

MINUTES
MALIBU PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2020
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
3:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dittrich called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair Scott Dittrich; Vice Chair Brian Merrick; and Commissioners James Palmer, Lance Simmens, and Paul Grisanti

ALSO PRESENT: Rob DuBoux, Public Works Director; Adam Chase, Assistant Public Works Director; Travis Hart, Public Works Superintendent; Jorge Rubalcava, Associate Civil Engineer; and Brandie Ayala, Senior Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sr. Administrative Assistant Ayala led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Grisanti moved and Commissioner Palmer seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Senior Administrative Assistant Ayala reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on January 16, 2020.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 1.B. STAFF UPDATES

Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated the Council accepted the completion of the La Costa Pedestrian Improvements Project and explained the close out process to the Commission. He further explained staff appealed the decision of the Planning Commission on the City's Civic Center Way Improvements Project to the City Council and the hearing was scheduled for the February 10, 2020 City Council meeting.

In response to Commissioner Simmens, Commissioner Grisanti explained the Planning Commission modified the scope of work and material changes to the City's Civic Center Way Improvements Project. Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated the Planning Department will be presenting the City's appeal to the City Council.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated staff was scheduling and holding community meeting for the Civic Center Water Treatment Facility Phase 2 with homeowners' associations and other representatives with two scheduled for February 4 and 10, 2020.

In response to Chair Dittrich, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained the community meetings were created to focus on the unique design challenges with the individual neighborhoods making the meetings more productive.

Chair Dittrich requested staff notify the commission of each of the upcoming community meeting.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated the Temporary Skate Park Project will be heard by the Planning Commission on February 4, 2020 and will be become a future Public Works project.

Senior Administrative Assistant Ayala stated the Biannual Report was sent to the City Council and will be presented at the January 27, 2020 Council meeting.

Public Works Superintendent Hart updated the Commission on the City's efforts to prepare for any forecasted storm events. He also stated staff was researching the ownership of the drain on Birdview Ave. He also explained Caltrans was reviewing the striping recently painted on Pacific Coast Highway by Las Flores Canyon Road and Tuna Canyon Road. He stated the maintenance crews cut down the vegetation turning into Solstice Canyon.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase announced Norm Haynie would be presenting Big Rock dewatering presentation at the February scheduled meeting.

ITEM 1.C. COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Commissioner Palmer thanked staff for clearing the vegetation near Solstice Canyon.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained private roads were maintained by the homeowner or their homeowners association and city owned roads were maintained by the City. He further explained the public roadways are in the City's Pavement Management Program

and depending on their condition, the roadway would be scheduled for the appropriate type of maintenance.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained Public Works Director DuBoux was unable to attend the Commission meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Chair Dittrich expressed his concern that the Public Works Commission was being deemphasized.

Commissioner Simmens expressed the concern on the condition of the Ralph's parking lot. He also stated the shoulder pavement near the intersection of Cross Creek Road and PCH was very rough and causing concerns with motorists.

Chair Dittrich requested an update from staff on the status of the pedestrian crossing near Corral Canyon Road and Malibu Seafood.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Previously Discussed Items
None.

- B. New Items
None.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

- A. Capital Improvement Projects Status Report
Staff recommendation: Receive and file update on the City's current and upcoming Capital Improvement Projects.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase presented the report and gave the Commission an update on the City's Capital Improvement Projects.

- MOTION Vice Chair Merrick moved and Commissioner Grisanti seconded a motion the Public Works Commissioners support to original design of the Civic Center Way Improvements Project presented to them on July 26, 2017 and reject the conditions approved by the Planning Commission at the December 2, 2019 Planning Commission meeting increasing project costs and creating a budget shortfall for the project. The motion carried unanimously.

In response to Vice Chair Merrick, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained the parking meters program was placed on hold but the intent of the program was to charge for the parking but not to exceed the cost of the program.

In response to Chair Dittrich, Commissioner Grisanti clarified the parking program was supported by Caltrans and the California Coastal Commission.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained the difference between adaptive signal and an older type of signal. He further explained the PCH Signal Synchronization Project will include adaptive signals. He also stated the beginning of construction was scheduled in April 2021.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained there were traffic loops and GPS clock at the intersection of PCH and Webb Way.

In response to Vice Chair Merrick, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained all concerns about traffic flow at the PCH and Webb Way will be addressed by completing the Civic Center Way Improvements Project and the PCH Signal Synchronization Project.

CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Commission received and filed the update of the City's current and upcoming Capital Improvement Projects.

B. Disaster Recovery Capital Improvement Projects Status Report

Staff recommendation: Receive and file update on the City's current and upcoming Disaster Recovery Capital Improvement Projects.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase presented the staff report and provided the Commission with an update on the Disaster Recovery Capital Improvement Projects and discussed the process on how the City would receive funding obligation.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated the City's settlement of approximately 13 million from Southern California Edison was not part of the disaster projects.

In response to Chair Dittrich, Commissioner Grisanti explained the clearing of burnt lots was managed by CalOES and focus was on the Paradise fire lots prior to coming to Malibu and clearing the Malibu lots which contributed to the timeframe of approximately four to five months.

CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Commission received and filed the status report of the City's Disaster Recovery Capital Improvements Projects.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation on Pacific Coast Highway Bicycle Facilities by M Co Design

Staff recommendation: Receive and file a presentation by M Co Design on a creative vision to expand bicycle facilities along Pacific Coast Highway and provide feedback to staff.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase introduced Scott Myklebust from M Co Design who presented the Commission with a presentation on a vision to expand bicycle facilities along PCH.

Scott Myklebust suggested renaming a portion of PCH between Santa Monica Pier and Malibu Pier to Pacific Coast Blvd. He also suggested reducing the lane width from 12 feet to 11 feet, reduce the speed limit from 45 MPH to 35 MPH and install bicycle lanes in that corridor.

In response to Vice Chair Merrick, Scott explained by reducing the lane width and utilizing existing pavement there would be enough width to install a bicycle lane.

In response to Chair Dittrich, Scott stated the proposed median would be 11 feet in place of the no left turn lane.

In response to Vice Chair Merrick, Scott explained during an emergency, vehicles would pull off to the right as per the vehicle code.

In response to Chair Dittrich, Scott stated the proposed vision eliminated the evacuation route that was used during the Woolsey Fire.

Public Works Superintendent Hart stated the current lanes on PCH between Las Flores Canyon Road and Tuna Canyon Road are between 9 and 12 feet.

In response to Vice Chair Merrick, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated staff would look into possible sources of funds to support this type of project.

Chair Dittrich stated he was concern there would be a large resistance about reducing the speed limit in this corridor of PCH. He also suggested maybe this project's scope be reduced to only Malibu and not include Santa Monica.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 5:04 p.m., Vice Chair Merrick moved and Chair Dittrich seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Public Works Commission of the
City of Malibu on July 15, 2020.



SCOTT DITTRICH, Chair

ATTEST:



BRANDIE AYALA, Senior Administrative Assistant