

MINUTES
MALIBU PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2019
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
3:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: Chair Scott Dittrich (arrived at 3:37 p.m.); and Commissioners James Palmer, Lance Simmens, and Paul Grisanti

ABSENT: Vice Chair Merrick

ALSO PRESENT: Rob DuBoux, Public Works Director; Adam Chase, Assistant Public Works Director; Arthur Aladjadjian, Public Works Superintendent; and Brandie Ayala, Senior Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Grisanti moved and Commissioner Simmens seconded a motion to approve the agenda hearing Item No. 4.A prior to Item No. 1.A. The motion carried 4-0, Vice Chair Merrick absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Senior Administrative Assistant Ayala reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on September 20, 2019.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

A. Los Angeles County Waterworks – District 29 Water Rate Plan
Staff recommendation: Receive report from Los Angeles County Waterworks – District 29 about their water rate plan.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase introduced Dave Rydman from Los Angeles County Waterworks to present a report on the water rate plan.

Dave Rydman discussed the Waterworks District 29 (District 29) Water Rate Plan and the proposed water rate increase. He stated the proposed rate increase was the third rate increase. He explained District 29 was formed under Proposition 218 and when Assembly Bill 3030 was passed it established a way for water utilities to use public notification for pass-through increase rates every five years. He also explained pass-through costs were increases to wholesale water rates and adjusted for inflation. He also stated customers would be sent a notice 30 days prior to increase effective date.

In response to Chair Dittrich, Mr. Rydman stated State of California passed Assembly Bill 3030 allowing majority property owners protest and proposed increases.

In response to Chair Dittrich, Mr. Rydman explained when California was in a drought, a mandatory conservation plan was implemented. He stated the conservation plan included an allocated amount of water to each user and property owner appeal process.

In response to Commissioner Simmens, Mr. Rydman stated the amount of the rate increase would be based on the wholesale water rates published on the website for West Basin and the consumer price index for Los Angeles/San Bernardino County.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Mr. Rydman explained West Basin, the wholesaler, had increased its rates and those increases had been included in the proposed water rate increase.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Mr. Rydman stated the rates included the costs for pumping the water and maintenance of the pumps. He further explained the pumps were routinely checked and maintained.

In response to Chair Dittrich, Mr. Rydman explained the rates would not be affected by Southern California Edison's Public Safety Power Shutoff. He stated District 29 had protocols in place that included portable trailer mounted generators that would be used during that type of event or other disaster events.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 1.B. STAFF UPDATES

Assistant Public Works Director Chase advised Caltrans would host a meeting on October 30, 2019, at Malibu City Hall to discuss the proposed pedestrian

crosswalk near Malibu Seafood and Corral Canyon Road. He stated Caltrans would be distributing notices. He updated the Commission on the roadway repair that was done on Civic Center Way.

Public Works Director DuBoux discussed the new format of the Commission with the Commissioners. He explained Assistant Public Works Director Chase was designated the Public Works liaison to the Commission with Public Works Director DuBoux continuously available.

Commissioner Palmer and Commission Simmens expressed concern about the Public Works Director not attending all of the Commission meetings.

Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian updated the Commission on the Caltrans project on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) from the McClure Tunnel to Cross Creek Road. He stated the surfacing project included a seal.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated he would contact Caltrans about the status of the Escondido Slope repair.

Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated the Caltrans project at Heathercliff Road was emergency work from the past winter storms and a surfacing project from the Ventura County limits to Trancas Canyon Road.

In response to Chair Dittrich, Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated the contractor for the La Costa Pedestrian Improvements Project had ordered the equipment and was waiting for it to be delivered in early October 2019.

ITEM 1.C. COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Commissioner Grisanti discussed his concerns about the debris removal from the debris basin in Malibu West. He explained there was a portion of the drainage channel that was under the responsibility of the homeowners association (HOA) and expressed concern the HOA was not removing the debris from the drainage channel.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated Los Angeles County Flood Control District representatives could attend a future meeting to discuss responsibilities within Malibu City limits.

Commissioner Simmens stated he sent a letter to the City Council expressing his concerns about the proposed pedestrian crosswalk near Malibu Seafood and Corral Canyon Road. He stated at the Public Safety Commission meeting in September 2019, Caltrans had indicated the underpass was a viable option for the proposed pedestrian crossing.

Chair Dittrich suggested a video be shown at the upcoming Caltrans meeting showing how blinding the sunshine could be driving downhill towards Malibu Seafood from Puerco Canyon Road.

Commissioner Palmer thanked Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian for the quick response to the Commission's request to repair the dip in Civic Center Way.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

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

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Previously Discussed Items

None.

B. New Items

I. Approval of Minutes – August 28, 2019

Staff recommendation: Approve minutes from the Public Works Commission Regular meetings of August 28, 2019.

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 and gave the Commission an update on the City's Capital Improvement Projects.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained Item No. 3.B. included a status report on the City's Disaster Recovery Capital Improvement Projects.

In response to Commissioner Simmens, Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated the Guardrail Replacement Project did not include guardrails along Malibu Canyon Road in the City limits.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained the differences between a signal, flashing crosswalk, and a pedestrian hybrid beacon.

In response to Commissioner Simmens, Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian explained the pedestrian hybrid beacon would only be activated when someone pushed the push button.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian explained the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Upgrade Project included two new charging stations at Bluffs Park. He stated the Project included replacing the existing charging stations and placing a new charging station on Civic Center Way.

In response to Commissioner Simmens, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated a safety study would need to be completed before determining whether it would be necessary to install guardrails along Malibu Canyon Road.

In response to Chair Dittrich, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated an item would be brought back to the Commission about the Draft Evacuation Plan.

B. Disaster Recovery Capital Improvement Projects Status Report

Staff recommendation: Receive and file update on the City's current and upcoming Disaster Recovery Capital Improvement Projects.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian would be meeting with representatives from CalOES to conduct field site visits to locations impacted from the 2019 and 2020 winter storms and assess damages.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained the process with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and CalOES was a lengthy and time-consuming process when it involved a major disaster such as the Woolsey Fire. He stated staff was preparing a request for qualifications with the intent to hire consultants to assist with the workload.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated FEMA would reimburse the City 75%, CalOES would reimburse the City 18.25%, and the City would be responsible for 6.75% of the total approved expenditures. He explained there were identified expenses that only CalOES would reimburse the City for and FEMA would not be responsible for those costs. He stated the reimbursement from CalOES for those expenses would be 75% of the total approved expenditures and the City would be responsible for the remaining 25%. He also noted that some identified damages were covered through the City's insurance policy.

In response to Chair Dittrich, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained the City had reviewed the need to hire additional staff in the Public Works

Department to assist in the long-term recovery of the City and not hired additional staff at this time.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

B. Scheduling of November and December 2019 Public Works Commission Meetings

Staff recommendation: Determine whether to reschedule the November 27 and December 25 meetings to another date.

Senior Administrative Assistant presented the staff report and discussed the upcoming holidays.

MOTION Commissioner Simmens moved and Chair Dittrich seconded a motion to cancel the November 27, 2019, and December 25, 2019, meetings and schedule a special meeting during the first week of December 2019. The motion carried 4-0, Vice Chair Merrick absent.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 4:58 p.m., Commissioner Palmer moved and Commissioner Simmens seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried 4-0, Vice Chair Merrick absent.

Approved and adopted by the Public Works Commission of the City of Malibu on October 23, 2019.



SCOTT DITTRICH, Chair

ATTEST:



BRANDIE AYALA, Senior Administrative Assistant