

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
11TH DAY OF MARCH, 2015 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 7:00p.m. by Chair Granath. Present were Commissioner Abelson, Vice Chair Fisher, Commissioner Glauz, Commissioner Pendo and Council Liaison Schneider. Staff present: Deputy Public Works Director Shin Furukawa, Civil Engineering Assistant Thomas Amare and Public Works Assistant Leaonna DeWitt.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Abelson led the pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting of February 11, 2015.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Items not on the agenda

No public comment.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

No comment.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa gave a brief update on proposed safety improvements at the intersection at Columbia Street and Orange Grove Avenue prompted by concerns raised by Commissioner Abelson, and others. These proposed changes will be discussed with the City of Pasadena. Commissioner Fisher suggested other options for improving traffic flow and safety at this intersection.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

A. Presentation of the Pavement Management System (PMS)

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa introduced Thomas Amare, Civil Engineering Assistant who gave the presentation, accompanied by PowerPoint slides. The PMS is designed to provide objective information and useful data for analysis. The Pavement Condition Index (PCI) is a condition rating that ranges from 0 to 100. The citywide average PCI for the arterial streets is 62.3 and local streets are 57.8, with the citywide average for all streets at 59.8. Mr. Amare provided a Five Year Work Program with three different funding scenarios: 1) maintaining current funding level of \$760k; 2) funding required to increase PCI to 75 over the next 5 years; and 3) funding required to maintain the PCI at its current score of 59.8.

A motion was made to recommend to City Council to adopt a five-year program to keep the City weighted average PCI at a minimum of 60. (Fisher, Abelson 5-0). Staff will be bringing back a list of proposed projects to meet this funding scenario.

B. Rose Parade Street Closure

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa gave background information on this item.

Discussion ensued regarding street closures and pedestrian and vehicular traffic movements at and around the intersection of Orange Grove Avenue and Columbia Street in connection with the Rose Parade and options for addressing congestion and safety issues, including the possibility of changing the current practice of routing vehicular traffic from Orange Grove Avenue onto Hermosa Street, Hillside Avenue, and Grand Avenue and instead routing the Orange Grove vehicular traffic onto Columbia Street east of Orange Grove Avenue or elsewhere and other impacts.

A motion was made to work with the City of Pasadena, Caltrans and the Pasadena Tournament of Roses to develop solutions that protect the neighborhood impacted by the closure of Orange Grove Avenue at Columbia Street from the spillover of Rose Parade traffic. The Commission will revisit this issue if no resolution can be made. (Abelson, Pendo 5-0). Councilmember Schneider advised that he would bring this issue to the City Council's attention at its next meeting.

C. Capital Improvement Project Update

Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa gave a brief update on the current Capital Improvement Projects. Commissioners Granath, Fisher and Abelson raised a number of concerns regarding the improvement project on San Pasqual Street. Deputy Public Works Director Furukawa advised that these concerns would be investigated by staff.

Commissioner Pendo commended the Gas Company on the repaving of Oak Meadow Lane.

D. Rescheduling of the April Commission Meeting (no staff report)

The April Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, due to the changed City Council meeting schedule in April and spring break week.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No Commissioner Comments

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Granath declared the meeting adjourned at 9: 05p.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 April 15, 2015.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:



Clinton Granath, Chair