

MINUTES
MALIBU PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2021
TELECONFERENCED – VARIOUS LOCATIONS
3:30 P.M.

The following meeting was held pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Merrick called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair Brian Merrick; Vice Chair Lance Simmens; and Commissioners Scott Dittrich, Wade Major, and James Palmer

ALSO PRESENT: Rob DuBoux, Public Works Director; Travis Hart, Public Works Superintendent; Brandie Ayala, Senior Administrative Assistant; Parker Davis, Media Technician; and Mary Linden, Executive Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Simmens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Vice Chair Simmens moved and Commissioner Dittrich seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Senior Administrative Assistant Ayala reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on January 22, 2021.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER(S)

Senior Administrative Assistant Ayala administered the oath of office to Commissioner Major.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dana Clark, President of Corral Canyon Fire Safety Alliance (CCFSA), discussed a hairpin turn on Corral Canyon Road before El Nido that could be inaccessible for

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motorists if a fire was coming up the hill from the coast. He stated CCFSA submitted a request to the City for a small changeable message sign (CMS) to be installed there to alert motorists not to use that turn. In response to Chair Merrick, Mr. Clark stated the recommended sign would be small and solar-powered. He stated someone from the City, Los Angeles County Fire Department, a volunteer fire department, CCFSA or Arson Watch could be authorized to activate the sign when necessary.

Commissioner Dittrich inquired if there were homeless encampments in the area that might pose a fire hazard.

ITEM 1.B. STAFF UPDATES

Public Works Director DuBoux discussed rain activity expected over the next few days with the peak expected tomorrow afternoon. He discussed preparations in place for the storm.

Public Works Superintendent Hart discussed the City's preparations for and response to Southern California Edison (SCE) public safety power shutoff (PSPS) events earlier in January. He discussed placement of CMS and generators. He stated crews worked during the storms over the past weekend with no major issues reported. He stated the upcoming storm was expected to have more rain so crews were doing preparation work and would be on stand-by throughout the event.

Commissioner Dittrich asked if crews would be working in the Rambla area near where a fire recently occurred. Public Works Superintendent Hart confirmed the fire occurred outside the city limits, and the City was coordinating with the County regarding potential runoff.

ITEM 1.C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

In response to Mr. Clark, Vice Chair Simmens asked how many people lived in the affected area. Mr. Clark stated there were 200 homes and approximately 600 residents. In response to Vice Chair Simmens, Mr. Clark stated the recommended signs would cost approximately \$16,000 each. He stated visitors to the park might also try to use the road to exit the area in an emergency.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Public Works Director DuBoux stated there were no funds currently available for the signs. Commissioner Palmer discussed a car accident last month that resulted in a broken water main on Malibu Road. He discussed a drain that crossed the 25300 block of Bayshore Drive, a private road parallel to Malibu Road. He asked if the City would cover the cost to repair the broken drain. He discussed pipes not working in the Malibu Road assessment district area.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Public Works Director DuBoux stated he would check to see if the Bayshore Drive drain was a City storm drain or if an easement would

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allow the City to make the repairs. Commissioner Palmer stated the problem had been ongoing for about 10 years.

Commissioner Major asked if there were other curves or areas with similar concerns to the Corral Canyon curve discussed by Mr. Clark. Public Works Director DuBoux stated this would be the first of its kind. Commissioner Major stated it would be setting a precedent for the City. In response to Commissioner Major, Public Works Director DuBoux discussed how some issues crossed over between the Public Works Commission and Public Safety Commission.

In response to Vice Chair Simmens, Executive Assistant Linden stated the Commission's assignments for the remainder of the fiscal year were to be submitted for approval by the City Council at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Dittrich suggested Commissioners speak at the City Council meeting to request that parking issues be included in the Public Works Commission assignments. He requested evacuation issues and signs similar to what was requested by Mr. Clark be added to an upcoming agenda.

Public Works Superintendent Hart asked for clarification of whether Mr. Clark was requesting an easement, encroachment, or funding for installation of the signs.

Commissioner Dittrich requested staff notify Caltrans of a large hole in the center lane on eastbound Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) at Webb Way.

Chair Merrick requested the Corral Canyon issue be added to a future agenda. He suggested looking for other locations in the City with similar concerns that could also be addressed. He suggested considering partnerships to share costs and operation of the signs. He stated there was another large hole on westbound PCH turning onto Las Virgenes Road. He requested crews check on the drainpipe by Westward Beach where water was coming from Birdview Avenue. He stated the homeowner had not yet made repairs.

Commissioner Dittrich suggested one Commissioner be appointed as a liaison with the Public Safety Commission. Public Works Director DuBoux stated staff was looking into scheduling a joint meeting of the two commissions. He stated he would also provide updates on items discussed at the Public Safety Commission meeting that overlapped with the Public Works Commission assignments.

Commissioner Palmer stated past discussions of parking issues would be appropriate for a joint meeting. Public Works Director DuBoux stated parking and the signs requested for Corral Canyon would both be possible items for a joint meeting agenda.

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CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Commission requested a joint meeting with the Public Safety Commission be scheduled to discuss items that concerned both Commissions.

Vice Chair Simmens requested that parking be included in the joint meeting agenda.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Dittrich moved and Commissioner Palmer seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Previously Discussed Items
None.

B. New Items

1. Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2020

Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular meeting of December 10, 2020.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

A. Capital Improvement Projects and Disaster Recovery Projects Status Report

Staff recommendation: Receive and file report on the status of the City's current and upcoming Capital Improvements Projects and Disaster Recovery Projects.

Public Works Director DuBoux presented the report. He stated funding for the Marie Canyon Green Streets project was received in December 2020. He stated it should be completed before the next rain season. He stated the City would be seeking consultants to manage the PCH Median Improvements Project so construction could begin after the summer moratorium on PCH lane closures. He discussed traffic improvements that would be provided by the PCH Signal Synchronization System Improvements Project. He stated that project would begin construction in September, potentially to be consecutively managed with the PCH Median Improvements Project. He stated the Civic Center Stormwater Diversion Structure would make improvements to a flood control channel. He stated the Westward Beach Road Improvements Project would expand the width of Westward Beach Road, add diagonal parking, and reduce sand on the road. He stated the project extended into Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors right of

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way. He stated the Civic Center Water Treatment Facility (CCWTF) Phase 2 was beginning the process of assessment district formation. He discussed a community meeting held last night with property owners. He stated two more meetings would be held in March 2021 and May 2021. He announced the City had submitted an application to the State Water Resources Control Board for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) grant funding for CCWTF Phase 2 construction and design. He discussed damage from the Woolsey Fire and subsequent storms to be repaired in the Malibu Park Drainage Improvements Project.

Public Works Superintendent Hart presented the construction project update. He stated the City Hall Roof Replacement Project contractor was coordinating with staff for a pre-construction meeting next week and updates to the schedule. He stated Bluffs Park Workout Station equipment was expected to be delivered next month for installation to be completed in March. He stated the Civic Center Way Improvements Project was nearing completion of Phase 1. He discussed lane closure changes for Phase 2. He stated new curb and gutter was approximately 90% complete and nearly all catch basins were completed.

In response to Commissioner Dittrich, Public Works Superintendent Hart confirmed markings on Malibu Canyon Road near Harbor Vista Drive were completed.

Commissioner Palmer discussed Gas Company projects near Harbor Vista Drive and Malibu Knolls Road. Public Works Superintendent Hart stated the projects were scheduled to be completed but had been delayed by weather.

Public Works Director DuBoux discussed completed projects. Chair Merrick stated the speed humps were successfully slowing down speeding vehicles. In response to Public Works Director DuBoux, Chair Merrick stated residents were happy with the change. Chair Merrick requested a report comparing speeds before and after the humps were installed.

Public Works Director DuBoux stated the Annual Street Maintenance Project was delayed. He stated the Bluffs Park Shade Structure, Vehicle Protection Devices and Malibu Road Slope Repairs were expected to begin construction in the fall. In response to Commissioner Palmer, Public Works Director DuBoux discussed options for stabilizing the slope on Malibu Road.

Public Works Director DuBoux provided updates on disaster projects to repair damages on Broad Beach Road, Latigo Canyon Road, Trancas Canyon Park and Birdview Avenue. He stated the Birdview Avenue Improvements would be conducted along with the Malibu Road Improvements. He stated the joint project with Los Angeles County Public Works to replace damaged guardrails was completed. He discussed the Clover Heights Storm Drain Project to prevent flooding and debris flow at Clover Heights Avenue and Harvester Road. He stated

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FEMA funding was recently received with authorization to begin the project. He stated the staff had applied for funding through FEMA for the Outdoor Warning Signs Project.

Commissioner Major asked if there was a record of sirens previously in Malibu, possibly in the late 1960's to early 1970's. Public Works Director DuBoux stated he was unaware of a previous siren system in Malibu.

Chair Merrick stated he recalled a siren system closer to Sunset Boulevard and PCH.

In response to Chair Merrick, Public Works Director DuBoux stated the siren system would warn of all types of disasters, not just fires.

In response to Commissioner Major, Public Works Director DuBoux confirmed there were different assessment districts for each phase of the CCWTF project. He stated there may be a significant status update on the project in the fall.

Commissioner Major asked about property owner response to the assessment district structure. Public Works Director DuBoux stated that in Phase 1, 55 of 57 owners voted yes. He stated that was the result of good coordination between the City and property owners. He stated staff was trying to do the same with Phase 2 by emphasizing the assessment would be based on benefits received by each individual parcel.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 4:56 p.m., Chair Merrick adjourned the meeting.

Approved and adopted by the Public Works Commission of the City of Malibu on March 2, 2021.

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BRIAN MERRICK, Chair

ATTEST:

Brandie Ayala

BRANDIE AYALA, Senior Administrative Assistant