

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
14TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1424 MISSION STREET**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair Hughes. Present were Commissioner Abelson, Commissioner Fisher, Commissioner Glauz and Commissioner Granath. Council Liaison Robert Joe was present. Staff present included Director of Public Works Shahid Abbas, Deputy Director of Public Works (DDPW) Kristine Courdy, Deputy Director of Public Works - Water and Sustainability Julian Lee, Water Operations Manager Anteneh Tesfaye and Public Works Assistant (PWA) Leonna DeWitt.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Granath led the pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Meeting of July 10, 2019.

Minutes approved as amended. (Abelson, Glauz; 5-0)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan Sulsky resides at 2013 Meridian Avenue expressed concern about traffic and speeding on Meridian Avenue and distributed a handout to the Commission.

Delaine Shane resides at 2003 Meridian Avenue expressed concern regarding traffic and speeding on Meridian Avenue and distributed a handout to the Commission.

Brandon Fox resides on Fremont expressed concern regarding trucks and traffic on Fremont Avenue.

Brian Bright resides at 325 Oaklawn Avenue expressed concern regarding trucks and traffic on Fremont Avenue.

Alan Ehrlich resides at 1221 Lyndon Street discussed his service request to add Keep Clear pavement markings at the intersection of Fremont Avenue and Lyndon Street.

Rafael Lopez resides at 307 Fremont Avenue expressed concern regarding traffic and speeding on Fremont Avenue.

5. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Council Liaison Robert Joe shared with the audience an update on the funding opportunities the City has available for certain upcoming projects.

1. Summer Concerts in the park are complete.
2. Dial-A-Ride had a successful FY 2018-19, highest months of service July, August and September and combined total of 3000 trips.
3. The Fire Department is receiving proposals for goats to clear hazardous vegetation on the hillside in the southwest hills.
4. The Police Department met with the South Pasadena Care Center and Prospect Manor regarding smoking violations and they agreed to provide a location for smokers.
5. Tree trimming update – Tree trimming of the Liquidambar trees along the 1600-1700 block of

Lyndon St. has been completed.

6. City Council approved retrofitting of the sewer truck with new software and computer hardware.
7. First time in 12 years, the City is fully staffed with firefighters and paramedics.

6. STAFF COMMENTS

DPWD Courdy introduced the new Director of Public Works Shahid Abbas; Deputy Director of Water and Sustainability, Julian Lee; and Water Operations Manager, Anteneh Tesfaye.

PWA DeWitt announced the Household Hazardous Waste Event is scheduled for Saturday, August 31, 2019, at 1020 El Centro Street from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Granath shared an article of an interview of Paula Kehoe, Director of Water Resources – San Francisco Public Utilities Commission explain water conservation programs at the City of San Francisco. The City of San Francisco reporting their averaged daily consumption of water per capita is 40 gallons (City of LA is 106 gallons).

Commissioner Fisher mentioned his meeting with Margaret Lin and Steven Wright, Interwest Consultant, about five months ago. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the concept of the new loop ramp from north bound Fair Oaks Avenue to the Arroyo Seco Parkway. He emphasized that a conceptual design or scaled drawing needs to be prepared.

Commissioner Glauz inquired about a temporary traffic signal at the intersection of Fremont Avenue and Maple Street. She expressed concerns about the potential traffic issues related to the proposed Monterey Road and Orange Grove Avenue traffic signal.

Commissioner Abelson updated the Commission on the City Council formed Ad Hoc Committee on the Merger of the Freeway and Transportation and Public Works Commissions (Ad Hoc) meeting he attended on July 31, 2019. The Ad Hoc will meet again in September to continue discussions and review a draft ordinance. Commissioner Abelson announced that on September 26, 2019 the Metro Board will be having a meeting discussing TDM/TSM Phase 2 Projects. Commissioner Abelson also discussed various issues related to the 710 Stub, the proposal to terminate it at Del Mar, the need for traffic mitigation for impacted neighborhoods, and the authority and funding.

Chair Hughes requested an update on the synchronization on Fair Oaks Avenue, the Orange Grove traffic signal, the right hand turn signal at Fair Oaks Avenue and Huntington Drive, Measure M and R funds, and Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan and stop sign study.

8. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Water System Presentation

William Glauz resides at 1236 Orange Grove Avenue and a member of the Renewable Energy Committee. He expressed interest in how Garfield Reservoir is operating and if the City is saving on electricity demand charges.

Anteneh Tesfaye, Water Operations Manager gave a presentation on the Water System.

Discussion ensued regarding future construction, water rates, and installation of solar power.

DPW Abbas informed the Commission that the City is in the process of developing a Master Plan for managing water, waste water and stormwater. The Plans will address infrastructure needs, condition of the infrastructure, existing and future demands, financial costs to upgrade, operational and maintenance needs.

B. Stoney Drive and Lohman Lane Stop Sign Study Update

DDPW Courdy gave a status update on the Stoney Drive and Lohman Lane Stop Sign Study.

C. Gold Line Preemption Discussion

DDPW Courdy presented a status update on the Gold Line Preemption.

Commissioner Fisher requested having another update on this item in December.

D. Status of Public Works Commission Recommendations

Commissioner Glauz presented a brief status report on the Public Works Commission Status of Recommendations – Summary List, as of August 2019.

Commissioner Abelson passed out a handout and DDPW Courdy status update on several Public Works related services requests and Projects.

Commission requested that the issue of traffic mitigation and neighborhood traffic related request be place on the September agenda.

E. Capital Improvement Project Update

DDPW Courdy presented a brief update on CIP Projects.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 pm (Abelson, Fisher 5-0)

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 September 16, 2019.

 11/13/19

Kimberley Hughes, Chair