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CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FEBRUARY 18, 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
Ken Dills, Project Manager
Duncan Lee, Principal Engineer
Check Davis, Landscape Architect
Linda Daily, Project Manager
Joyce Greene, Administrative Assistant

PRESENTATIONS-COMMENDATIONS

None

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Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner McGovern to approve the minutes of January 21, 2009.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

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DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Travis Hopkins informed the Public Works Commission there was a new and urgent item that needs to be presented and acted upon by the Commission at this meeting. The Pacific Coast Highway Street Lighting Modification project requires an increase to the Construction Change Order Limit due to unforeseen field conditions requiring additional conduit installation to complete the project. Staff was unaware of the issue at the time of agenda and packet preparation. The item is being brought to the Public Works Commission and Mr. Hopkins is requesting a motion to hear the item. If the item is not heard, it will cause either significant delays to the project or the need to hold a special meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Spencer, seconded by Commissioner Siersema, to hear the urgent item, Increase Construction Change Order Limit for the Pacific Coast Highway Street Lighting Modification Project CC-1266.

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

The item was presented by Bob Stachelski. The item is part of a series of downtown area projects for street lighting. It is the duty of the Public Works Commission to review and recommend to the City Council any increase in change order amounts.

An increase to the construction change order limit to \$30,000 for the Pacific Coast Highway Street Lighting Modification project, CC-1266, is requested. The contractor has encountered unforeseen field conditions that will require replacement of segments of the underground conduit that was assumed reusable.

Due to the small amount of the contract, the standard 10% change order limit for the project is \$4,591 resulting in the need for Public Works Commission approval to increase the amount. Funds are available in the Redevelopment Agency account. Discussion ensued.

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Motion by Commission Siersema, seconded by Commissioner Kirkorn, to recommend to the City Council to increase the previously authorized \$4,591 construction change order limit to \$30,000 for CC-1266.

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

- E-1. Commission Business – The election of the Chair and Vice Chair were held. Commissioner Rivera nominated John McGovern for Chair, and Michael Siersema for Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Spencer. No other nominations were made. Nominations closed.

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

Commissioner McGovern assumed the position as 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. The report has a new look this meeting. Tony Olmos presented an overview of the new report format. Some additional formatting adjustments will be made to make the report more reader friendly. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Kirkorn commented on flooding along a section of Newland at the construction site during the recent rain. Tony Olmos responded both the contractor and city had staff at the site monitoring the water level. The area is one that, during heavy downpour, has water accumulate and then dissipate in a short period of time. Commission Kirkorn commented on the lack of storm drains in this particular area and questioned why a crew was not positioned at the site. Mr. Hopkins responded city crews were working multiple areas during the storm and perhaps Commissioner Kirkorn was there when staff was at another site. Mr. Hopkins will ensure city crews continue to monitor the area during any future rain storms.

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Commissioner Siersema inquired about the Heil Avenue Widening project (Beach Boulevard to Silver Lane) and asked was it outside the stimulus package of proposed projects. Travis Hopkins responded it is one of the stimulus package projects. He then explained multiple agencies requested stimulus package projects with each agency having its own set of guidelines for proposed projects. Tony Olmos added this particular project requires the city secure a small portion of land for the widening. Economic Development is in the process of obtaining the property.

Chair McGovern inquired about the Transportation item, Arterial Coordination. Bob Stachelski responded the project is a traffic signal timing project on various locations on Brookhurst, Garfield, Goldenwest, Edinger and Warner that is funded through a grant from OCTA. Mr. Stachelski informed the Commissioners the project will only affect the timing at the project locations and will not be a timing project city wide.

- F-2. Upcoming City Council Study Sessions – Travis Hopkins reminded the Commissioners the document is informational for agenda scheduling purposes only and is subject to change. Changes have been made since the packet was prepared. The April 6 Charter Review has been removed; May 4 OCTA I-405 Improvement Project may change to the April 20 date; May 18 tentative Water Study Session.

Commissioner Rivera inquired of the OCTA I-405 Improvement Project. Bob Stachelski gave a brief update. The project is in the design phase to add two lanes in the existing right-of-way from Highway 73 to the 22 Freeway. Not all funding is available at this time. Other major improvements are projected for the Beach and Edinger interchange and for other freeway overpasses in the city that are not involved in an interchange.

Chair McGovern inquired about the timetable for the project. Bob Stachelski responded prior to this year and the economic downturn, the project was to start construction in 2014. At this time he does not know how long a delay may result.

Commissioner Harlow commented on an article he read where Los Angeles is moving to LED lighting. Bob Stachelski responded it is the wave of the future as technology is improving. He added the vast majority of lighting in the city is operated by SCE. Only 10% of lighting is owned and maintained by the city.

- F-3. The United States Conference of Mayors Mainstreet Economic Recovery – Travis Hopkins presented the item. The survey of infrastructure job potential was previously presented to the City Council and was brought to the Commission at its request. The Intergovernmental Committee has reviewed the list that will be

used by lobbyists in Washington, DC as economic stimulus package projects. Project lists were submitted to various agencies including OCTA and CalTrans. Many of the agencies had strict guidelines of projects that could be submitted.

Commissioner Shaw questioned if the city had any response on which projects might be approved. He stated he has heard criticism of the 15-mile arterial block wall replacement project. Travis Hopkins responded the city owns 68-miles of arterial block walls that currently have no funding available for replacement. Traffic accidents are a contributor to the need for block wall replacement in addition to aging of many block walls. One of the considerations for including block walls is the project could be designed and awarded in a short timeframe to meet program requirements should funding become available. Discussion of various projects on the list ensued.

- F-4. City of Huntington Beach Water Conservation Efforts – A PowerPoint presentation was presented by staff members Ken Dills and Chuck Davis. Discussion held at the conclusion of the presentation. Travis Hopkins informed the Commission the presentation will be made to the Environmental Board in March.

The Commission requested water conservation and landscaping information available to the public be presented at a future meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- G-1. Traffic Signal Modification (CC-1302), Main Street/Utica Avenue/17th Street- Bob Stachelski presented the item. Project plans and specifications are in final stages. Recommendation of the project to the City Council is being requested.

The location has five legs involved in addition to high school activity at the location. It is also a major route of city emergency vehicles from City Hall. The current traffic signal equipment is old and limiting in how it can be used. All equipment will be upgraded in the project and will include a protected left turn pocket southbound on Main at Utica.

Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner Rivera, to support the initiation of the competitive bid process and to recommend to City Council the proposed traffic signal modification at the intersection of Main Street, Utica Avenue, and 17th Street.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

The Commission was provided copies of a letter complimenting staff on a project well done. The Public Works Commission was listed as a cc on the letter to Travis Hopkins.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Kirkorn commended staff on the recently completed Magnolia Street sidewalk project stating it was a fine example of Public Works projects.

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Works Commission adjourned to the meeting date of Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 5:00 p.m., City Council Chambers. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

John McGovern
Chair


Joyce A. Greene
Administrative Assistant

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