



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

Monday, March 4, 2019
4:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: March 4, 2019/ 4:10 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Gold, M.D., Councilmember Robert Wunderlich, Assistant City Manager George Chavez, Director of Public Works Shana Epstein, Assistant Director of Public Works/Parking and Facilities Operations Chad Lynn, Assistant Director of Public Works/Utilities Gil Borboa, City Engineer Daren Grilley, City Attorney Laurence Wiener, Project Manager Samer Elayyan, Senior Management Analyst Tania Schwartz, Public Works Commissioner Jerry Felsenthal, Public Works Commissioner Joshua Greer, Planning and Research Analyst Michelle Tse, Administrative Clerk II Sara Fernandez-Castro

NV5 Project Manager Charlie McKinley, member of the public Jeff Wolfe

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) ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGN (Second topic)

- Senior Management Analyst Tania Schwartz presented on the proposed anti-litter campaign to keep Beverly Hills clean. The presentation included showing campaign artwork and avenues for public outreach. The campaign was previously reviewed and approved by the Public Works Commission and is slated to be a "C" informational item for the March 5 Formal Session.
- The goal presented for the campaign is to have a positive campaign that reinforces to address the litter issues in our community. Especially in area where residential connects with commercial.
- The Council liaisons expressed support of the anti-litter campaign.
- The Council liaison suggested if possible, that the one of the campaign artwork images be expanded to convey No Smoking although it was expressed that people can smoke while walking.

3) WATER SUPPLY FEE UPDATE (Third topic)

- Staff presented how the water supply fee will change as a result of a recent fee review and proposed that the updated fee will be included as part of the City's overall fee review process. Furthermore, staff is proposing that the irrigation meters be exempt from the water supply fee when there is no increase in demand.
- There was a discussion on why the 2018 water supply fee is lower than the 2016 fee. The contributing factors were different project costs (2016 vs 2018), water yield production and single-family residential water customer water use.

- There was also a review of how the water supply fees increased for non-residential projects.
- Discussion that the lower rates may trigger confusion with customers. This can be addressed via education and recognizing that recognizing there are costs associated with new water meter installs and/or meter size upgrades.
- The creation of scenarios may help council better understand the proposed water rates.
- Discussion about having separate irrigation meters, tier pricing for having more than one meter and benefits including the ability to monitor indoor/outdoor use, increasing the number of dedicated irrigation meters such that there could be a separate rate structure, and for conservation purposes.

4) WATER TREATMENT PLANT RESOURCES (First item discussed)

- Staff reviewed the procurement process for the design build portion of the work related to the water treatment plant and efforts working with proposed vendor Carollo Engineers to address insurance provisions tied to the contract.
- Currently, the City and the Carollo are unable to reach an agreement on the necessary insurance coverage requirements. Council liaison asked about the cost differential for insurance coverage that is acceptable to City standards.
- Council liaison expressed concerns about City's risk exposure if Carollo provided reduced general liability insurance coverage for the project. Council liaison proposed if cannot reach agreeable terms, then re-bid the project.
- Staff highlighted potential implications with going through re-bid process i.e. overall project delay and risk of no respondents to the project given the small scope.

5) UPDATE WITH METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (Fourth item)

- Staff provided an update regarding MWD's response to the water main break that occurred within City boundaries. It took 2 additional days to address the main break for the following reasons (1) MWD's leak detection is handled by the contractor and not in-house but City was able to assist and confirm it was MWD's line that was the cause of the water main break and (2) City should have filled up the tanks sooner.
- MWD has lessons learned from the water main break incident, including discussions of looking into establishing another feeder through the service area and looking into how can MWD agencies serve other MWD agencies with MWD pipelines in case of future emergencies.
- Staff highlighted that the last main break impacted multiple agencies i.e. LADWP and Santa Monica as both rely on MWD for their use and operations, so the water main break incident required a multi-agency coordination.
- Public Work Commissioners commented that the City can work towards setting itself up to be self-reliant in the event of an emergency i.e. increased storage.

6) INTERFACE BETWEEN IT AND PUBLIC WORKS FOR FTTP (Fifth Item)

- Staff indicated that IT is the project manager and Public Works serves as an advisory role to IT. Since the project is not under Public Works purview, this project is not presented to the Public Works Commission. PW Commissioner commented that that PW is not getting enough support from IT to assist with data related needs. Public Works Council liaisons indicated that the FTTP project was going to be discussed at an upcoming City Council closed session.

7) ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time:

March 04, 2019/ 5:30 PM