

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE
CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR
1414 MISSION STREET**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair Abelson. Present were Commissioner Fisher, Commissioner Hughes, Commissioner Glauz and Commissioner Granath. Councilmember Robert Joe was present. Staff present: Deputy Public Works Director (DPWD) Rafael Casillas and Public Works Assistant Leonna DeWitt.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hughes led the pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Meeting on November 8, 2017.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Joe announced 1) the City Council approved the new water and sewer rates effective January 1, 2018; 2) the City Council approval of an amendment to the Athens Contract adding free bulky pickup for Seniors, an additional Dumpster Day; the pickup of trash at all bus stops; and 3) Councilmember Joe discussed the November 21 Draft letter to Metro, which include the City's projects.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

DPWD Casillas commented on the new water and sewer rates effective January 1, 2018.

Councilmember Joe stated the City Council made a decision not to proceed with the road diet on Monterey Road and look at other alternatives for bicycles lanes.

Commissioner Fisher inquired if the City would hire a consultant or bring the item before the Commission for other alternatives.

Councilmember Joe responded that it was discussed to review the bicycle plan and updated it, if necessary. He requested staff give an update on the work being done by Edison in the Monterey Hills area.

DPWD Casillas stated that Edison is upgrading their vaults, which includes moving their conductors underground. Staff negotiated with Edison to make additional street repairs of the trenches and slurry the streets in those specific areas.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Fisher wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.

Councilmember Joe informed Commissioner Fisher that his hook ramp design was part of the City Council presentation to Caltrans.

Commissioner Glauz wished everyone a Happy Holiday season and advised that there had been another accident at the intersection of Orange Grove at Monterey Road.

Commissioner Hughes updated the Commission about the Los Angeles County Energy Choice Aggregate meeting.

Chair Abelson discussed the Metro projects adopted by City Council at the meeting on November 21, 2017.

Councilmember Joe suggested staff provide an update on Stormwater Management and invite Councilmember Mahmud to give a presentation.

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

A. Grevelia Street and Fremont Avenue –Northwest Corner Pedestrian Access

DPWD Casillas gave a brief overview of the item. Staff is recommending the Commission receive and file this report.

Discussion ensued regarding specifics of the intersection, ADA access and funding for the project.

A motion was made to receive and file regarding the improvement of pedestrian access at Grevelia Street and Fremont Avenue. (Abelson, Hughes 5-0)

B. Capital Improvement Project Update

DPWD Casillas gave a brief update on the Capital Improvement Projects.

Discussion ensued regarding the traffic signal to be installed at the intersection of Orange Grove Avenue at Monterey Road and interim options to address safety at the intersection of Orange Grove Avenue and Monterey Road.

Commissioner Glauz inquired about the status of recommendations by the Commission and requested the status updated for Monterey Road Diet and the preliminary design to remove certain bulbouts on Fair Oaks Avenue.

DPWD Casillas shared the propose reconfiguration/revised striping developed with Chair Abelson for this intersection and will be approaching Caltrans for its approval.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Abelson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

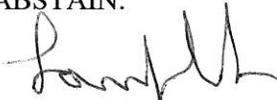
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were adopted by the Public Works Commission of the City of South Pasadena at a meeting held on January 10, 2018.

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



Lawrence A. Abelson, Chair