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CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION JANUARY 21, 2009

**Call to Order/
Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Rivera, who led Commissioners and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioners Absent: None

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Harlow, Kirkorn, McGovern, Rivera, Shaw, Spencer, and Siersema were in attendance.

Others Present: Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works
Tony Olmos, City Engineer
Bob Stachelski, Transportation Manager
Bill Janusz, Principal Civil Engineer, Transportation
Darren Sam, Senior Traffic Engineer
Linda Daily, Project Manager
Joyce Greene, Administrative Assistant

PRESENTATIONS-COMMENDATIONS

Travis Hopkins introduced Joe Shaw who was appointed to the Public Works Commission by newly elected Councilmember Devin Dwyer.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk Joan Flynn administered the Oath of Office to Joe Shaw. Chair Rivera welcomed Commissioner Shaw.

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Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner Kirkorn to approve the minutes of November 19, 2008.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 2 (Harlow, Shaw)

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

- E-1. Commission Business – The February meeting will include the election of the new Chair and Vice Chair.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- F-1. Active Capital Project Report – An update on active capital projects under construction, as well as those in the planning stage was presented for the Commission's information.

Commissioner McGovern inquired of the status of the Tree Petition Streets project. Travis Hopkins responded bidding will take place in February and is projected to go to City Council for approval in March. The \$1 million from FY 2007/08 will roll over into FY 2008/09 for a total of approximately \$4 million for Tree Petition Streets repair. The project bid in February will cover approximately 20 streets.

Commissioner Siersema inquired on the status of Lift Station D. Tony Olmos responded Lift Station D is operational. The Warner Avenue Gravity Sewer is still under legal review. Staff is working with the consultant on the new design.

Discussion will resume shortly with the Sanitation District for the recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding the proposed takeover of Lift Station D.

Commissioner Siersema inquired on the status of the Newland Widening project. Tony Olmos responded during the recent rains the dam had to be lowered in the channel. Work in the channel will be delayed until the end of the rainy season, approximately April. The contractor will proceed with the rest of the project. The projected completion of the project is now August.

Commissioner Kirkorn commended staff on the Magnolia sidewalk project. He commented on the signage that was posted at each end of the project being very visible and updated as needed. He inquired as to why only half of the street had new asphalt. Tony Olmos responded due to conditions related to the construction, asphalt was laid on half of the street. An upcoming Magnolia Atlanta project bid package will include complete street repaving of this area along with other project details.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Travis Hopkins informed the Commission the Upcoming City Council Study Sessions was inadvertently left out of the commission packets. The City Council conducts public Study Sessions on the evenings of City Council meetings, normally beginning at 4:00 p.m., in Room B-8. A tentative listing of upcoming sessions is submitted for the Commission's information. The schedule lists the Talbert Lake project as tentative for February 2, 2009; however, the item has been postponed. When the date is determined the Commission will be advised.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Kirkorn inquired if there were any plans for a bus bench to be installed on Magnolia in the area of the sidewalk project. Mr. Stachelski responded nothing is planned at this time.

Commissioner McGovern asked if a projects workshop or multiple meetings on upcoming projects could be held for the Commission. Travis Hopkins replied staff could hold a workshop if that is the Commissions pleasure. The Commission decided to have presentations of projects over a series of meetings to review upcoming projects in place of a workshop.

Commissioner Shaw thanked the Commission for the warm welcome this evening. He also thanked Travis Hopkins for the orientation held last week.

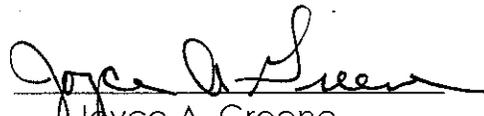
Commissioner Siersema inquired about a bus bench that was removed close to his residence. Bob Stachelski responded he did not know which location the Commissioner is referring too; however, a bus bench had recently been removed for repair.

Commissioner Harlow stated he would like the Commission and staff to discuss driveways along Beach Boulevard and the need to smooth out the slope on some of the older approaches. Travis Hopkins commented that Caltrans has the right-of-way along Beach Boulevard for upgrades. As development projects occur along Beach Boulevard, improvement of the driveway approach is conditioned for the project. Mr. Hopkins stated the issue can be discussed with new projects.

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Works Commission adjourned to the meeting date of Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 5:00 p.m., City Council Chambers. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

George Rivera
Chair


Joyce A. Greene
Administrative Assistant

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Commissioner McGovern inquired if the underground utility project along Beach Boulevard was causing any traffic disruption. Tony Olmos responded traffic is somewhat impacted, however, the project is staged in segments to reduce as much traffic disruption as possible. The project is scheduled to be completed by summer. Tony Olmos informed the Public Works Commission they will be continually informed as the project continues.

Travis Hopkins noted the project is an SCE project not a city project. Bob Stachelski added that SCE has approval to conduct night work to reduce the impact on traffic on Beach Boulevard.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- G-1. Installation of Transit Amenities at the Pacific Coast Highway Transit Center between 1st Street and Huntington Street – Darren Sam presented the project. Plans and an aerial display were posted for the Commissioners review. The project is funded by an OCTA grant and AQMD funds. Material samples were also available at the meeting for Commissioners review.

The project includes six bus benches and three bus shelters within the existing 15-foot sidewalk area. Ten benches and five shelters are proposed over the landscape areas of the turnout east of the fence line along the five-foot wide sidewalk area. The sidewalk along PCH where the improvements are proposed is outside the Caltrans right-of-way and owned by the City. Since no bus shelter advertising is allowed within the Coastal Zone, the current bus shelter franchise agreement for maintenance is not applicable.

Commissioners Kirkorn and McGovern expressed concern over the possibility of Public Works being required to maintain the area if OCTA does not meet the maintenance schedule. Bob Stachelski presented some options to the Commission on maintenance should it become a problem.

Commissioner Harlow inquired if funding was in jeopardy of being cut off. Mr. Stachelski responded the project is grant funded which requires a completion date. He feels confident funding is not in jeopardy.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0

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