

MINUTES  
MALIBU PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 26, 2019  
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
3:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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: Chair Scott Dittrich; Vice Chair Brian Merrick; and Commissioners Paul Grisanti, James Palmer, and Lance Simmens (arrived at 4:33 p.m.)

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Palmer 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 4-0, Commissioner Simmens absent.

**REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

Administrative Assistant Walker reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on June 20, 2019.

**ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM 1.B. STAFF UPDATES**

Assistant Public Works Director Chase reported a meeting had been tentatively scheduled on July 10, 2019, with the Big Rock Mesa Homeowners Association and City staff regarding Assessment District 98-1. He also reported the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 had been reviewed and approved by the City Council. He stated the City was currently in negotiations with a consultant for the design of Phase 2 of the Civic Center Water Treatment Facility and planned to take the agreement to the City Council for approval in August 2019.

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

Commissioner Grisanti invited the public to attend a pizza truck party at his office on July 1, 2019.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained a map of the City's storm drains was not immediately available. He further explained the City was applying for two hazard mitigation grant programs, one of which was a master storm drain update, which would facilitate the updating of the City's storm drain map. He stated he anticipated the approval of the grant would be by spring of 2020 with funding to follow in a timely manner.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Public Works Superintendent Aladjadjian stated staff would talk to the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station to see if there was any regulation that would prevent commercial vehicles from parking overnight in the public right of way on Rambla Vista.

In response to Chair Dittrich, Public Works Superintendent Aladjadjian stated the Environmental Sustainability Department was responsible for responding to all illicit discharge claims.

In response to Chair Dittrich, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained the Caltrans District 7 Director was discussing the potential use of the underpass near Malibu Seafood as a pedestrian walkway with the City Manager's Office. He stated it was the Public Works Department's position that the study report provided by Caltrans required additional alternatives to be considered and those findings needed to be presented to the Malibu community.

Chair Dittrich stated railroad ties were not allowed to be utilized in landscaping within the City of Malibu.

**ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Previously Discussed Items  
None.

B. New Items

1. Approval of Minutes

Staff recommendation: Approve minutes from the Public Works Commission Regular meetings of March 27, 2019, April 24, 2019 and May 22, 2019.

MOTION Commissioner Grisanti moved and Commissioner Palmer seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Commission Regular meeting minutes of April 24, 2019 and May 22, 2019 and the revised Public Works Commission Regular Meeting minutes of March 27, 2019. The motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Simmens 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 Vice Chair Merrick, Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian explained that the Caltrans project to clean the various culverts on (Pacific Coast Highway) PCH would take place at night.

In response to Chair Dittrich, Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated the cost of the Anchor Sculpture Base Project was approximately \$42,000 for the foundation, transportation, and placement of the anchor.

In response to Vice Chair Merrick, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained the Anchor Sculpture Base Project was a project designed to assist the Community Services Department in placing the Anchor for Malibu sculpture. Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated all Capital Improvement Projects were approved by the City Council and anyone could address the Council with their concerns at that time.

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 Aladjajian presented the staff report.

In response to Vice Chair Merrick, Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian explained the City was looking into alternative materials to repair the burned wood railroad ties that border the pathway at the corner of Cliffside Drive and Birdview Avenue.

In response to Chair Dittrich, Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated the pothole on Sumac Ridge Road would be repaired promptly.

C. Update on Westward Beach Road Improvements

Staff recommendation: Receive and file report on the status of Westward Beach Road Improvements.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase presented the report.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated existing parking spaces on Westward Beach Road would be relocated as angled parking, but no new parking spaces would be added within the study area. He stated any improvements to the connector road to Zuma Beach would need to be approved by the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors.

In response to Chair Dittrich, Assistant Public Works Director stated there were approximately 29 parking spots within the study area on Westward Beach Road.

In response to Chair Dittrich, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained it was not possible to relocate the bike lanes to the side of the street opposite the parking spots on Westward Beach Road because the land was Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA), with steep slopes and limited right-of-way.

Chair Dittrich indicated opposition to removing parking spaces on Westward Beach Road in preference for a Class II bike lane. He suggested the use for Class III bicycle facilities.

In response to Vice Chair Merrick, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained a Class I bike lane was a lane outside of the actual roadway, separated by some sort of barrier. He further explained a Class III bike lane was a "share the road" bike lane with other motorists and a Class IV bike lane was a bike lane separated by flexible bollards or other barriers.

Commissioner Simmens arrived at 4:33 p.m.

MOTION Commissioner Grisanti moved and Commissioner Simmens seconded a motion to add Class II bicycle lanes to Westward Beach Road. If on-street parking is removed, a Class III bike facility shall replace the Class II bike lane within that segment of roadway.. The motion carried 3 – 2, Vice Chair Merrick and Chair Dittrich dissenting.

MOTION Commissioner Grisanti moved and Commissioner Simmens seconded a motion to have the Public Works Department discuss the use of the undercrossing for

bicycle lanes at the intersection of Westward Beach Road and PCH with Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS**

A. Pacific Coast Highway Regional Messaging System

Staff recommendation: Receive and file report on the Pacific Coast Highway Regional Messaging System.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase presented the staff report.

In response to Commissioner Simmens, Assistant Public Works Director Chase reported there were plans to have approximately five messaging signs.

In response to Chair Dittrich, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated the traffic signal timing would coordinate with the timing of pedestrian use of the crosswalks but was focused on improving vehicular travel times.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained fully autonomous driven cars (level four) would hopefully be coming in the next 10 years.

MOTION Commissioner Grisanti moved and Commissioner Simmens seconded a motion to include the Pacific Coast Highway Regional Messaging System in the second phase of the PCH Signal System Improvement Project. The motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS**

B. Scheduling of the July 2019 Commission Meeting

Staff recommendation: Discuss whether to reschedule the July 24, 2019 Public Works Commission Regular meeting to July 17 or July 31, 2019.

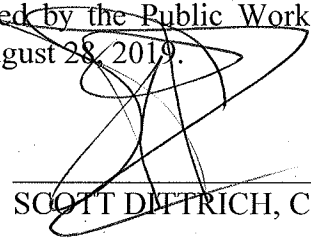
MOTION Commission Palmer moved and Commissioner Grisanti seconded a motion to reschedule the July 24, 2019 meeting to July 17, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Simmens stated if he had been present during the vote to approve the minutes of March 27, 2019, April 24, 2019 and May 22, 2019 he would have voted in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION At 4:57 p.m., Commissioner Grisanti moved and Commissioner Palmer seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Public Works Commission of the City of Malibu on August 28, 2019.



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SCOTT DIETRICH, Chair

ATTEST:



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BRANDIE AYALA, Senior Administrative Assistant