

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018 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 7:02 P.M. by Chair Glauz. Present were Commissioner Abelson, Commissioner Fisher, Commissioner Hughes and Commissioner Granath. Council Liaison Cacciotti was absent. Staff present: Public Works Assistant (PWA) Leonna DeWitt.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Abelson led the pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Meeting on November 14, 2018.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comment.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

No Comments.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

PWA DeWitt informed the Commission of a complaint by a City resident about insufficient street lighting within the City. PWA DeWitt provided information that the City has 1500 street lights with half of this number maintained by Edison and the other half maintained by the City, and that the City relies on the public to notify the City of street light outages, which are then promptly corrected, but also related to the recent failure of the Lighting and Landscaping Maintenance District by voters. PWA DeWitt informed the Commission of a traffic accident that occurred November 30 at the intersection of Via Del Rey and Indiana Ave. Commissioner Hughes added that the accident involved a pedestrian who was hit by a vehicle while walking with his children, and that there were no major injuries. Commissioner Hughes explained that a request has been submitted for more crossing guards and reduced traffic speed nearby, in the vicinity of Monterey Hills Elementary School. PWA DeWitt related to the Commission that the City Manager has directed the Police Department (PD) to provide more patrolling in this area and that the Public Works Department (PW) conduct a traffic study to identify improvements for pedestrian safety, with input from parents and the School District, including commitments to share resources in order to make improvements. PWA DeWitt informed the Commission that the City has hired Mr. Dan Ojeda as the Acting Public Works Director.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Fisher reiterated his comments on the unnecessarily long vehicle traffic delays for the light rail grade crossing at Meridian Ave. and Mission St., and commented that he hasn't noticed any modification of phase timing or other changes needed to reduce the delays.

Commissioner Hughes related that residents in her neighborhood are upset with being notified by Edison of a planned power outage and street closure with only a 3-day notice, made especially inconvenient because of the Holiday Season. PWA DeWitt informed the Commission that PW issues permits to Edison for street closures and approves traffic control plans. Commissioner Granath suggested not issuing permits during the holidays. Commissioner Hughes informed the Commission that every multi-family structure will be inspected every year for health and safety issues. She also informed the Commission of a new State Law allowing street vending, which provides restrictions in residential areas,

including limiting vending to only certain hours, however street vendors must have business and health licenses to occupy the sidewalks.

Commissioner Abelson informed the Commission that the South Pasadena requested list of Measure M projects was approved by Arroyo Verdugo Joint Powers Authority Board and is part of the regional projects to be submitted to Metro for approval. Commissioner Abelson inquired about implementing Rose Parade traffic controls on Orange Grove Avenue, as in prior years. PWA DeWitt responded that she will ask PD to provide additional information. Commissioner Abelson commented on movie and other filming in the City and that noisy generators are being allowed, to the detriment of the community. Commissioner Abelson inquired about the stop sign study that is currently underway, seeking confirmation that the intersection of Stoney Dr and Lohman is included. PWA DeWitt stated she will confirm with staff that this intersection is included in the study.

Commissioner Granath had concerns regarding traffic control and enforcement at Monterey Road and Garfield Avenue, especially during peak hours.

Chair Glauz shared a list of her concerns from the public related to the proposed traffic signal at the intersection of Monterey Road and Orange Grove Avenue.

Commissioner Hughes left early due to not feeling well.

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

A. Status of Public Works Commission Recommendations

Chair Glauz gave a brief overview of the status of this item. Chair Glauz related that she added recommendations from the October and November Commission meetings to create a composite list, and that she prepared an index of the PWC minutes that identify when the recommendations were made. Chair Glauz stated she would bring composite recommendation list and index to the next Commission meeting.

PWA DeWitt updated the Commission on the Fire Department installation of red curb at pinch points on the narrow hillside streets.

B. Capital Improvement Project Update

PWA Dewitt provided a brief update on CIP projects.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned.

Chair Glauz declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 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 9, 2019.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:


Gayle Glauz, Chair