



## MINUTES

### CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MAY 16, 2012

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

**Commissioners Absent:** Cook

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

**Others Present:** Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works  
Tony Olmos, City Engineer  
Terri Elliott, Principal Civil Engineer  
Duncan Lee, Principal Civil Engineer  
Bill Janusz, Principal Civil Engineer  
Joseph Fuentes, Civil Engineering Assistant  
Joyce Greene, Administrative Assistant

**Guest:** Michael Fennessy, Orange County Health Care Agency

#### **B. PRESENTATIONS-COMMENDATIONS**

None

#### **C. MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Spencer to approve the minutes of April 18, 2012 as presented.

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

## **D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **E. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS**

- E-1. Pavement Blue Ribbon Committee Update – Travis Hopkins provided an update on the Committee's activities. The Pavement Blue Ribbon Committee's next meeting is Thursday, May 17, 2012, 6:00 pm at the Utilities Yard Conference Room, 19021 Huntington Street, Huntington Beach, 92648. The focus of the meeting is to discuss possible recommendations to City Council to cover pavement rehabilitation costs through a special assessment. Council Members Boardman and Bohr are anticipated to be in attendance at the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- E-2. Development Impact Fee Update – Travis Hopkins provided information on proposed changes to Development Impact Fees that will go to City Council on June 4, 2012. Chair Herbel expressed his concern over fees being raised or any additional fees being required feeling it discourages development.
- E-3. Underground Utility District Update – Tony Olmos provided information regarding Beach Boulevard undergrounding. Time Warner still has a line to underground.

Edinger Underground Utility District – At the City Council meeting on June 18, 2012, a Public Hearing date will be set to form an underground district at Edinger and Goldenwest.

## **F. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- F-1. Upcoming City Council Study Sessions – Travis Hopkins informed the Commissioners that the June 18, 2012 Study Session will be an update by the Orange County Sanitation District on Urban Runoff Recovery.
- F-2. Orange County Health Care Agency – Beach Testing – Michael Fennessy from OCHCA presented the item. In 1999, AB 411 set in place a regulation requiring monitoring of beaches for certain contaminants. Weekly testing is performed from April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. When standards are exceeded, beaches are posted and closures are put in place. Statistically, Huntington City Beach does very well.

Huntington State Beach had a higher number of posted days. The restoration of Talbert Channel is believed to be contributing to the reduction in pollution.

Chair Herbel inquired about the up tic in 2000. Mr. Hennessy responded it is the opinion that rainy years and runoff are factors that greatly contributed to the increase in contaminants.

- F-3. Active Capital Project Report - Tony Olmos provided updates on various projects and then asked the Commissioners for any questions.

Commissioner Siersema inquired on the progress of the Adams/Ranger lift station. Tony Olmos responded the lift station has not passed the final pump test. There was debris in the pipe and staff is working to resolve the issue.

## **G. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

- G-1. Water Main Extension Projects, CC-1430 and CC-1431 – Duncan Lee presented the item. Two locations were identified where short new segments of pipe can eliminate both water quality concerns from dead end pipes, and enhance reliability for greater fire protection. Project CC-1430 will install 90-lineal feet on Elm Lane south of Cypress Drive, and CC-1431 will install 90-lineal feet on Brookhurst Street by Oceancrest Drive.

Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner McGovern to recommend to the City Council approval of Water Main Extension Projects, CC-1430 and CC-1431.

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

- G-2. Sunset Beach Water Main Replacement Project, Phase I, CC-1412 – Approximately 1,600 lineal feet of existing water mains located within eight alleys in the Sunset Beach area were identified as needing replacement this fiscal year. At the completion of the project, the alleys will be repaved. Staff has been coordinating with SCE on projects to ensure the alleys will not be disturbed after the repaving.

Outreach to residents and businesses will continue, to ensure access is provided. Once the contract is awarded, there will be another meeting with the contractor, residents and businesses. Temporary water lines will be put in place during the construction.

Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to recommend to the City Council approval of Sunset Beach Water Main Replacement Project, CC-1412.

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

- G-3. Reconstruction of Aulnay Lane on Residential Tree Petition List, CC-1418 – Travis Hopkins stated that Commissioner Siersema requested the full Tree Removal Petitions list ranked by date the petition was received, and the Tree Removal Petitions listed by condition rank be provided. The Commissioners were provided those lists.

Joseph Fuentes presented the project. The project location is Aulnay Lane, from McFadden Avenue south to Royalist Drive, between Springdale Street and Edwards Street. The scope of work includes removal and replacement of concrete sidewalks, driveway approaches, cross gutters, curb and gutter, handicap ramps, and a few identified street trees. The asphalt roadway will be cold milled and overlaid.

Commissioner Thomas inquired of the timing of the project due to the proximity to a school. Mr. Fuentes responded the construction is expected to take place during the summer months when school is not in session.

Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to recommend to City Council approval of CC-1418, the reconstruction of Aulnay Lane on Residential Tree Petition List.

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

- G-4. FY 2011/12 Sewer Lining Project, CC-1419 – Joseph Fuentes presented the project. The project includes lining of approximately 2,500 lineal feet of aged sewer main. The locations include 350 feet on Lynn Lane, between Warner Avenue and Pierce Street; 700 feet on Edinger Avenue between Graham Street and Clubhouse Lane; 350 feet on Rotterdam Lane from Friesland Drive to Warner Avenue; 1,100 feet on Keelson Lane from Slater Avenue to Kristin Circle.

Commissioner O'Connell recused himself due to the project proximity to property he owns.

Travis Hopkins added the approach is to locate areas in need and perform lining where appropriate. The department is being more aggressive in video-taping sewer lines to identify areas where there is potential for problems and making repairs prior to possible future issues.

Motion by Commissioner Siersema, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to recommend to the City Council, approval of FY 2012/13 Sewer Lining Project, CC-1419.

VOTE: The motion carried.  
AYES: 5  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 1 (Cook)  
ABSTENTIONS: 1 (O'Connell)

G-5. Street Lighting Replacement – Seventh Street, CC-1525 – Bill Janusz presented the project.

Commissioner McGovern recused himself due to the close proximity to his residence.

The project will replace the existing approximately 70-year-old lighting system along Seventh Street from Pacific Coast Highway to Palm Avenue. The replacement will address numerous street lighting issues in the downtown area.

Commissioner Siersema inquired if the new system will be LED type lighting. Mr. Janusz responded currently it is scheduled for high pressure sodium lights but staff is investigating SCE incentives to possibly add on to another project to change to LED lighting.

Chair Herbel inquired if there would be trenching commenting the pavement is in poor condition in the area. Mr. Janusz responded the current plan is rock wheel trenching. Mr. Janusz commented some of the utilities are located in alleyways. Tony Olmos added a wider T patch will be used for the repair.

Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Siersema to recommend to City Council approval of the proposed Street Lighting Replacement on Seventh Street, CC-1425.

VOTE: The motion carried.  
AYES: 5  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 1 (Cook)  
ABSTENTIONS: 1 (McGovern)

**H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**I. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS**

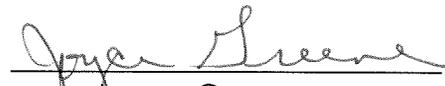
Commissioner Siersema inquired about the solar panels at the library and other city facilities and the result of cost savings to the city. Travis Hopkins responded he did not have that information available but will check with the Energy Project Manager. Mr. Hopkins also added the city does not own the panels and the benefit to the city was in the contract to install.

Chair Herbel inquired about the condition of Pacific Coast Highway at 9<sup>th</sup> street stating there is a dip in the roadway and requested staff investigate. Tony Olmos responded Caltrans does have a project to repave PCH in that area after summer.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM to June 20, 2012, in City Council Chambers.

  
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Tom Herbel  
Chair

  
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Joyce Greene  
Administrative Assistant