

MINUTES  
MALIBU PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 24, 2019  
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
3:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Grisanti called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Lance Simmens, Brian Merrick and Paul Grisanti

ABSENT: Chair James Palmer and Vice Chair Scott Dittrich

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Grisanti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION Commissioner Merrick moved and Commissioner Simmens seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 3-0, Chair Palmer and Vice Chair Dittrich absent.

**REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

Administrative Assistant Walker reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on April 16, 2019.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**CONSENSUS**

By consensus the commission continued the Election of Chair and Vice Chair to the May 22, 2019, Regular meeting.

**ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM 1.B. STAFF UPDATES**

Assistant Public Works Director Chase reported the Caltrans Community Meeting was held on March 26, 2019, at City Hall. The discussion at the meeting Caltrans' efforts to continue to conduct maintenance on the City's drain system and the City requested Caltrans to schedule an additional Community Meeting to continue to discuss the proposed pedestrian hybrid signal at Malibu Seafood on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH). He further explained the City did not recommend installation of the signal.

Commissioner Simmens expressed his disappointment with Caltrans' presentation on March 26, 2019.

**ITEM 1.C. COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES**

Commissioner Grisanti stated he was in receipt of Mr. E.D. Michael's geological report on the Big Rock Mesa Landslide Maintenance Assessment District 98-1 area. He explained the report stated maintenance of the area was not being properly administered by Fugro USA.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Public Works Director DuBoux stated Mr. Michaels presented his report to the Public Works Commission on February 27, 2019. He further stated the report was written in the opinion of Mr. Michaels and did not contain engineering evidence. He stated Fugro USA was reviewing the report and he assured the Commission the infrastructure was properly maintained. He also stated he met with some of the homeowners in the District and updated them on the state of the infrastructure and assured them that the wells were being maintained properly and were operating efficiently to keep the ground water at an acceptable level. He stated there was no major movement of the landslide area, and when the City received Fugro USA's review of the report he would update the Commission.

In response to Commissioner Simmens, Public Works Director DuBoux stated a summary of Fugro USA's review of the report would be provided to the Commissioners.

Public Works Director DuBoux stated Fugro USA had been gathering data and had maintained the equipment for a number of years. He stated the safety of the homeowners of the Big Rock Mesa Landslide Maintenance Assessment District 98-1 was of paramount importance.

Commissioner Merrick expressed his concern about the lack of work being done on the Zuma underpass, which he recognized was not within the City's jurisdiction. In response to Commissioner Merrick, Public Works Director DuBoux stated he would get an update on the work being done by Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors and Caltrans.

In response to Commissioner Simmens, Public Works Director DuBoux stated all plastic sandbags in the public right-of-way within the City limits had been collected by the City's maintenance crews. He further explained there were still plastic sandbags on private property. He stated the Public Works Department had been reaching out to Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors, Caltrans and private residents to encourage them to properly dispose of their plastic sandbags. He stated the City was distributing a flyer regarding plastic sandbag disposal to the community. He stated staff had reached out to Santa Monica College and the Malibu Beach RV Park to encourage them to properly dispose of their plastic sandbags. He stated he did not believe the City's ban on plastic sandbags allowed the City the right to step on private property to collect banned sandbags. He further explained that if the ban was ignored, the City Code Enforcement would enforce the ban.

## **ITEM 2      CONSENT CALENDAR**

Commissioner Simmens pulled the only item on the Consent Calendar.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- A.     Previously Discussed Items  
None.

The following item was pulled for individual consideration:

- B.     New Items
1.     Approval of Minutes – March 27, 2019, 2019  
Staff recommendation: Approve minutes from the Public Works Commission Regular meeting of March 27, 2019.

Commissioner Simmens stated he did not recall "abstaining" from the vote to accept the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Merrick stated he believed it was Commissioner Grisanti who abstained from the vote because he was not present. Commissioner Simmens stated the vote should be 3-0-1.

**MOTION**      Commissioner Merrick moved and Commissioner Simmens seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar and to accept the Approval of Minutes amending

the March 27, 2019 minutes to remove Commissioner Simmen's abstention, if necessary. The motion carried 3-0, Chair Palmer and Vice Chair Dittrich absent.

### ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Capital Improvements 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 staff report.

In response to Commissioner Simmens, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained the dates of construction for the City Hall Solar Power Project would depend on the outcome of the April 24, 2019 Special City Council Meeting. He further explained that construction had been slated for the start of the summer and it would be six months in duration.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Public Works Director DuBoux explained the fiscal impact of the Heathercliff Road Safety Improvements Project would also depend on the April 24, 2019 Special City Council Meeting.

In response to Commissioner Simmens, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated there were issues with the contractor for the City Hall Roof Project and staff was discussing the legal implications with the City Attorney.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Public Works Superintendent Aladjadjian explained a pre-construction meeting with the contractor of the Legacy Park Anchor Sculpture Base Project was held and the location of the sculpture would be adjacent to the young boy sculpture near the trellis in Legacy Park.

#### 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 Aladjadjian presented the staff report.

Public Works Superintendent Aladjadjian reported on the traffic accident involving a civilian sitting under a bus stop shelter at the corner of Heathercliff and PCH. He stated the accident had destroyed the bus stop bench and shelter, which had been repaired.

In response to Commissioner Simmens, Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated the bus stop shelters and bus stop benches were maintained by the City.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Public Works Director DuBoux explained the Trancas Creek underpass was the responsibility of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and was not maintained by the City.

#### CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Commission received and filed the update on the City's Street Maintenance Work.

#### C. Civic Center Way Improvements Update

Staff recommendation: Receive, comment and provide recommendations on the project alternatives for the Civic Center Way Improvements Project. Receive and file report on the retaining wall variance for the Civic Center Way Improvements Project.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase presented the staff report.

In response to Commissioner Merrick, Public Works Director DuBoux confirmed the proposed retaining walls and traffic signal supports the bus stop. Assistant Public Works Director Chase confirmed the proposed variance for the top-down construction of a retaining wall was required to achieve horizontal and vertical design constraints for safety.

In response to Commissioner Merrick, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained the proposed bike lanes and dedicated right turn lane configuration from Civic Center Way to Webb Way.

In response to Commissioner Merrick, Assistant Public Works Director Chase confirmed one of the designs of the Civic Center Way Improvements Project included walkways on both the north and the south side of Civic Center Way. Public Works Director DuBoux further explained City Council had directed the Public Works Department to include a walkway on the north side of Civic Center Way.

#### MOTION

Commissioner Merrick moved and Commissioner Simmens seconded a motion to provide a northern walkway the full length of Civic Center Way up to Winter Canyon Road and eliminate the southern side walkway from Winter Canyon Road to Webb Way to maximize the proposed bike lanes on the Civic Center Way Improvements Project. The motion carried 3-0, Chair Palmer and Vice Chair Dittrich absent.

MOTION Commissioner Merrick moved and Commissioner Grisanti seconded a motion to seek a variance to lower the grade on Civic Center Way and extend the retaining wall to a maximum height of 8 ½ feet. The motion carried 3-0, Chair Palmer and Vice Chair Dittrich absent.

D. Draft Five Year Capital Improvement Plan

Staff recommendation: Receive and comment on the Draft Five Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2019 – 2024.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase presented the staff report.

In response to Commissioner Simmens, Public Works Director DuBoux explained the Public Works Department had taken into consideration deferring the maintenance of City streets until after the Woolsey Fire rebuild work had taken place. He further explained that the City would still maintain the safety of the City's streets in the interim.

In response to Commissioner Simmens, Public Works Director DuBoux stated the installation of overhead warning signs on PCH was a Measure R funded project that provided advanced warning signs to motorists alerting them of dangerous road conditions. He stated the project was not being considered in Fiscal Year 2018 – 2019.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Assistant Public Works Director Chase confirmed the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Project would be charging customers for the use of electricity and studies were underway to identify the most efficient methods for assessing these charges.

**ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS**

A. Public Works Commission Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Assignments

Staff recommendation: Review the Public Works Commission Assignments from Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019, remove completed assignments, add new items for consideration, if appropriate, and recommend that the City Council approve the Commission's list of assignments for the Public Works Commission (Attachment No. 1).

Assistant Public Works Director Chase presented the staff report.

MOTION Commissioner Merrick moved and Commissioner Simmens seconded a motion to make one addition to the Public Works Commission Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Assignments:

Item 14. Review and make recommendations on offsite Private Development mitigation measures that are constructed within the public right-of-way.

The motion carried 3-0, Chair Palmer and Vice Chair Dittrich absent.

Commissioner Simmens moved and Commissioner Merrick seconded a motion to make one addition to the Public Works Commission Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Assignments:

Item 15. Explore the possibility of expansion of bike lanes throughout the City through consultation with various agencies.

The motion carried 3-0, Chair Palmer and Vice Chair Dittrich absent.

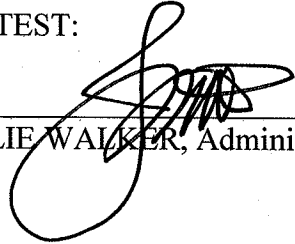
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** At 5:43 p.m., Commissioner Merrick moved and Commissioner Simmens seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried 3-0, Chair Palmer and Vice Chair Dittrich absent.

Approved and adopted by the Public Works Commission of the  
City of Malibu on June 24, 2019

  
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SCOTT DITTRICH, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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JULIE WALKER, Administrative Assistant