

MINUTES  
MALIBU PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 25, 2021  
TELECONFERENCED – VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
3:30 P.M.

**The following meeting was held pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order N-08-21 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Simmens 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 Lance Simmens; Vice Chair Wade Major; and Commissioners Scott Dittrich and Brian Merrick

**ABSENT:** Commissioner James Palmer

**ALSO PRESENT:** Rob DuBoux, Public Works Director; Troy Spayd, Assistant Public Works Director; Travis Hart, Public Works Superintendent; Brandie Ayala, Senior Administrative Assistant; Parker Davis, Media Technician; and Mary Linden, Executive Assistant

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Public Works Superintendent Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** Commissioner Dittrich moved, and Vice Chair Major seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Palmer absent.

**REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

Senior Administrative Assistant Ayala reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on August 20, 2021. She stated an incorrect date was listed on the first page of the agenda but was correctly listed in the attestation at the end of the agenda.

**ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lonnie Gordon was not available at the time of the hearing.

ITEM 1.B. STAFF UPDATES

Public Works Director DuBoux discussed damages to the Westward Beach parking lot and access road during last week's high tides. He stated the City was working with the County on the roadway repairs and adding temporary signage to alert motorists and beachgoers. He reported that State Parks closing the trail from the headlands to Westward Beach. He stated he requested extra patrols from the Sheriff's Department. He stated City crews would be cleaning the area during the Labor Day weekend. He discussed his communications about Civic Center Water Treatment Facility (CCWTF) Phase Two with affected property owners.

ITEM 1.C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

In response to Vice Chair Major, Public Works Director DuBoux confirmed Westward Beach was the only location with significant damage from the high tides. Vice Chair Major asked if there was a process to appeal project funding rejected by FEMA. Assistant Public Works Director Spayd stated the City could re-submit the funding application. Vice Chair Major encouraged staff to try to re-submit. In response to Chair Major, Public Works Director DuBoux stated undergrounding of utilities would be on an upcoming agenda. Vice Chair Major asked if there was anything that could be done to improve the appearance of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH). Public Works Director DuBoux stated it was the responsibility of Caltrans.

Chair Simmens asked if Public Works could spearhead a volunteer campaign to clean up PCH. Public Works Director DuBoux stated it was not in the City Work Plan. He suggested looking into Caltrans' Adopt a Highway.

Public Works Superintendent Hart stated a trash dumpster was delivered and cleanup efforts on PCH at Cross Creek near the Malibu Lagoon would start tomorrow under the PCH bridge and continue further north the following week.

Commissioner Dittrich discussed work on private property that impacted the look of PCH. He suggested Commissioners speak to their appointing Councilmembers. He stated he and Public Works Director DuBoux discussed potential funding for undergrounding from new federal infrastructure legislation. He stated Westward Beach was damaged every time there were high tides.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Vice Chair Major moved, and Commissioner Dittrich seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Palmer absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Previously Discussed Items

None.

B. New Items

1. Approval of Minutes – July 28, 2021

Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Works Commission Regular meeting July 28, 2021.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

A. Capital Improvement Projects and Disaster Recovery Projects Status Report

Staff recommendation: 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 Spayd and Public Works Superintendent Hart presented the report.

In response to Commissioner Merrick, Assistant Public Works Director Spayd stated the easement requested on Westward Beach was approximately 12 feet. Commissioner Merrick requested speed humps on Westward Beach Road be considered in the future. In response to Commissioner Merrick, Public Works Director DuBoux explained how it was determined where to place speed humps.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 4:11 p.m., Chair Simmens adjourned the meeting.

Approved and adopted by the Public Works Commission of the City of Malibu on September 22, 2021.

  
LANCE SIMMENS, Chair

ATTEST:

  
BRANDIE AYALA, Senior Administrative Assistant