

MINUTES  
MALIBU PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 28, 2021  
TELECONFERENCED – VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
3:30 P.M.

**The following meeting was held pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order N-08-21 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair Major led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** Commissioner Palmer moved and Vice Chair Major 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 July 22, 2021.

**ITEM I.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM I.B. STAFF UPDATES**

Public Works Director DuBoux discussed the addition of water to Legacy Park. He stated discussions had begun regarding using water from La Paz. He stated he would present a report regarding the history of Legacy Park and its uses at the August 9, 2021 City Council meeting.

Chair Simmens thanked staff for their work on Legacy Park. Public Works Director DuBoux stated Public Works and Community Services staff were working together on developing plans for how best to operate the park.

Public Works Superintendent Hart discussed work done by maintenance crews, including storm drain repairs, shoulder clean-up, and clearance on the City's Triangle lot. He stated crews were currently working on sidewalk repairs. He stated the Malibu Canyon private project paving was completed and striping would be done in mid-August. He discussed an upcoming Southern California Edison (SCE) project on Malibu Canyon and connecting streets.

ITEM 1.C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Dittrich requested a copy of the Council agenda report on Legacy Park. He stated he had been appointed to the Homelessness Task Force. He requested Commissioners send him any input they may have.

Commissioner Palmer requested the status of clearing trash behind the shopping center. Public Works Director DuBoux stated the materials burned in a recent fire. Commissioner Palmer stated he was inquiring about a different area than where the fire occurred. Public Works Director DuBoux stated it was State property, and the City's Public Safety office was working with State Parks to have the area cleared.

Commissioner Palmer requested an update on the broken drain on Malibu Road. He requested staff contact Los Angeles County to make the repairs.

In response to Chair Simmens, Public Works Director DuBoux stated removal of trash from private property or public property owned by other agencies was not done by the City.

Commissioner Dittrich asked if anything was being done to clear fire hazards around Las Flores Creek.

Commissioner Palmer suggested the City develop a composting program.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Palmer moved and Commissioner Dittrich 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 – June 23, 2021

Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Works Commission Regular meeting June 23, 2021.

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.

Assistant Public Works Director Spayd presented the report on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) in Design. He stated the PCH Median Improvements Project had been continued by the Planning Commission. He stated the PCH Signal Synchronization Project was scheduled to go to the Planning Commission in August. He stated staff was working with SCE on moving its poles near Westward Beach.

Public Works Superintendent Hart presented the report on CIP Construction projects. He discussed the Annual Street Maintenance Project. He stated Point Dume speed humps would be installed in August and pavement repair and slurry work would be done after Labor Day. He stated construction on the Malibu Park Drainage should start the second week of August.

Assistant Public Works Director Spayd discussed CIP not yet started. He stated Community Services had specs ready for the Bluffs Park Shade Structure. He stated the Vehicle Protection Devices project would be on hold until other CIP were completed. He presented the report on Disaster projects in design. He announced staff and the City's contractor, M6 Civil Engineers, were holding a kick-off meeting tomorrow on several projects. He stated proposals received for the Outdoor Warning Sirens varied greatly, so clarifications were requested, which were due tomorrow. He stated the next quarterly update on the guardrail repairs would be submitted in August. He stated the Corral Canyon Culvert Repairs project was being removed from the CIP list because it had been rejected by FEMA. In response to Vice Chair Major, Assistant Public Works Director Spayd stated FEMA did not observe enough damage to justify funding the repairs.

B. Civic Center Water Treatment Facility Phase Two Project Update

Staff recommendation: Receive and file a status report on the Civic Center Water Treatment Facility Phase Two Project.

Assistant Public Works Director Spayd presented the report. He stated staff continued to coordinate the design with utility companies and stakeholders. He stated 448 properties in Serra, Malibu Colony, Surfrider Beach, including the Adamson House, condominiums on Civic Center Way and HRL were included in Phase Two. He stated the complete project was broken into nine projects to better manage costs. He stated the strategies used to develop assessments were presented at a community meeting on May 27. He stated staff was preparing letters that would identify estimated assessments for the property owners. He stated assessment amounts varied greatly depending on each property location. He stated more than 50% buy-in was needed to establish the Assessment District. He explained if it was not approved, that would not remove the requirement for those properties to disconnect from septic systems by November 2024. He stated staff was working on obtaining easements from private properties and the County. He stated the goal was to wrap up easements by mid-September, before the Assessment District vote. He explained the agreement with HRL.

Commissioner Dittrich asked why the City was forcing people to disconnect from septic systems at great expense. Public Works Director DuBoux explained the prohibition imposed by the State Water Board and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. He stated the City was providing the mechanism for property owners to comply with the prohibition.

In response to Chair Simmens, Public Works Director DuBoux discussed the PCH Median Improvements Project. Assistant Public Works Director Spayd stated the project would include two biofiltration devices to filter pollutants and heavy metals from water.

In response to Commissioner Palmer, Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated a letter with Caltrans would confirm who was responsible for repairs to the storm drain on Malibu Road.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 4:24 p.m., Chair Simmens adjourned the meeting.

Approved and adopted by the Public Works Commission of the City of Malibu on August 25, 2021.

  
LANCE SIMMENS, Chair

ATTEST:

  
BRANDIE AYALA, Senior Administrative Assistant