

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE  
AMEDEE O. “DICK” RICHARDS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1414 MISSION STREET**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Chair Glauz. Present were Commissioner Abelson, Commissioner Fisher, Commissioner Hughes and Commissioner Granath. Council Liaison Cacciotti arrived later. Staff present: Acting Public Works Director (APWD) Rafael Casillas and Public Works Assistant (PWA) Leonna DeWitt.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Hughes led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Meeting on May 23, 2018.**

Minutes approved as amended. (Hughes, Fisher; 5-0)

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comment.

**5. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS**

No Council Liaison Comments. (Inaudible)

**6. STAFF COMMENTS**

No Staff Comments.

**7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Hughes commented on the street improvements and inquired when the striping on Mission Street will be complete. APWD responded that staff is working to get the striping done this week.

Commissioner Abelson noted that the City Council approved the Budget at the last Council meeting and asked if any changes were made to the Proposed Street Improvement Projects. APWD responded that there were no changes.

Commissioner Fisher commented on the proposal to rename the rumored combined commission that would deal with transportation and public works issues to “Infrastructure Commission.” Commissioner Fisher observed that everyone knows “Public Works,” means but the term “Infrastructure” is vague and could confuse the public as to the role of the commission. Commissioner Fisher suggested retention of the name “Public Works” for the reorganized commission. On another matter, Commissioner Fisher thanked staff for addressing his concerns regarding the traffic striping on Mission Street.

Commissioner Granath commented that the roadway work is going very well on Monterey Road, but that the temporary traffic channelization during construction reduces the lanes down from two to one too abruptly, resulting in lengthy backup of traffic on the roadway. More attention is needed by the contractor to move traffic through the construction area as efficiently as possible. Commissioner Granath also commented on the need for the Public Works Commission and the importance of the Commissioner’s work to the community.

Commissioner Glauz inquired about progress on installing the approved signal on Orange Grove Avenue at Monterey Road, so she could share updated information with her neighbors. Commissioner Glauz also stated that the backup of traffic through the construction zone on Monterey Road blocks the intersection at Orange Grove Avenue. Commissioner Glauz suggested “Keep Clear” traffic markings be installed at this intersection to allow better access to Monterey Road from Orange Grove Avenue. APWD responded that the design of the Monterey Road and Orange Grove Avenue traffic signals is complete and Public Works is now coordinating with the CDC and Metro to get interconnect and timing issues resolved.

## **8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**

### **A. Traffic Investigation of Roadway Signing (*Via Del Rey-Informational*)**

APWD provided background information on this item. Staff is recommending that the Commission receive and file this item. APWD stated that at the March Public Safety Commission (PSC) meeting residents reported on a dangerous vehicle traffic situation on the Via Del Rey down grade and curve north of La Portada. APWD stated that the PSC requested the Public Works Department assess the situation with the objective of improving safety. APWD stated Department staff investigated and requested focused traffic enforcement. Twelve (12) traffic citations were issued for distracted driving and speeding, which confirmed the resident reports. APWD met with the concerned residents and reviewed with them the existing roadway conditions and traffic. APWD stated the Via Del Rey roadway geometry is consistent with the street’s role as a larger collector street, with average daily traffic (ADT) of 4700 vehicles (2004 Engineering and Traffic Survey). APWD stated that there has been one reported traffic collision on this segment of Via Del Rey in the last three years. APWD noted that a speed feedback sign and other regulatory signs are installed in this area with a posted speed of 25mph. APWD advised that the City will have ongoing traffic enforcement in this area and the recommended white lane edge line will be installed from Monterey Road to La Portada on Via Del Rey to help reduce roadway speeds and improve driver attention to the turn in the roadway.

#### **Public Comment Open**

Stephanie Cao – South Pasadena Resident. Mrs. Cao expressed concern over the excessive vehicle speed in the neighborhood and drivers losing control of their vehicles. She mentioned that her property and her neighbor’s property have been damaged as a result of drivers losing control of their vehicles. Mrs. Cao requested City investigation for traffic calming measures and mentioned she rallied support from her neighbors in requesting City implementation of traffic calming measures in the area.

Discussion ensued regarding pedestrian activity and the number of traffic incidents on Via Del Rey between La Portada and Monterey Road.

Stephen Lee – South Pasadena Resident. Mr. Lee expressed concern about public safety related to excessive vehicle speeding in the area.

Discussion ensued regarding the best approach to take with regards to improving safety in the area, noting the steep grade of the street and the roadway geometry. Suggestions included alternatives for traffic calming such as raised platforms, speed humps, rumble strips, striping, and increased enforcement.

Commissioner Fisher suggested installing raised markers on the centerline, concentrated enforcement and education via the school, to the residents.

Commissioner Abelson suggested alerting the Monterey Hills community residents to the conditions in this area and to be cautious. Commissioner Abelson agreed with suggestions made by Commissioner Fisher and supported the installation of edge line striping and additional street markings.

APWD added that the City has a new Public Information Officer and suggested sending out a press release prior to school starting, alerting the community to monitor speeds in school zones. APWD stated the edge line striping could be implemented administratively utilizing the current operations budget.

A motion was made to have this item agendaized for the August meeting as a status report and to approve any financial action, if necessary. (Hughes, Fisher 5-0)

**B. Capital Improvement Project Update**

APWD gave a brief update on this item.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn. (Hughes, Fisher 5-0)

Chair Glauz declared the meeting adjourned at 8:51p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were adopted by the Public Works Commission of the City of South Pasadena at a meeting held on July 11, 2018.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Gayle Glauz, Chair