

CITY OF SAN MATEO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015, 7:30 p.m.
CITY HALL, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Anna Kuhre led the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL. Members present were, Garrett Rice Chair; Erika Powell, Vice Chair, Anna Kuhre, Laurie Watanuki, and new Commissioner, Kara Cox. Staff in attendance included Brad Underwood, Public Works Director; Gary DeJesus, Deputy Director; Gary Heap, Engineering Program Manager; Ken Chin; Project Manager; Kevin Buchanan; Management Analyst; Cathi Zammit, Senior Engineer; and Dave Fink; Acting Facilities and Fleet Services Manager.

3. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 14, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. The January 2015 regular meeting minutes were approved with additions submitted as Public Record by Commissioner Watanuki. Minutes were approved with correction 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2015 STUDY SESSION MINUTES. The February 2015 study session minutes were approved as submitted 5-0.

The February 11, 2015 Regular Meeting was cancelled, as there was no quorum, with only Anna Kuhre and Laurie Watanuki in attendance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Greg St. Clair spoke at the end of the meeting regarding the impact of increased traffic in the Fiesta Garden neighborhood; lack of parking on the first few blocks of the neighborhood; vehicles short-cutting through the neighborhood; Bermuda particularly congested; neighborhood is experiencing speeding; heavy back-ups due to traffic from highway 92; Google buses cutting through residential area; very concerned about future high density housing. (*Director Underwood will take back to Public Works staff for follow up.*)

5. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM. Ken Chin, Project Manager, presented the report and asked that the Public Works Commission receive an update on the City of San Mateo's Safe Routes to School Program.

After questions from the Commissioners the item was open for Public Comment. No public comment.

No motion was needed for this item.

6. FINAL DRAFT NO PARKING STREET CLEANING SIGN PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL – ACCEPTANCE RECOMMENDATION. Gary DeJesus, Deputy Director and Kevin Buchanan, Management Analyst, presented the report and asked that the Public Works Commission review and recommend to the City Council the acceptance of the No Parking Street Cleaning Sign Program Policies and Procedures Manual.

After questions from the Commissioners the item was open for Public Comment as follows:

- Ben Toy commented that some residents in North Central neighborhood were against street sweeping until they learned that the dust being picked up by the sweeper is hazmat. After the street cleaning signs were installed the parking problem also improved because if the cars were not moved, they were ticketed. Suggested that the City not ask neighborhoods for permission to install signage but educate residents that this is hazmat.
- Phillip Fitting believes two disadvantages that were removed from page 7 of the original report, presented at the December 10, 2014 meeting, should be reinstated:
 - #4 "No Parking Street Cleaning" signage ...
 - #5 Residents going on vacation or out of town...

After public comment, the Commissioners discussed the item and made the following motion to recommend to the City Council the acceptance of the No Parking Street Cleaning Sign Program Policies and Procedures Manual.

➤ Motion passed 5-0.

7. CITY-WIDE GRAFFITI ABATEMENT PROGRAM 2014 UPDATE. Dave Fink, Acting Facilities and Fleet Manager, presented the report and asked that the Public Works Commission receive the 2014 Calendar Year update on City-Wide Graffiti Abatement Program and related activities.

After questions from the Commissioners the item was open for Public Comment. No public comment.

No motion was needed for this update.

8. NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF DRAFT PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND SCOPING MEETING FOR CLEAN WATER PROGRAM. Cathi Zammit, Acting Clean Water Program Manager and Andrea Gardner from CH2M Hill, presented the report and asked that the Public Works Commission receive an update on efforts to initiate the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process for San Mateo's Clean Water Program; and provide an opportunity for stakeholders to offer input regarding potential environmental impacts of the Program.

Commissioner Erika Powell recused herself from this presentation.

After questions from the Commissioners the item was open for Public Comment as follows:

- Ben Toy – sewers laterals need to be included in the scope. The laterals leak and the ground water goes into the neighborhoods. This is a hazmat issue. Has concerns about catch basins being in the neighborhoods. It is a red flag that these catch basins will have “automated cleaning” – put the basins by the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- John Ebnetter had following comments/questions: where is all the extra water going; Clean Water Program is designed to handle up to 98 million gallons of flow at a cost between \$1B - \$2B. City needs to answer the question of where all this extra water is coming from and fix it; need to look at the difference in cost between 12 million gallons and 98 million gallons; know where infiltration is and design a system that can address a normal flow day and look at the cost difference between normal flow system and 98 million gallon system; to build and run a Plant to accommodate water that should not be part of the treatment process seems to be very expensive; seems highly inefficient to purchase water, use it once, spend millions of dollars to treat it, and discharge into the Bay; has there been any discussion to use City owned land as wetlands to assist in the treatment of water prior to it being discharged or reused as grey water; these wetland areas can also be used for recreation; if able to alleviate excess flow during storm events, can the proposed storage tanks be used to keep grey water for emergency situations; can water be treated and put back in an aqua filter and treated naturally and reclaimed as potable water; is Cal Water part of this and can the City sell the treated water back to them; look at requiring grey water in our building codes and how would that reduce the flows to the Plant; other options should be looked at besides building a system that can handle 98 million gallons when we max out at 12 million gallons.
- Greg St. Clair wondered if Foster City and Hillsborough are going to be using their own storage capacity and has concerns about the homes that have sump pumps that pump into the sewer system. How will San Mateo make sure that the storm water is not being pumped into the sewer system?

No motion needed for this informational item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Director Underwood had the following comments and announcements:

- Welcomed new Commissioner, Kara Cox.

- With the vacancy in the Deputy Director Clean Water Program position, Director Underwood thanked Cathi Zammit for stepping up and filling in.
- Updated the Commission on future Public Works Commission agenda items.
- Suggested the Public Works Commission start time be changed from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM to be in alignment with the Council start time. *(This will be discussed at the next meeting so Commissioner Powell is included in the discussion.)*
- Commissioner Kuhre announced that Council member Joe Goethals will be speaking about his bill of rights for the neighborhoods at San Mateo United Homeowner's meeting next month. San Mateo United will also present the neighborhood preservation program and the ideas they have through traffic calming program.

10. OTHER BUSINESS.

- Greg St. Clair's comments under "Public Comment"

11. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COOKIE KAPLAN
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT