

MINUTES  
MALIBU PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 23, 2019  
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
3:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Dittrich called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

ABSENT: Chair James Palmer

ALSO PRESENT: Rob DuBoux, Public Works Director; Adam Chase, Assistant Public Works Director; Arthur Aladjajian, Public Works Superintendent; and Julie Walker, Administrative Assistant.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Merrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION Commissioner Grisanti moved and Vice Chair Dittrich seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 4-0, Chair Palmer absent.

**ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS**

Administrative Assistant Walker administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Simmens.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**CONSENSUS**

By consensus, the Commission continued the Election of Chair and Vice Chair to the next Regular meeting on February 27, 2019.

**REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

Administrative Assistant Walker reported the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on January 17, 2019 and the amended agenda for the meeting was properly posted on January 18, 2019.

**ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM 1.B. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Grisanti stated he met with representatives of Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Waterworks District No. 29 regarding the reissuance of the Environmental Impact Report for the June, 2017 of the waterworks plan for the purpose of discussion of the increased water flow to Malibu residents during fire events.

Commissioner Simmens expressed his gratitude for his appointment to the Public Works Commission and stated that he was glad to have the opportunity to work with staff and fellow commissioners.

Vice Chair Dittrich discussed the timing of the new traffic signal at Webb Way and Civic Center Way. He also discussed the backup of traffic eastbound on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) as a result of the new parking lot near the Malibu Pier.

Commissioner Merrick expressed concern that the crosswalk on PCH near the Malibu Beach Inn, which was approved by Caltrans, was not discussed by the Public Works Commission before approval.

Commissioner Simmens expressed his concerns about the safety of bicyclists on PCH.

**ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**CONSENSUS**

By consensus the Commission continued the items on the Consent Calendar to the next Regular meeting on February 27, 2019.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Previously Discussed Items

None.

B. New Items

1. Approval of Minutes – October 24, 2018.

Staff Recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Works Commission Regular meeting of October 24, 2018.

**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.

In response to Commissioner Merrick, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated the Woolsey Fire shifted the department's priorities and slightly delayed Capital Improvement Projects.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated that construction during the weekend could be considered on the City Hall Solar Power Project.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated the Electric Vehicle Chargers Upgrade Project would include Level 2 charging stations for the use of credit cards.

In response to Vice Chair Dittrich, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated the Anchor Sculpture Base Project had a project estimate of \$30,000 for construction of the base. He further stated the anchor sculpture was to be placed at Legacy Park on Civic Center Way. Public Works Director DuBoux further stated the anchor sculpture was donated to the City.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Assistant Public Works Director Chase confirmed that the contractor was in possession of the signal poles for the La Costa Pedestrian Improvements Project.

In response to Vice Chair Dittrich, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated construction on the La Costa Pedestrian Improvements Project was anticipated to commence in February and would be completed approximately in 30 days.

**CONSENSUS**

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

- B.      Update on Street Maintenance Work  
Staff Recommendation: Receive and file report on the status of Street Maintenance Work.

Public Works Superintendent Arthur Aladjadjian presented the report.

In response to Commissioner Merrick, Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated the soil and debris displaced by the recent storm events had been collected, trucked away and disposed.

#### CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Commission received and filed the report on the status of Street Maintenance Work.

#### ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

- C. Risk and Vulnerability Maps from the Woolsey Fire  
Staff Recommendation: Receive and file Risk and Vulnerability Maps from the Woolsey Fire.

Public Works Director DuBoux presented the report.

In response to Commissioner Merrick, Public Works Director DuBoux explained storm drains within the City belonged to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Caltrans, the City of Malibu, or private property owners.

In response to Vice Chair Dittrich, Public Works Director DuBoux explained the City was seeking funding by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the upsizing of City owned storm drains in the high impact fire damaged areas of the City. He further explained that the City, Cal OES, Los Angeles County Flood Control District, and FEMA have had extensive discussions about potential projects that would reduce the amount of debris flow during storm events in the Malibu Park area.

In response to Vice Chair Dittrich, Public Works Director DuBoux agreed a visit to the high risk areas of the City by the Public Works Commission would be beneficial and staff would look into setting up a field visit at a future Public Works Commission meeting.

In response to Commissioner Merrick, Public Works Director DuBoux stated that hydroseeding was not effective in some locations. He further stated the City would concentrate its efforts on debris cleanup. Assistant Public Works Director Chase added it was not advisable to add water to already saturated embankments.

In response to Commissioner Merrick, Public Works Director DuBoux stated FEMA could not fund debris basins on federally owned properties.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Commissioner Merrick moved and Commissioner Grisanti seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 p.m. The motion carried 4 – 0, Chair Palmer absent.

Approved and adopted by the Public Works  
Commission of the City of Malibu on February 27,  
2019.

  
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JAMES PALMER, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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JULIE WALKER, Recording Secretary