

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018 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 7:02 P.M. by Chair Abelson. Present were Commissioner Fisher, Commissioner Hughes, Commissioner Glauz and Commissioner Granath. Council Liaison Cacciotti arrived at 7:11pm. Staff present: Acting Public Works Director (APWD) Rafael Casillas and Public Works Assistant (PWA) Leaonna DeWitt.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Glauz led the pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Meeting on January 10, 2018.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Council Liaison Cacciotti gave an update on the construction taking place at Grevelia Street and Garfield Avenue. He also mentioned some issues related to the Arroyo Seco Bicycle Path with golf balls going over the pathway. The City is working on adding a protective netting to keep golf balls from going onto the pathway.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

No Staff Comments.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Glauz commented that on Fair Oaks Avenue south of Monterey Road the median trees look dead and some have been cut down. She requested an inspection and that the trees be watered. Comment was made that the State has placed a restriction on watering median lawns unless there are trees.

Commissioner Fisher reminded staff of the original five objectives related to the grade crossing timing improvements in order to ensure that they are being pursued. They include: 1) Reduce the unnecessarily long pre-emption times for northbound trains by starting the pre-emption period after the trains have entered the station rather than far upstream of that point; 2) Provide a longer recovery cycle that follows pre-emption, so that long queues on Mission Street can clear the intersection during the next cycle; 3) Provide an exclusive pedestrian phase during pre-emption, since there is enough time to cross and pedestrians are crossing, anyway, despite the display of the Solid Hand pedestrian indication; 4) Provide a leading pedestrian interval, when actuated, before the display of each circular green so that right turning drivers can better see pedestrians well into the crosswalks that are somewhat hidden as a result of the unusual crosswalk geometrics; 5) Correct a programming error where the signal can dwell in a solid all-red state for up to 25 seconds before pre-emption starts.

Commissioner Abelson requested that the proposed SR710 Early Projects Lists for Pasadena and Los Angeles be agendized for a future meeting. He stated Pasadena has some interesting ideas concerning Fremont Avenue.

Commissioner Hughes discussed the Clean Energy Aggregate, which is now called the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California.

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

A. Selection of Commission Officers for 2018

Chair Abelson nominated Gayle Glauz for Chair and Kimberley Hughes for Vice Chair. Commissioner Granath accepted the position of Secretary. (Abelson, Fisher; 5-0)

B. Notice of Preparation for the General Plan/Downtown Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Scoping Meeting – *Informational Only*

ADPW Casillas gave a brief overview on this item.

Discussion ensued regarding the impacts of the report.

The Commission agreed to have Chair Glauz prepare the Commission's comments on the EIR scoping for submission to David Watkins, Planning and Building Director.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hughes and Chair Glauz made a motion for meeting adjournment. Chair Abelson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

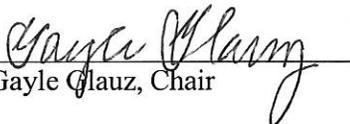
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were adopted by the Public Works Commission of the City of South Pasadena at a meeting held on March 14, 2018.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:


Gayle Glauz, Chair