

MINUTES
MALIBU PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2020
TELECONFERENCED - VARIOUS LOCATIONS
3:30 P.M.

The following meeting was held pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dittrich called the meeting to order at 3:37 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; Jenna Sobieray, Assistant Civil Engineer; Jorge Rubalcava, Associate Civil Engineer; Travis Hart, Public Works Superintendent; Brandie Ayala, Senior Administrative Assistant; Parker Davis, Media Technician; and Mary Linden, Executive Assistant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Senior Administrative Assistant Ayala reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on August 7, 2020.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

MOTION Chair Dittrich nominated Brian Merrick as Chair. The question was called and Brian Merrick was unanimously elected Chair.

MOTION Commissioner Dittrich nominated Lance Simmens as Vice Chair. The question was called and Lance Simmens was unanimously elected Vice Chair.

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ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Yarman, representing the Lower Rambla Pacifico Underground Utility District, discussed differences of opinion regarding the public benefit of the District. He stated Public Works staff advised them the City could not cover the cost of the district. He stated they were advised they would now be required to have two-thirds of the property owners agree to approve a Community Facilities District (CFD). He stated that differed from the simple majority of 50 percent plus one that was previously required.

Jo Drummond discussed the Big Rock Mesa Property Owners Association's presentation to the Commission in February 2019 regarding potential remedial measures. She discussed potential erosion damage. She stated they had presented the City Council with a petition signed by more than 90 neighbors signed petition requesting the Council impose a moratorium on further development. She stated Council directed staff to provide an assessment of the area. She stated the Big Rock Dewatering Committee was awaiting response to its request for a meeting with staff. She suggested the Commission request an update at an upcoming meeting.

ITEM 1.B. STAFF UPDATES

Assistant Public Works Director Chase congratulated the new Chair and Vice Chair. He discussed good feedback on staff's presentation on the Trancas right turn pocket project. He stated the City was ready to start the design process with Caltrans and Metro. He announced a virtual community meeting on the Civic Center Water Treatment Facility (CCWTF) Phase 2 would be held in September.

Public Works Superintendent Hart stated maintenance crews continued to work primarily on removing excessive trash from summer visitors and assisting Caltrans with PCH cleanup. He discussed signs being replaced throughout the City. He stated he requested an update from Caltrans about asphalt repairs on PCH by Cross Creek Road requested by Vice Chair Simmens at the last meeting. He stated Caltrans would try to include the repair work in an upcoming maintenance project in September or October.

Public Works Director DuBoux discussed suggestions for the pedestrian pathway on the ocean side of the Trancas Bridge. He stated Caltrans agreed to add a barrier between the travel lane and the pedestrian walkway on the bridge for additional safety. He discussed plans for the temporary bike and pedestrian pathway. He stated Caltrans was considering the City's recommendation to increase the width of the pathway from five feet to at least eight feet. He stated staff was moving ahead with funding for the right turn project with Metro. In response to Mr. Yarman, Public Works Director DuBoux clarified that the City paying for general benefits is not within the current budget. He discussed the City's Bond Counsel provided a legal discussion regarding the general benefits for this project and recommended the City implement Community Facility District to finance the utility

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undergrounding. In response to Ms. Drummond, he stated the City's consultant was developing ideas regarding dewatering. He stated it was on schedule to give an update to the City Council in September. He stated staff was in contact with the homeowners association and provided updates on the schedule.

ITEM 1.C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Dittrich congratulated Vice Chair Simmens and Commissioner Grisanti for choosing to run for City Council. He thanked Commissioner Grisanti for his recent newspaper article about preparing for the upcoming fire season. He asked for clarification about the required support required for a CFD. He stated he understood the City's current budget issues but did not understand the decision to change the structure in middle of project. He stated there was no explanation for the change other than a lack of City budget.

In response to Commissioner Dittrich, Public Works Director DuBoux discussed a letter sent to the Lower Rambla Pacifico group that included an analysis and recommendation from the City's Bond Counsel to move forward with the CFD. Commissioner Dittrich stated the letter did not explain why a CFD was recommended. Public Works Director DuBoux stated the recommendation was based on law, statutes in effect, and based upon fires in Paradise, California and the Woolsey Fire. He stated the recommended CFD would be the same type as formed for the Carbon Beach Undergrounding District.

Commissioner Dittrich asked Mr. Yarman if the vote percent change eliminated the possibility of completing the district. Mr. Yarman stated 85% of property owners originally submitted letters of interest when the requirement was a simple majority.

Public Works Director DuBoux stated he would discuss the issues with Mr. Yarman and Commissioner Dittrich. Commissioner Dittrich stated the City Council had voted unanimously five years ago that it would require simple majority. He stated he did not see how it could change at this point.

In response to Vice Chair Simmens, Public Works Director DuBoux discussed preliminary cost estimates received from SCE and Frontier. He stated the third utility company on the pole, Charter Communications, had not yet replied. In response to Vice Chair Simmens, Public Works Director DuBoux stated traffic improvements on Malibu Canyon Road would be included in an upcoming striping project. Vice Chair Simmens discussed speed humps in Point Dume. He stated residents had varying opinions. Public Works Director DuBoux discussed requests for speed humps in other neighborhoods. He explained that there are two different City's procedures for responding to public requests for speed humps. One through Public Works procedures, and the other as a public safety/City Council determination. He stated the Point Dume speed humps originated from a recommendation to the City Council from the Public Safety Commission. Vice Chair Simmens requested the Public Works Commission be part of the process in the future.

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Commissioner Palmer commended staff for sign replacement and street cleanup. He discussed overgrowth on Solstice Canyon blocking motorists' sightline. In response to Commissioner Palmer, Chair Merrick stated the large crane in Paradise Cove was for a private project in process for a year or more. Commissioner Palmer discussed construction on Cross Creek Road near the entrance to Serra Retreat.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Public Works Director DuBoux stated a public hearing on sewer assessments for Serra Retreat coming back were at least nine months away. Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated he will provide an update as to when the City would implement an assessment engineer at the September public meeting.

Chair Merrick discussed new cracks in the road on Big Rock. Public Works Superintendent Hart stated he observed nothing new but typical minor, normal pavement deterioration over time. He stated other staff had met with Ms. Drummond and other owners about those issues.

Commissioner Grisanti stated residents in Big Rock funded dewatering. He stated the assessment district could fund additional studies. Public Works Director DuBoux stated the assessment district every year has a specific budget and scope of work and any additional work would require modifications to that scope. In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Public Works Director DuBoux confirmed outside scope of work would require a new assessment district.

In response to Chair Merrick, Public Works Director DuBoux confirmed the City conducted a search process for a new consultant that included Big Rock residents in the selection panel. He stated the new consultant, Yeh and Associates, Inc., would report back to the Commission in the near future.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Public Works Director DuBoux discussed the contract for the new consultant. He stated the previous consultant's agreement expired in July 2020. He stated some staff working for the new consultant previously worked for the former consultant and were very familiar with the City.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Palmer moved and Commissioner Dittrich seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Previously Discussed Items
None.
- B. New Items

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1. Approval of Minutes – February 26, 2020 and July 15, 2020

Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Works Commission Regular meeting February 26, 2020 and Public Works Commission Special meeting July 15, 2020.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

A. Capital Improvement Projects and Disaster Recovery Projects Status Report

Recommended Action: Receive and file report on the status of the City's current and upcoming Capital Improvements Projects and Disaster Recovery Projects.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated a brief update on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) would be provided each month.

Chair Merrick inquired about the status of the PCH Synchronization Project. Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained it was a two- to three-year design process due to Caltrans procedures and the environmental regulations. He stated staff would provide a presentation with simulation models to the Commission this fall.

Public Works Superintendent Hart presented the report. He stated three bids were received on the Storm Drain Trash Screens project. He stated the low bid was under \$18,000, which was within the budget, and would be presented to the Council in early September. He discussed the status of CCWTF Phase Two. He discussed the award of the contract to GMZ Engineering, Inc. He stated GMZ had worked well on other City projects. He stated traffic should be less impacted from construction due to lighter commuter traffic during the pandemic. He stated the Annual Street Maintenance work was wrapping up. He stated striping was just completed in Malibu Knolls, Malibu Country Estates and Carbon Mesa. He stated the Guardrail Replacement project should be completed in October. He reported most of the guardrails were in place with only asphalt work left to be completed.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Public Works Superintendent Hart explained the public notification process before the start of construction

In response to Vice Chair Simmens, Public Works Director DuBoux stated the Community Services Department was working to reopen Temporary Skate Park.

Commissioner Grisanti discussed work on water pipes in Encinal Canyon. In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Public Works Director DuBoux stated Los

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Angeles County Waterworks District 29 (District 290 was currently working on design for the tank. He stated staff continued to work closely with District 29.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Public Works Director DuBoux stated the former Chili Cook-Off land purchased by the City could not be used for parking at this time.

Commissioner Dittrich stated Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LADPW) stated it would have a report on backup generators for canyons in Malibu by August. Public Works Director DuBoux stated he was unaware of the status of that report.

Commissioner Grisanti stated LADPW indicated it would have five trailer-mounted generators and expected delivery of an additional six. He stated three were to be installed on easements on Big Rock. He stated the two locations at the top and bottom of Big Rock were prepared for installation, but there were problems with the middle location.

In response to Vice Chair Simmens, Public Works Director DuBoux stated the Planning Department was working on code modifications to allow parking as a standalone use. He stated all parcels to be used for parking would need the code amendment.

Commissioner Palmer stated the former Chili Cook-Off site was used in the past for parking but was now locked. He stated it would be a good solution for parking problems. Vice Chair Simmens suggested it be used as temporary parking site.

B. Malibu Park Storm Drain Improvements Project Status update

Recommended Action: Receive and file project status update on drainage improvements of the City's proposed disaster project located throughout the Malibu Park neighborhood and Birdview Avenue.

Assistant Civil Engineer Sobieray presented the report. She provided a presentation on the Malibu Park drainage improvements. She discussed drainage problems after the Woolsey Fire and subsequent storms. She described repairs to be conducted at each location.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated replacement pipes would be the same size as the damaged pipes due to FEMA/CalOES regulations.

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C. Latigo Canyon Road Retaining Wall Repairs Project Status Update

Recommended Action: Receive and file project status update on design considerations for the retaining wall improvements of the City's proposed disaster project located on Latigo Canyon Road

Associate Civil Engineer Rubalcava presented the report. He provided a presentation on the work to be done at the three locations of the project. He stated the retaining walls being replaced were damaged in the Woolsey Fire. He discussed temporary shoring installed to stabilize affected areas. Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated guardrails in the project area would not be replaced per the County's project but with this project. He discussed options being considered, including timber lagging and reinforced concrete lagging.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Associate Civil Engineer Rubalcava stated the timber lagging option was approximately \$35 per square foot compared to approximately \$45 per square foot for the reinforced concrete lagging.

Commissioner Dittrich asked how long fire retardant on timber lagging remained effective. Associate Civil Engineer Rubalcava stated longevity of fire retardant and related costs were being considered. Assistant Public Works Director Chase asked the Commission to indicate a preference. He stated the CalOES Hazard Mitigation Department weighed benefits of all costs involved.

MOTION Vice Chair Simmens moved and Commissioner Dittrich seconded a motion to endorse, to all extent practicable, the option to use reinforced concrete lagging in the Latigo Canyon Road Retaining Wall Repairs Project. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 5:02 p.m., Commissioner Palmer moved and Commissioner Grisanti seconded a motion to adjourn. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Public Works Commission of the City of Malibu on September 10, 2020.

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Brian Merrick
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BRIAN MERRICK, Chair

ATTEST:

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