



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
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4th Floor Conference Room A

The Beverly Hills City Council / Public Works Commission Liaison Committee

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, September 4, 2019
4:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: September 4, 2019/ 4:12 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Councilmember Gold, M.D., Councilmember Wunderlich, Assistant City Manager Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Director of Public Works Shana Epstein, Assistant Director of Public Works/Utilities Gil Borboa, City Engineer Daren Grilley, Environmental Compliance and Sustainability Programs Manager Josette Descalzo, Solid Waste Manager James Burnley, Project Manager Derek Nguyen, Public Works Commission Chair Sandra Aronberg, M.D., Public Works Commission Vice Chair Joshua Greer, Executive Assistant Il Ilene Knebel.

Members of public in attendance: Public Works Commissioner Jeff Wolfe, Senior Vice President HF&H Consultants LLC, Laith Ezzett, Community Member Wendy Nystrom

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Speakers: None

2) COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE PROCESSING FRANCHISE AGREEMENT – UPDATE AND SUMMARY OF NEGOTIATED CONTRACT TERMS

- Director Epstein discussed the analysis done on the solid waste collection and decision to continue with an RFP for Athens.
- Director Epstein introduced Senior Vice President from HF&H, Laith Ezzett. Our consultant on this project, Mr. Ezzett presented a PowerPoint recently shown to the Public Works Commission. The Commission approved of the negotiated deal with Athens and is recommending it for consideration by the City Council.
- Solid Waste Manager James Burnley also commented.
- The history of the past Solid Waste Assignments were reviewed.
- Open issues have been resolved after months of discussion. The current contract arrangement can be extended one more time until March 2022. The notice would need to be done by the end of 2019 to allow for the extension.
- If the City Council does not choose to approve the agreement, the bid process needs to be started in the beginning of 2020.
- An important change in regulations is the inclusion of an organics recycling program. This is a new mandate that will need compliance. Staff is currently doing outreach to explain

what the public will need to do to comply with this new regulation. By 2022, all businesses will need to have a new container for organic food waste and residential customers will need to add food waste to their green container.

- The new contract will be more costly due to the drastic changes in the recycling market. Most of our recycling materials previously went to China and now that program has ended and they are not accepting our recycling anymore.
- Revenue sharing has been built into the new contract so if markets recover the city ratepayers may get some relief.
- Examples of other cities and their rate impacts were discussed; Manhattan Beach – range of increase was from 47% to 114%. The contract was ultimately awarded to incumbent service provider at 47%. City of Redondo Beach – Their new contract is a 69% increase over 5 years. City of Lawndale – The contract awarded was a 66% increase with their incumbent.
- Athens is proposing one time increase of 61% increase; a term of 8 years with an option to extend for 24 months.
- The increase is on all the commercial collection and on the cost to process the residential waste.
- A phased rate increase approach was outlined.
- The Commission representatives expressed that the process has been methodical and understands the reasoning behind extending the current contract and ultimately a having a substantial increase.
- There was a brief discussion about re-implementing the three barrel system where trash would be separated by the residents and the challenges if this change occurs.
- If the diversion rates are not met, a fine can be implemented.
- Customer Service issues were discussed with regard to the initial turnover from Recology to Athens.
- The increase to both commercial and residential services were discussed as well as the possible rebalance once the Cost of Service study is done.
- It is difficult to compare our rates to other cities because on residential accounts we bill per square foot of the dwelling.
- The Public Works Commission's previous approval votes, with one abstention, were relayed to the City Councilmembers.
- The Councilmembers suggested the following be included in the City Council presentation
 - Increase of 61%
 - Not going out to bid
 - Terms of Contract
 - Performance Criteria
- The recent labor dispute with Athens was mentioned but there are no known impacts at this time.

3) STORMWATER PROJECTS UPDATE

- An update was given with regard to the Burton Way Median and La Cienega Projects.
- Project Manager Derek Nguyen spoke about achieving compliance with the capture and hold project. There is a need to hold water for a certain amount of time after rainfall and not let it enter the storm drains.
- Black & Veach is the consultant we are working with to put together the stormwater compliance and CIP Master Plan. The goal is to use the document as a roadmap to assist in future planning. They have also identified more opportunities for growth over the next 20 years.

- The projects the City is involved in was presented to the Public Works Commission in August.
- Facets of the Green Streets Ordinance were described.
- Costs have been updated and more options given.
- The increased cost of the project was discussed; contingency is included.
- For the Frank Fenton Field, the original project will not be successful because of the lack of drainage in the type of soil that exists there.
- There is coordination with the La Cienega Park Master Planning process
- Different options were presented for the stormwater detention tanks.
- The Burton Way Median project was described in detail.
- Staff is in the process of applying for the Prop 1 funding grant.
- Prop W was also discussed.

4) INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MASTER PLAN (IWRMP) WORKSHOP; JUNE 27, 2019 SUMMARY

- Assistant Director of Public Works/Utilities Gil Borboa reviewed the recent workshop to address project priorities and funding requirements. Key outcomes to define priorities were discussed.
- The Commission discussed the appropriate amount of water storage to maintain. At this time we have 4 days. Additional water storage locations were discussed so that a minimum of 7 days would be available for peak demand.
- The use of the Cabrillo Reservoir and reservoir 4A off Loma Vista for a storage site and possible conveyance will be further researched.
- The best use of expanding storage and our local groundwater supply is getting our Water Treatment Plant online.
- Staff is still seeking additional well sites.
- The costs for the Water Treatment Plant and the wells were discussed.
- It will be more cost effective to have a renewable source for water.
- There was discussion about fixing aging pipelines.

5) ADJOURNMENT

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