

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020, AT 4:00 P.M. HELD
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Member Johnson called the Committee of the Whole to order at 4:05 p.m. There being a lack of a quorum, no actions were taken on agenda items.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Johnson (Committee Member); City Manager Starr; Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo; Senior Management Analyst Fuentes; Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels; Public Works Superintendent Mendez; Director of Community Development Diaz; Assistant Director of Housing/Planning Manager Caldwell

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Raft (Chair)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the May 21, 2020 meeting will be deferred to the following meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bruce Culp, resident, read excerpts from the minutes of a prior Committee meeting regarding the street next to his neighborhood at Paseos, Lindero Avenue. Mr. Culp stated he has been making almost daily walks to verify if indeed neighbors are doing nefarious deeds, and did not see a lack of parking or signs of trash being left in the area, as was claimed by residents of the street. Additionally, Mr. Culp is interested in hearing about the Alexan parking kiosk. Finally, Mr. Culp mentioned that he believes the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) is not being cooperative, and he will be writing emails to let them know that he does not appreciate their lack of support for the Gold Line, and that he supports efforts by the City on the Gold Line Extension Project.

Committee Member Johnson asked Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo if there are any further concerns from the residents on Lindero, and Mr. Castillo stated no additional concerns or complaints have been received.

V. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATES/ITEMS

A. OPERATIONS

1. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

An Operations Activities Report for the past month was included with the agenda. Public Works Superintendent Mendez reported recent activities and recurring activities to the maintenance activities. There were no questions or issues with the report.

B. FACILITIES

1. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

A Facilities Report for the past month was included with the agenda. There were no questions or issues with the report.

2. ADDITIONAL ITEMS — None

C. ENGINEERING DIVISION ITEMS

1. 9015 HELENA AVENUE — DEED OVER PARKWAY AREA.

No update was provided at the meeting.

2. 9614 BENSON AVENUE — DEED OVER ACCESS TO SUNRISE PARK.

No update was provided at the meeting.

3. PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM ON PALO VERDE STREET

The item was brought forth for the committee's consideration since it has been recently noticed that there is abuse of the current program. Not only are tractors being parked but also trailers. It is the goal to have the committee review the initial intent of the program. Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo mentioned that at the time this item was brought forth to create the program, only one resident had made the request to park on Palo Verde. The only existing street that allowed parking on the street at the time was Brooks street. Several permits have been issued, and many trucks do park there. The parking area is becoming a parking safety concern and is unsightly. This item will be brought back at a future meeting to have the committee review and reconsider the program, and possibly terminate the parking program for Palo Verde.

Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels added that when the program was put in place, one of the biggest concerns was the fact that allowing to have commercial vehicles park there would attract more vehicles to park there and spread beyond the permitted area to Monte Vista and south of the condominium area.

The Brooks Street parking program should also be considered for elimination. The street is not wide enough to allow commercial truck parking, and there have been problems with general parking as well as an increased level of traffic of large delivery and transport vehicles due to the addition of the new Cardenas Market. Trucks have been performing U-turns at the end of Brooks Street when they realize the street does not have access to the market.

4. ALEXAN PARKING KIOSK

The Alexan Kendry project is now open. The property manager has submitted parking management plan (PMP). The Alexan Kendry management team is requesting the use of a parking kiosk. Parking kiosks are new to the City and staff will continue to look at allowing a parking kiosk as a possible future option, but will not be moving forward with allowing a parking kiosk at this time. When the City looks at a comprehensive PMP for the transit-oriented development in the north area, a parking kiosk can be considered.

VI. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE/ITEMS

A. ANNUAL POLICE OFFICER MEMORIAL EVENT

Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels advised the event was cancelled and an online tribute was created in lieu of the event.

He advised Comcast is installing fiber optic lines related to a 911 upgrade for the Police Department.

VII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATES/ITEMS

A. STATE STREET AND GREENWOOD AVENUE

Community Development Director Diaz stated this item is on hold until something happens with the sale of the property to the east of the City-owned remnant property at State Street and Greenwood Avenue. He reported that the individual who was interested in purchasing the remnant property from the City is only interested if he also purchases the property to the east, and that interested party has just withdrawn his offer to purchase that property.

Director of Community Development Diaz also reported that on Arrow Highway east of Central Avenue there is a building being constructed that is of aesthetic interest. Construction should be finished late summer or early fall.

VIII. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo reported the status of the following capital improvement projects:

A. LOCAL PROJECTS

1. CENTRAL AVENUE UTILITY UNDERGROUND PROJECT

The undergrounding of utilities for this project is still not completed. Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo will be working towards getting this project completed soon.

2. CENTRAL AVENUE STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT PHASE 1

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo advised that the project is coming to completion. Paving will begin the week of July 13 and will be

completed by the end of the month. All lanes will be open in August. The landscaping is currently being installed, including the monument signs.

3. CITY HALL PHASE 2

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo stated this project is coming to completion. Front counter staff is anticipated to move back in the area by the first week of July, and completion is scheduled by the end of July.

4. HOLT BOULEVARD REHABILITATION PROJECT

The project specifications are being finalized and will be advertised soon. A 3-inch asphalt section will be constructed—it is not a full section, but it is expected to last 10 to 15 years. Additionally, traffic signal modifications will be performed at Holt Boulevard and Amherst Avenue.

5. ARROW HIGHWAY AND FREMONT AVENUE PROJECT

The project plans are being finalized. Staff will look at what sections can be strategically moved forward. There is a development on Fremont that is scheduled to move forward after the City installs improvements adjacent to the development. An SBCTA grant will provide the funding to install the improvements on both Arrow Highway and Fremont Avenue.

B. REGIONAL PROJECTS

1. I-10 CORRIDOR PROJECT

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo stated that there substantial demolition taking place in relation to this project including the removal of Sultana Bridge and some sound walls. Within the City, the sound wall and cell tower at MacArthur Park are slated to be removed soon. Work on Monte Vista Avenue will continue as there is still utility work to be done. Day work will reconvene on Monte Vista Avenue once the Central Avenue paving project is complete. The goal was to not have both major streets under construction at the same time, and Monte Vista Avenue will have ongoing construction work over the next three years.

2. CHINO BASIN PROGRAM (IEUA)

Shivaji Deshmukh from IEUA recently made us aware that we will reconvene meetings on the project in a week or two. The goal will be to figure out where we are at and how we will move the project forward.

3. CENTRAL AVENUE BRIDGE

This project is in the design phase. The design kickoff meeting was recently held with the design firm for the project, Biggs Cardosa Associates. The design effort is expected to take a year. The design process is complicated by the fact that the design required approval from Caltrans and the railroad company.

4. FOOTHILL GOLD LINE EXTENSION

City Manager Starr stated that last week, Senior Management Analyst Fuentes met with representatives from Congresswoman Norma Torres' office to discuss an earmark for the Gold Line. Initially, the effort was to get an earmark on the \$500 billion transportation bill, but our efforts were too late. Staff will now work with Torres' office staff to try to take a \$570 million dollar earmark to congress sometime down the road, probably after the transportation bill works its way through the process. Earmarks will be attached to the bill as separate amendments once the initial markup process is completed. The \$570 million will be for construction from Pomona to Montclair. If construction does not occur before October of next year, then it will need to be a separate project and will need to go through the federal environmental review process, NEPA. Congresswoman Torres's office was asked to consider introducing a bill that would exclude mass transit projects from NEPA if they already went through an environmental review process that is equal or superior to the NEPA process. Highway Transportation projects are already excluded from NEPA if they have gone through a similar review in the state where the project is occurring. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental review process is more strict compared to NEPA. If such a bill is passed for mass transit projects, the project for the separate Gold Line segment from Pomona to Montclair would not have to go through NEPA, and would rely on the CEQA document that has already been approved. If the funding were to be approved before such a bill is passed, it is unlikely that the Construction Authority for the Gold Line extension would accept the money because it would federalize the entire length of the project while the NEPA review is completed. Staff is waiting to hear back from Congress Woman's Norma Torres' office whether such a bill would be considered.

IX. CITY MANAGER ITEMS

Governor Newsom issued a mandatory face covering guidance statewide. Anyone inside a building has to wear a face covering indoor while waiting in in line with other people. The only time one is not required is outdoors when by themselves. The order went into effect today and there is no expiration at this point. Since the order has been issued, the City Manager will not need to provide a response to the Council inquiry on the subject of suspending the City's face covering order at the next Council meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:31 p.m., Committee Member Johnson adjourned the meeting of the Public Works Committee. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled to be held at 4:00 p.m. on July 16, 2020.

Submitted for Public Works Committee approval,



Noel Castillo
Transcribing Secretary