

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
13TH DAY OF APRIL, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE
AMEDEE O. "DICK" RICHARDS, JR., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:03p.m. by Chair Fisher. Present were Commissioner Abelson, Commissioner Fisher, Commissioner Glauz, Commissioner Granath, and Commissioner Hughes. Council Liaison Michael A. Cacciotti was absent. Staff present: Deputy Public Works Director Shin Furukawa and Public Works Assistant Leonna DeWitt.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Granath led the pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Meeting of March 9, 2016

Minutes approved as amended. (Abelson, Granath 5-0)

4. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Glauz stated her neighbors inquired about the traffic signal at the intersection of Orange Grove Avenue and Monterey Road. She suggested synchronizing the signals along Monterey Road at Orange Grove Avenue to alleviate some of the traffic issues in coordination with the proposed turn pockets.

Commissioner Granath attended a meeting in the City of Pasadena regarding a 25 year plan for water sustainability. He suggested the City should look into something similar. He also asked about the possibility of recycled water.

Commissioner Abelson informed the Commission about an article in the South Pasadena Review on March 17 regarding the Community Forum. It wasn't an open forum and it was limited. He inquired about the Lighting and Landscaping District (LLMD), which was also mentioned in the article. Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa responded it's an annual assessment added to your property tax bill that pays for public street lights and trees. Commissioner Abelson requested staff consider removing the temporary tubular markers on Fair Oaks at Rollin Street and Oak Street in light of the removal of the pedestrian crossings.

Commissioner Hughes commented on an article regarding ridership on the Metro Gold Line's new extension and how it's exceeding the expectations and projections. She's concerned that more train cars will be added and the impacts it might have on City traffic. Commissioner Hughes shared that she would forward to Ms. Dewitt a copy of the proposed city budget presentation.

Commissioner Fisher was pleased to see the completed work on Hill Dr. and that the striping was done in thermoplastic, which allows for better visibility at night. He also commented on the pleasing look of the new street name sign with respect to the larger letters and retro reflectivity. He was disappointed to see painted striping on El Centro St. He suggested removing the pedestrian signal heads on Fair Oaks at Rollin St. and Oak St, which are not in operation.

5. STAFF COMMENTS

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa responded to Chair Fisher's comment regarding the painted striping on El Centro St. and the reason is due to the new buffered bike lanes, to see how they would be accepted by the community.

The Police Department educated the Middle Schools on the removal of the crosswalks at Lyndon and Fair Oaks and explained the importance of using the controlled crosswalks adding additional signage on the median directing pedestrians to use a different crosswalk.

He spoke to the developer for 820 Mission Project regarding the left turn movements and initially they were open to prohibiting left turn movements, now they want to wait until the project is built out to see the impacts on traffic. The traffic engineering consultant completed the study for the intersection of Arroyo Drive and Hermosa Avenue and a stop sign is warranted for westbound Hermosa Avenue, which will be installed. Staff has decided not to move forward with the other t-intersections due to the price of \$1000 per intersection and unavailability of funds for additional traffic studies and exploring cheaper alternatives.

6. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

No Comments.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

8. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE (7B)

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa gave a brief presentation of this item.

9. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Recommendation of FY 2016-17 Street Improvement Projects (7A)

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa gave a brief introduction to this item. Staff is requesting the Commission select projects totaling \$2 million in General Fund for funding in the FY 2016-17, and brought back refined cost estimates from the projects selected by the Commission at the March meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding specific street locations and funding.

A motion was made to recommend the following:

Street	From	To	PCI	Treatment	Pavement Repair Cost
Monterey Road	End of Median (west of Via Del Rey)	Meridian Ave	13	AC Recon	\$736,000
Grevelia Street	Fair Oaks Ave	Stratford Ave	28	ARHM	\$591,000
Various (TBD)			-	Preventative Maintenance	\$300,000

<i>Project</i>	<i>Estimated Cost</i>
Orange Grove / Monterey Interim Intersection Improvements	\$40,000
Via Del Rey / Monterey Left Turn Signal Phase	\$25,000
Monterey Road Median Modifications at Pasadena Ave. and at Via Del Rey	\$150,000
Speed Feedback Sign for Arroyo Drive	\$25,000
Metro Gold Line At-Grade Signal Retiming	\$61,000
Orange Grove/Monterey Road Traffic Signal	\$440,000
TOTAL	\$701,000

Table 3 – Other Projects Recommended by the Commission

The motion was approved. (Fisher, Hughes 5-0)

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fisher declared the meeting adjourned at 8:36p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were adopted by the Public Works Commission of the City of South Pasadena at a meeting held on May 11, 2016.

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



John Fisher, Chair

Lawrence Abelson, Vice Chair