CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
City Hall Room 280-A
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
September 11, 2014
8:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Felsenthal, Wolfe, Aronberg, Shalowitz and Pressman.
Commissioners Absent: None

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Shalowitz.

C. PSOMAS WORKSHOP

Psomas led a workshop covering water source options with the goal of prioritizing alternatives. The following were discussed: Prioritizing alternatives, Plan development, Demand analysis, Supply options, Evaluation criteria, Initial rankings and Sensitivity analysis of water sources, Resource option costs and volumes, Initial evaluation findings, Conservation, Groundwater, Water banking, Preliminary analysis, Promising water supply options, Resource portfolio concepts, Commission guidance and assignment, Potential policy issues, Next steps and the Status of Beverly Hills production wells and properties.

D. COMMISSION MINUTES

Consideration of the Minutes of the Public Works Commission Special Meeting of August 13, 2014, tabled to meeting of October 9, 2014.

E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE None.

F. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Mayor's Cabinet Meeting Chair Pressman attended the meeting of August 27, 2014.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Report Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC) Test Results*
Ms. Rhay provided an update. The second sample due in September was taken and the City is up to date and in compliance with the requirements to take the City out of Violation status. The Plant is to start September 15th, will operate for two weeks, then a performance review will occur by the City's Chief Operator. Regarding operations review, Hazen & Sawyer (H&S) is working on Plant performance data.

2. *Status Report – Triton Water Tracker*
Ms. Rhay provided an update. Triton is continuing as scheduled. Commissioner Wolfe stated the Conservation Education Sub-Committee asked to be involved in the internal, October 7th launch. Chair Pressman asked the Sub-Committee to determine if training is needed for the public.

3. *Declaration and Implementation of Stage "B" Water Conservation Measures*
Mr. Cartagena provided an update. City Council approved Stage B recommendations with changes. Council requested Staff include an exemption for Tier 1 users; to discern how to qualify the 90% allocation; and to determine a time period other than one year. Staff discussed methods with Finance and will return to City Council in October with different methodology. Regarding the State mandate, Ms. Rhay stated City Council adopted the Resolution and the City is in compliance while the penalty enforcement portion is determined. Commissioners Wolfe and Aronberg met with Finance to discuss Munis' 90% calculations. A multiple-year look back is possible; a suggestion is to look at a last three year average. Mr. Cartagena

stated Councilmember Mirisch discussed the City's inability to enforce outdoor watering restrictions in West Hollywood. Staff will meet with West Hollywood to discuss developing an outdoor watering schedule in that city. Roughly 19% of the City's water usage is provided to West Hollywood. Commissioner Felsenthal questioned the City's legal obligation to provide water to an area it cannot control. Commissioner Wolfe spoke with Ms. McMullan of Triton regarding alerts to inform residents of usage.

4. *Rotation of Public Works Commission Chair*
Chair Pressman stated the Chair position is available to Vice Chair Shalowitz based on City Council's new rules. In two months, one Commission Member will be eligible for Vice Chair. A temporary Vice Chair can be appointed for the next two months. Mr. Chavez stated per the City Clerk's Office, the next senior Member is Commissioner Aronberg, followed by Commissioners Wolfe and Felsenthal.

MOTION by Chair Pressman, SECONDED by Commissioner Wolfe to nominate Vice Chair Shalowitz to Commission Chair.
AYES: Commissioner Felsenthal, Commissioner Aronberg, Commissioner Wolfe, Vice Chair Shalowitz, Chair Pressman.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.
CARRIED 5/0

MOTION by Commissioner Wolfe, SECONDED by Vice Chair Shalowitz to nominate Chair Pressman as two month, temporary Commission Vice Chair.
AYES: Commissioner Felsenthal, Commissioner Aronberg, Commissioner Wolfe, Vice Chair Shalowitz, Chair Pressman.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.
CARRIED 5/0

MOTION by Vice Chair Shalowitz, SECONDED by Commissioner Felsenthal to nominate Commissioner Aronberg as Commission Vice Chair, effective November, 2014.
AYES: Commissioner Felsenthal, Commissioner Aronberg, Commissioner Wolfe, Vice Chair Shalowitz, Chair Pressman.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.
CARRIED 5/0

H. CONTINUED BUSINESS

1. *Reports from Sub-Committees*
Street & Sidewalk Improvements Sub-Committee No update. Mr. Cartagena is working on securing a meeting date with the Engineering Division and will email it to the Commission.

Conservation & Education Sub-Committee Commissioner Wolfe stated focus has been on emergency regulations and the conservation brochure. Ms. Eason stated brochures will go out next billing cycle.

2. *Outstanding Action Items List from Previous Meeting*
Chair Pressman provided an update. The following item(s) are closed: 0. The following item(s) are open/ongoing: 26, 46, 51, 54, 63, 64. The following Item(s) are pending action: 56. The following item(s) are to be removed: 65.

Mr. Burnley provided an update on Item No. 56, Drive Cam: The issue is in meet and confer status with two bargaining units, Safety Support and MEA. Mr. Cartagena provided an update on Item No. 63, Water Reuse: Psomas will discuss at the next meeting.

3. *Capital Improvement Program Projects Under Public Works Management*
Not discussed.

4. *Discussion of Future Agenda Items and Areas of Priority*
Not discussed.

I. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Regarding regular communication with the Recreation & Parks Division concerning water usage, Commissioner Aronberg would like information on their plans or collaboration with the Recreation & Parks Commission. Chair Pressman would like a report covering water usage for the City.

Commissioner Felsenthal mentioned areas of interest for the Commission to consider regarding the water philosophy of the Commission: Commissioners' commitment to specific areas of conservation; Attitude toward sewer recycling; Prioritizing City Staff; Construction Management; Commission Voting on short term notice; Formation of Agendas.

J. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Mr. Chavez reminded the Commission of the October 17 - 19, 2014, MWD trip. Invitations will be going out the week of September 8th. A final departure and return time is forthcoming from the trip coordinator.

Mr. Chavez provided an update on the recent Hilton water main break. Public Works Services Staff deployed to assist the Fire Department. The break was not on a City main line but was a fire service line feeding directly into the Hilton. There was flooding in a construction area which caused electrical issues, the hotel went dark and generators were activated. Overall the situation was well managed.

K. COMMENTS FROM METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (MWD) DIRECTOR None.

ACTION ITEMS

- Chair Pressman asked Psomas to include, for the next workshop, information on the potential for the City to save greywater; make rating changes; add the volume rating and provide the information to the Commission prior to the next meeting. Workshop #2 is November 13, 2014, at the PWC meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m.
- Regarding *Item #5, Discuss Metropolitan Water District Long-Term Purchase Order*, Chair Pressman finds the best option is a ten-year PO and would like this Item on the next Agenda.
- Vice Chair Shalowitz asked that Martin Freeman provide an update at the next meeting and that this Item remain on the Agenda. The Commission would like H&S at the next meeting.
- Chair Pressman asked that the City Attorney's Office look into the City's legal obligation to provide water to West Hollywood and provide a report.
- Commission ceremony and changes will occur at the beginning of October's PWC meeting.
- Vice Chair Shalowitz asked that Mark Cuneo provide status on Foothill, Item No. 64, at the next meeting.
- Chair Pressman asked that Psomas look into more reservoirs for City storage.

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Pressman, with the consent of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

Passed and approved

This _____ day of _____, 2014

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Chair Shalowitz