



MINUTES

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION APRIL 13, 2011

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

Commissioners Absent: Spencer

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Cook, Herbel, McGovern, O'Connell, Siersema, and Thomas were in attendance.

Others Present: Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works
Tony Olmos, City Engineer
Brian Ragland, Utilities Manager
Duncan Lee, Principal Engineer
Jim Wagner, Senior Civil Engineer
Joseph Fuentes, Civil Engineering Assistant
Ken Dills, Project Manager
Joyce Greene, Administrative Assistant

B. PRESENTATIONS-COMMENDATIONS

None

C. MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to approve the minutes of March 16, 2011 as presented.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (Spencer/Thomas)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

E. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Travis Hopkins requested items G-1 through G-3 be heard out of order to allow staff to leave after their particular item was presented. The Commissioners agreed to the change in agenda order.

Travis Hopkins announced the Metropolitan Water District has eliminated its allocations due to the water supply. MWDOC will be meeting on April 20, 2011 and it is anticipated they will concur. Mr. Hopkins noted the city is currently in Stage 1 water conservation but with City Council action, will return to baseline if the anticipated MWDOC action is taken. He added that at baseline there are still permanent conservation requirements to be followed.

The Mayor's Challenge is being held during the month of April. The challenge is a friendly completion among cities to see which city can be the most water wise and energy efficient. The Challenge was developed by the Wyland Foundation to encourage residents to make simple changes that will lead to more efficient use of water and energy.

Public Works is preparing its budget for FY 2011/12 and preparing the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Currently, there is no General Fund money to be spent on projects in the next fiscal year. Individual projects will come before the Public Works Commission for approval throughout the year. Mr. Hopkins suggested a tour be conducted to give the Commissioners the opportunity to see the upcoming projects and to re-visit some projects that have been completed this past fiscal year. The Utilities facility remodel will be included in the tour. Mr. Hopkins then asked if there is a particular project any of the Commissioners would like to see, that he be advised by email so he can include that location in the tour route.

The Urban Water Management Plan is required of all agencies and must be reviewed and adopted every five years. The updated Plan will go before City Council to be approved prior to the July 1, 2011 deadline. A public hearing and public notification is required.

Commissioner Thomas arrived at 5:15 pm.

G. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- G-1. Water Main Extension Projects – Beach Blvd. – Williams Dr. to Yorktown Ave., CC1408; Holburn Drive – near Brookhurst St. and Adams Ave., CC1371; Springdale St. – North of McFadden Ave., CC1378 – Duncan Lee presented the item. The project consists of three small water main extension projects. For cost effectiveness, the three projects are being bid as one project.

The Beach Boulevard project is being fast tracked due to the upcoming paving of Beach Boulevard by Caltrans. The city would like to have this segment completed prior to the scheduled paving. Staff is working closely with Caltrans to have minimal traffic impact during construction.

The second project segment is very short, 50 linear feet, to an existing public water main located within commercial property on Adams. Installing the short segment of new pipe between the residential tract and the adjacent commercial property provides two additional water feeds to the existing tract, and one feed coming from Brookhurst Avenue.

The third project is located on Springdale Street and will eliminate 400 feet of dead end pipe eliminating any concern for stagnant water through improved water circulation.

Motion by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to recommend to City Council the Water Main Extension Projects, CC1408, CC1371 and CC1378.

VOTE:	The motion carried.
AYES:	6
NOES:	0
ABSENT:	1 (Spencer)
ABSTENTIONS:	0

- G-2. Arterial Highway Rehabilitation Project, CC1384, Delaware Street – Yorktown Avenue to Main Street; Edwards Street – Talbert Avenue to Warner Avenue – Jim Wagner presented the project. The project is an arterial highway rehabilitation project consisting of asphalt rehabilitation using rubberized asphalt concrete. Limited replacement of concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk, and construction of access ramps where needed will be included.

Chair Siersema inquired how many lane miles would be rehabilitated. Delaware Street will be three lane miles or three-quarter centerline miles, and Edwards Street will be five lane miles or one and one-quarter centerline miles.

Commissioner McGovern inquired on the timing of the project. Jim Wagner responded the intent is to go to City Council in June with construction during the summer. Lanes will be restricted but open in both directions during construction.

Motion by Commissioner Herbel, seconded by Commissioner McGovern to recommend to City Council the Arterial Highway Rehabilitation Project CC1384.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Spencer)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

- G-3. Landscaping at Well #2, Northeast Northwest Corner of Edinger Avenue and Springdale Street, CC1398 – Joe Fuentes presented the project. A brief background on the project and the site was given. The site is abandoned water well #2. The project is located on the corner of Edinger and Springdale adjacent to Marina High School and the flood control channel. Staff has met with the Principal of the high school who was very supportive of the project. The project will include hardscape and drought tolerant vegetation with engineered wood fiber mulch. Staff plans to complete the project before the start of school in the fall.

Commissioner Thomas suggests the concrete area by the crosswalk be expanded so students crossing at the light do not trample the landscaping.

Commissioner Cook suggests all water should be retained on the site with no run-off. The design of the swale should direct drainage towards the vegetation.

Commissioner Herbel suggests pervious concrete be used. Travis Hopkins responded all suggestions will be investigated for the possibility of inclusion in the project.

Motion by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to recommend to City Council Landscaping at Well #2 CC1398.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Spencer)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

INFORMATION ITEMS

- F-1. Active Capital Project Report – Tony Olmos provided updates on various projects and then asked the Commissioners for any questions. Due to the short time between meetings, there are only a few project updates.

Chair Siersema inquired about the bollards at the Central Sports Complex saying they appear to be rusting. Travis Hopkins responded the rust is from outside elements and could be buffed off if funds and manpower were available.

Commissioner Herbel left at 5:55 pm

- F-2. Water Budget Rate Study – Guest speaker Sanjay Gaur, with Raffelis Financial Consultants, Inc. gave a PowerPoint presentation which included water management challenges and conservation rate structure. After the completion of the presentation, discussion was held by the Commissioners on various points in the presentation and on the city water rate structure.

- F-3. Continued Discussion on Infrastructure Prioritization and Funding – At the March Public Works Commission meeting the initial review of unfunded infrastructure needs began and was continued to the April meeting. The Commissioners were provided a list of infrastructure needs and an estimate of funding shortfall, infrastructure financing/funding methods and estimated shortfall over the next ten years.

The Commissioners had been asked to rank thirteen categories with regard to priority. The ranking will be provided to City Council. Commissioner McGovern expressed concern on the rankings being misunderstood. Some items were ranked lower with the understanding of possible outside funding, resulting in that item having a lower ranking priority. However, this does not mean the Commissioners feel the category is unimportant. The Commissioners requested their rankings be sent to City Council as a guideline and not as recommendations. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

I. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

J. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS

None

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm to May 18, 2011 in City Council Chambers.



Michael Siersema
Chair



Joyce Greene
Administrative Assistant