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Meeting Minutes Public Works and Facilities Committee

Thursday, March 9, 2023

3:00 PM Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street and Via Video Conference

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Peters called the meeting to order at 3 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Peters and Albin-Smith were present along with Public Works Director John Smith and Assistant Director Chantell O'Neal.

Present: 2 - Tess Albin-Smith and Lindy Peters

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

ZOOM WEBINAR INVITATION

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1A. [23-051](#) Approve Minutes of February 9, 2023

A motion was made by Committee Member Peters and seconded by Committee Member Albin-Smith, that the Committee Minutes be approved for Council review.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Committee Member Albin-Smith and Committee Member Peters

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comments were received from Ron White, Carrie Durkee, and Robert Hovart.

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3A. [23-052](#) Director Oral Report on Departmental Projects and Items of Interest

Director Smith gave the report. Smith began by describing the solar projects that are in process with the intent of receiving commitment before the April 2023 funding deadline. Smith discussed the reservoir project and the solar panels proposed for that project including the potential for clean energy generation and mentioned there are five other City facilities being considered for potential roof mount solar installations.

Other discussion items included the purchase of the MCRPD project, desalination regulatory work, Pudding Creek Bridge Widening, broadband funding opportunities, distribution system master planning, the water meter replacement project - increased meter accuracy, water

recycling (AKA reclamation), water treatment plant project funding and details, and the biosolids dryer that is currently under reconstruction.

Assistant Director O'Neal reviewed current streets project parameters and dates and demonstrated how-to report potholes or other street conditions using the City's website.

Albin-Smith asked about the plan at Oak and Harold as well as the plan for bicycling safety through town.

Public Comment was received from Ron White, Robert Hovart, Valerie Stanley, Jacob Patterson, and Paul Clark.

3B. [23-031](#) Discuss Signal Pole Replacement for Main Street at Laurel

O'Neal provided the oral report, discussing options for the replacement of traffic signal poles at Main and Laurel. The cost to replace the decorative poles in kind is approximately \$250,000 if programmed and managed by the City. Alternately, the project can be relinquished to Caltrans and the poles can be replaced with their standard galvanized poles.

No Public Comment was received on this item.

Discussion: Peters recommended project be given to Caltrans and Albin-Smith requested City staff consider sources of funding to replace the decorative poles. As the vote was split, the Committee recommended this item be brought forward to the Mid-Year budget review for a determination by the full Council.

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

Several questions were posed during public comment, the following includes details of those responses.

Director Smith responded to the trash can inquiry, indicating that staff is preparing a grant application for procurement of new cans, some of which will be placed at the north coast trail parking lot. Peters recommended additional signage near proposed garbage receptacles. Ablin-Smith recommended that one or two cans be put out there sooner - outside the grant program.

Peters discussed the City's historic intent to participate in the Evergreen program, the pothole issue, and the need to get information updates out to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Peters adjourned the meeting at 3:59 P.M.