

MINUTES  
MALIBU PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 27, 2019  
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
3:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Dittrich called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

PRESENT: Vice Chair Scott Dittrich and Commissioners Lance Simmens (arrived at 3:43 p.m.), Brian Merrick, and Paul Grisanti

ABSENT: Chair James Palmer

ALSO PRESENT: Rob DuBoux, Public Works Director; Adam Chase, Assistant Public Works Director; Arthur Aladjajian, Public Works Superintendent; and Brandie Ayala; Senior Administrative Assistant

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Paul Grisanti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION Vice Chair Dittrich moved and Commissioner Grisanti seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 3-0, Chair Palmer and Commissioner Simmens absent.

**REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

Senior Administrative Assistant Ayala reported that the agenda for the meeting was posted on March 22, 2019.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Commissioner Grisanti moved and Vice Chair Dittrich seconded a motion to continue the Election of Chair and Vice Chair to the April 24, 2019 Regular meeting. The motion carried 3-0, Chair Palmer and Commissioner Simmens absent.

**ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Terry Davis, representative from the Big Rock Mesa Property Owners Association, discussed her recent meeting with Public Works Director DuBoux about Big Rock Mesa Landslide Maintenance Assessment District 98-1 (District). She expressed her concerns about the aging infrastructure and insufficient funds for equipment upgrades.

In response to Vice Chair Dittrich, Public Works Director DuBoux stated an update would be provided concerning the District when there was new information to report to the Commission.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Public Works Director DuBoux clarified there was an annual assessment for the operation and maintenance of the District.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Ms. Davis explained the residents were concerned about the aging infrastructure. She also discussed upgrading the technology and capturing the water to reuse for possible irrigation for residents within the District.

Commissioner Simmens arrived at 3:43 p.m.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Ms. Davis stated the residents had contacted Los Angeles County Fire Chief Williams regarding the proposed control burn in the Big Rock area. She explained there would be a public meeting on May 13 to discuss the proposed control burn with CalFire and Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Steve Uhring apologized to the Commission about the lack of review of projects within the City. He discussed the review and approval of the signal installed at the intersection of Civic Center Way and Webb Way. He indicated opposition to the approved configuration and lighting of the intersection and expressed concern about the lack of a traffic roundabout. He requested the Commission advise the Council that the Public Works Commission had reviewed the proposed traffic mitigation at the intersection of Civic Center Way and Webb Way and recommended the installed configuration.

In response to Mr. Uhring, Commissioner Grisanti explained the Public Works Commission discussed the proposed improvements at the intersection of Civic Center Way and Webb Way. He further explained that, although a roundabout was discussed, it was not recommended due to cost of the proposed improvements and lack of right of way.

In response to Vice Chair Dittrich, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained the timing of the signal at the intersection of Civic Center Way and Webb Way had recently been modified and improved. He further explained a roundabout at the intersection would have required the City to do right-of-way taking.

In response to Commissioner Simmens, Public Works Director DuBoux explained the installation of the signal at the intersection was a condition of the La Paz Development and the Whole Foods Development.

In response to Vice Chair Dittrich, Public Works Director DuBoux stated the proposed Commission Assignments for the upcoming fiscal year would be included in the agenda at the next Public Works Regular meeting. He stated he would add review of private development projects as a proposed new commission assignment.

Commissioner Simmens left the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

#### **ITEM 1.B. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Simmens returned to the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Commissioner Grisanti stated he attended the City's Brown Act training and reminded the Commission not to discuss agenda items with individual Public Works Commissioners.

Commissioner Simmens requested as much information as possible from staff so he would be educated when approached by the community.

In response to Vice Chair Dittrich and Commissioner Merrick, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained the signal configuration and stated the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) Signal Synchronization Project would connect the signals on PCH and the signal at Civic Center Way and Webb Way to synchronize the timing between the signals.

Vice Chair Dittrich stated Commissioners Grisanti and Simmens, Chair Palmer and City staff attended a community meeting about the proposed pedestrian hybrid beacon crosswalk near Malibu Seafood hosted by Caltrans on March 26, 2019. He stated Mayor Wagner suggested Caltrans review the alternative project of using the underpass near the Sara Wan trail.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated the proposed pedestrian hybrid beacon crosswalk at Malibu Seafood would require more research and additional information should have been included in Caltrans' project report.

#### **ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION** Commissioner Simmens moved and Commissioner Grisanti seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried 3-1-0, Commissioner Simmens abstaining and Chair Palmer absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Previously Discussed Items  
None.
- B. New Items
  - 1. Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2019  
Staff recommendation: Approve minutes from the Public Works Commission Regular meeting of February 27, 2019.

**ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Capital Improvements Projects Status Report  
Staff recommendation: Receive and file update on the City's current and upcoming Capital Improvement Projects.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase presented the staff report. He discussed the type of material that was proposed for the Civic Center Way Improvements Project.

Public Works Director DuBoux explained Council had requested at its March 25, 2019 meeting that a walkway to be included from the Malibu Canyon Village condos to Stuart Ranch Road.

In response to Commissioner Merrick, Public Works Director DuBoux clarified porous concrete was proposed for the walkway for the Civic Center Way Improvements Project. He also stated a walkway may be installed on both sides of Civic Center Way if it was feasible.

In response to Vice Chair Dittrich, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained installing colored porous concrete was higher in costs than installing decomposed granite walkway but the maintenance cost was higher for the decomposed granite walkway.

In response Vice Chair Dittrich, Public Works Director DuBoux stated decomposed granite was Americans with Disabilities Act 1990 compliant along roadway segments only but not at intersections, asphalt or concrete would be utilized only. Decomposed Granite would not be used in the Civic Center Way Improvements Project.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated Caltrans met with City staff to discuss upcoming paving projects along PCH within the City limits and coordination with the City's PCH Signal Synchronization Project to minimize traffic impacts along PCH. He further explained the proposed City Traffic Operations Center was incorporated into the PCH Signal Synchronization Project.

In response to Commissioner Merrick, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated the Caltrans Traffic Management Center would monitor and control signals along PCH from Topanga Canyon Road to John Tyler Drive as part of the PCH Signal Synchronization Project.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated the Marie Canyon Green Streets Project scope of work may include a beautification element and the Environmental Sustainability Department was working with the Public Works Department to obtain additional funding such as the Measure W, Safe Clean Water Parcel Tax recently passed by the voters and available in 2020.

Commissioner Merrick suggested staff contact Debra Miller at the Point Dume Club to discuss the Heathercliff Road Safety Improvements Project.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated City staff would meet with the traffic consultant in the upcoming months to discuss the proposed parking meter plan.

In response to Commissioner Simmens, Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated Council had directed staff to install parking meters along Cross Creek Road, Civic Center Way, between Webb Way and Cross Creek Road, and on Malibu Road. He further stated the traffic consultant reviewed the different types of parking meters the City could use.

In response to Vice Chair Dittrich, Public Works Director DuBoux stated the revenue from the parking meters would be used for the Malibu Beach Team costs. He further explained parking meters were being considered to create turnover for visitors coming to Malibu.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian explained the Sheriff's Department could not enforce the City's overnight parking ordinance since the City did not have a homeless shelter.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated the contractor for the La Costa Pedestrian Improvements Project was in possession of the poles for the pedestrian hybrid beacon. He further explained staff was working with Caltrans on the final location of the poles.

Public Work Superintendent Aladjajian provided an update to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Street Maintenance Project.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated the Civic Center Flow Sensors Project would measure stormwater prior to entering the City's drainage system.

**CONSENSUS**

By consensus, the Commission received and filed the update on the City's current and upcoming Capital Improvement Projects.

**B. Update on Street Maintenance Work**

Staff recommendation: Receive and file report on the status of Street Maintenance Work.

Public Works Superintendent Aladjadjian presented the report.

In response to Commissioner Merrick, Public Works Superintendent Aladjadjian stated Caltrans completed their median improvement project between Puerco Canyon Road and Corral Canyon Road. He further explained Caltrans had met with City staff and proposed slurry work to complete the project. He stated staff would reach out to Caltrans and advise them that the paint for traffic lanes had rubbed off at the slope repair project near Via Escondido

**ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Draft Five Year Capital Improvement Plan**

Staff recommendation: Receive and comment on the Draft Five Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2019-2024.

Assistant Public Works Director Chase presented the staff report.

In response to Vice Chair Dittrich, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained staff projected an estimated cost of \$31,000 would be paid out in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 for the La Costa Pedestrian Improvements Project related to final construction costs.

In response to Commissioner Merrick, Public Works Director DuBoux explained the City has received transportation-related funding and the City would propose projects along PCH. He further explained City streets were the first priority but may not meet the funding criteria and PCH was an acceptable alternative.

In response to Vice Chair Dittrich, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated raised curbed medians did not typically include objects that would obstruct sight distance or create additional safety hazard.

In response to Commissioner Simmens, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated channelizers not Proposed in the PCH Median Improvements Project due to Caltrans Highway Design Standards.

In response to Commissioner Grisanti, Assistant Public Works Director Chase stated the Civic Center Water Treatment Facility Phase Two project would require a Request for Qualifications/Proposals for the design. He also stated a community meeting with the residents in Phase Two would be scheduled at the end of this month and continuing in the coming months.

In response to Vice Chair Dittrich, Public Works Director DuBoux explained the PCH Overhead Warning Signs locations included Kanan Dume Road.

In response to Commissioner Merrick, Assistant Public Works Director Chase explained the cost to remove the burned trees within the City's right-of-way were being reimbursed through the Federal Emergency Management Agency reimbursement process and would require an arborist report.

**MOTION** Commissioner Grisanti moved and Vice Chair Dittrich seconded a motion to continue Item 4.A to the April 24, 2019 Regular meeting. The motion carried 4-0, Chair Palmer absent.

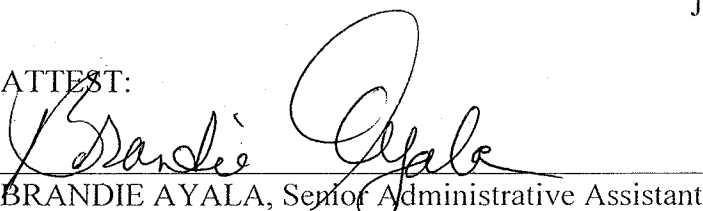
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** At 5:13 p.m., Vice Chair Dittrich moved and Commissioner Merrick seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried 4-0, Chair Palmer absent.

Approved and adopted by the Public Works Commission of the  
City of Malibu on April 24, 2019.

  
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JAMES PALMER, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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BRANDIE AYALA, Senior Administrative Assistant