foldvary stated he was impressed by the complexity and vulnerability of the City's water system. He felt Mr. Watson's report also highlighted the Water Division's immense responsibility to the public unlike any other operation of the City. Commissioner Foldvary stated this report emphasized the requirement for very close care in the routine maintenance, monitoring, oversight and surveillance of the water system.

Commissioner Weinglass questioned if the six samples were taken at the same time and how many different locations the samples were taken from. Mr. Watson replied that the samples were taken from two different zones. Chair Pressman asked if the sampling procedure would be changed and Mr. Watson replied that changing the procedure would not be good operating practice for many reasons. Mr. Watson also stated in his opinion, there were many possibilities as to the positive coliform test.

Commissioner Weinglass asked how often the water pressure in pipes is checked as well as the quality of the drinking water lines. Mr. Watson replied they are both continuously monitored.

Commissioner Shooshani noted that there is water intrusion at Greystone Reservoir. Mr. Theisen replied that there is some water intrusion into Greystone Reservoir but not much. Commissioner Weinglass stated the Water Master Plan called for double containment and if the City is considering double lining Greystone Reservoir. Mr. Theisen responded that this will be studied by an engineering consultant and the findings will be part of the Water System Master Plan.

Chair Pressman asked about the Solar Bee system. Mr. Watson stated they will make monthly site visits. Chair Pressman asked Mr. Watson to clarify why the public was delayed in being notified. Mr. Watson replied that the Water Quality Specialist position was vacant and being filled on a rotational basis and that at the time of the Coliform incident it was the employee's first month filling this position and that there was miscommunication between City staff and the California Department of Public Health.

Chair Pressman stated that an ad hoc committee consisting of himself and Commissioner Foldvary would write a report for City Council and that this report would be presented to the Commission for their review before being given to the City Council. Chair Pressman also stated he is pleased that staff has taken care of this matter.

The Commission requested that any future citations or penalties received by the department be provided to the Commission. In addition, any information that will be provided to the public regarding department business should be provided to the Commission ahead of time; if possible, it should be placed on an agenda and discussed with the Commission prior to transmittal to the public.

(Staff Action Item)

Capital Improvement Program Projects Under Public Works Management – The Commission briefly reviewed outstanding CIP projects. Commissioner Foldvary gave an update on the sidewalk paving project, stating the consultant's report was very impressive. Commissioner Weinglass gave an update on the sewer system lining project as well.

Reconstruction of Coldwater Canon Reservoir was briefly discussed with Mr. Watson stating that there was some very minor maintenance work required on the pipe exterior painting which has been touched up and cleaning and disinfecting work is currently being done.

Outstanding Action Items from Previous Meetings

Update on status of outstanding action items from previous meetings.

3. **Give an update on the redesign of water bills** – Not discussed
6. **Provide outreach/education of recycling, including a program for Commissioners to speak at schools** – Staff attended an outreach program at Hawthorne Elementary School to encourage education on recycling. Other elementary schools will be scheduled once the new school year has begun, including Beverly Hills High School.
9. **Prepare and present a cost/benefit analysis of City-wide bin replacement and investigate low-cost methods to distribute recycling labels** – Not discussed
16. **Ask Communications and Marketing to place “We Recycle” ads in both papers and place posters in the public garages** – Not discussed
26. **Add use of social media and community outreach to next month's agenda** –Keep this on the list and Commissioners can bring back any ideas they have for this at the next meeting.
29. **Schedule a meeting of the City Council/Public Works Commission Liaison** – Not discussed.
31. **Provide information regarding complaints about green waste being dumped in the alleys** – Solid Waste Manager, James Burnley, personally went to the alley where illegal dumping was reported. He is exploring different options such as:
 - Instructing gardeners not to dump yard waste into containers not belonging to the resident they are working for.
 - Let the residents know their assistance is needed
 - Post signage regarding illegal dumping (Completed by PW-Eng Anne Z on 7-15-13)

- Contact Police Department for enforcement of illegal dumping ordinance (Completed by PW-Eng Anne Z on 7-15-13)
 - GPS tracking system on containers
 - Pay as you go system
 - Place signage on containers regarding illegal dumping in Spanish as well as English
32. **Report the linear feet of sewers in the City still to be lined** – Not discussed.
 34. **Investigate the possibility of touring the Eco-Campus housed at the City of Burbank** – Mr. Cartagena was not able to attend this meeting but is working on scheduling a more convenient time to tour the Eco-Campus in Burbank.
 35. **Investigate the compatibility of the City's infrastructure with Zigbee smart meter technology** – Not discussed.
 37. **The Commission would like to review and provide feedback on refuse container label design** – Not discussed.
 38. **Tour the Greystone Reservoir in lieu of a regular meeting at some time in the future** – Not discussed.
 39. **Provide copies of the 2002 Black & Veatch Water Master Plan to the Commissioners.** Not discussed.
 40. **What were the reasons and the scope for the reconstruction of the Coldwater Canyon Reservoir** – Informational memorandum provided to Commissioners in their packet.
 41. **Detail how the City responds to a positive coliform sample** – Kevin Watson gave report to the Commission.
 42. **Should staff implement sampling directly from the reservoir as part of the City's sampling procedure** – Mr. Watson stated staff will be complying with the California Department of Public Health's requirement to take samples going in and out of the reservoir's sampling stations.
 43. **Investigate the warrantees and service contractors for the Solar Bees and their batteries and consider replacing batteries proactively** – Mr. Watson is currently writing a new contract with Solar Bees which contains proactive preventative maintenance on its batteries.
 44. **Is the warranty for the Coldwater Canyon Reservoir expired** – Yes, the warranty for Coldwater Canyon Reservoir has expired.

45. Can the Water Tracker feature use the customer's name or address instead of the account number? Can we recover lost, past data? Chair Pressman stated he would like to have utility accounts password protected and not require customers to enter their account number each time they try to access their account. - Mr. Theisen added past data has been restored.

G. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS
None

H. COMMISSION ACTIONS
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MOTION by Commissioner Weinglass, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Shooshani to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 13, 2013.
Ayes: Weinglass, Shooshani, Foldvary, Pressman,
Noes:
Abstentions:
Absent: Shalowitz
CARRIED 4/0

I. ACTION ITEMS
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J. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, Chair Pressman, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Passed and approved

This _____ day of _____, 2013

Chair Pressman