



MINUTES

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 18, 2013

**Call to Order/
Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Chairperson Thomas, who led Commissioners and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioners Absent: Cook

Commissioners Present: Commissioners McGovern, Hart, Brenden, Berge, Carr, and Thomas were in attendance.

Others Present: Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works
Tom Herbel, City Engineer
Ken Dills, Project Manager
Andy Ferrigno, Senior Civil Engineer
Terri Elliott, Principal Civil Engineer
Jim Merid, Environmental Specialist
Kirsty Wapner, Administrative Assistant

B. PRESENTATIONS-COMMENDATIONS

None.

C. MINUTES

C-1. Motion by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Hart to approve the minutes of August 21, 2013 as presented.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Cook)
ABSTENTIONS: 2 (Berge, Carr)

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

E. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Travis Hopkins reported the 29th annual Beach Clean-Up is this Saturday, Sept 21, with free parking north of the pier. There is also a clean-up at Bartlett Park and LeBard Park this same Saturday.

Ken Dills reported Huntington Beach's water distribution team won the OCWA tapping contest today with a time of 1:33.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

- F-1. Upcoming City Council Study Sessions – Travis Hopkins noted there are no updates on the Study Sessions list. Commissioner McGovern asked what the OCWD annexation item was from Sept 3. Hopkins explained there are three agencies that want to annex their areas with the ground water basin. The CEQA is in process. The agencies are working into an agreement. This would increase our water rates by 2%. The vote is to be made by OCWD; no action done by Huntington Beach.

Tom Herbel stated he or staff would send an email out to the Commissioners explaining how they can sign up online to receive email notifications for Council agendas.

- F-2. Active Capital Project Report – Tom Herbel provided updates on the capital project report. He added that beginning next month the Active Capital Project list will have a lot of updates. Herbel stated the Goldenwest/Garfield project- Garfield is almost complete and Goldenwest will start in next few weeks. Edinger Parkway Path- paved today and the landscaping is all that's left to do. Residential Pavement Rehab Zone 7 is about 70% complete. Hanover Lane Rehab- curb and gutter work is done. The project will be complete in about 2-3 weeks. Keelson Lane Rehab is done. Lakeview Drive will start construction in two weeks. The First Street Diversion SCADA Project is being presented to the PWC tonight. Central Park Parking Lot is complete. Staff is very proud of the work done at this location and is being submitted for an award.

Chairperson Thomas inquired about the paving work on Springdale. Herbel stated this work has been complete.

Commissioner McGovern inquired about the Gun Range Site item. Hopkins stated he doesn't have details. Herbel said he'd report back with more details.

G. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

G-1. Trinidad Island Lift Station No. 29- Andy Ferrigno reported the Trinidad Island Lift Station was constructed in 1976. It is now structurally failing and due for replacement. The Trinidad Island HOA wants it moved from one location to Trinidad Park. This project will be done at the end of the calendar year.

Motion by Commissioner Brenden, seconded by Commissioner McGovern, to approve that the Trinidad Island Lift Station No. 29 is in general conformance with the previously approved CIP.

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

G-2. 1st Street Storm Drain SCADA Sewer Diversion Project- Jim Merid stated staff is replacing the existing manual valve, which has been operational since 2006. Staff currently has to manually shut this valve off Oct 15 every year and turn it back on April 15. Merid stated staff is recommending the automated system, so we can get real time data, save the City money, and it will provide better protection to the ocean. Terri Elliott noted there are future OCTA grant opportunities coming up, which she is applying for. The City currently has 11 diversions and this is the only manual operating one. The County has one manual diversion at the Santa Ana River. At the upcoming November PWC meeting, Terri Elliott will be providing a presentation on OCSD Diversion Program.

Motion by Commissioner Brenden, seconded by Commissioner Carr to approve that the 1st Street SCADA Sewer Diversion Project is in general conformance with the previously approved CIP.

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

H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

I. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS

Tom Herbel referenced the gun range item from the Active Capital Project Report, stating maintenance needs are being continued. There were methane and lead issues. There are currently no future project plans for the site.

Commissioner Brenden inquired about the Bicycle Master Plan. Hopkins reported staff is finalizing comments then this will go back to City Council for adoption, to be used as a guiding document. Brenden reiterated the use of rumble strips on PCH and wants this recommended for the BMP. PCH is Caltrans owned and operated. Hopkins stated he should bring this up at the bicycle committee and he would email Brenden with the meeting information for that committee. Staff will also check into Caltrans involvement. It was added that raised pavement markers, which serve a similar purpose as rumble strips, on Seapoint.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM to October 16, 2013 at 5:00 PM at the Utilities Yard.

Jennifer Thomas
Chairperson

Kirsty Wapner
Administrative Assistant