



SPECIAL COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
Remote Participation- Digital Zoom Meeting

May 26, 2021
5:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 5:31 PM by Chair Elisa Márquez

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

- Elisa Márquez, Chair
- Angela Andrews, City Council Member
- Mark Salinas, City Council Member

Staff Present:

- Alex Ameri, Director of Public Works
- Kevin Briggs, Senior Civil Engineer
- Kathy Garcia, Deputy Director of Public Works
- Dave Hung, Senior Civil Engineer
- Jennifer Ott, Assistant City Manager
- Alex Tat, Associate Civil Engineer
- Michael Wolny, Senior Secretary (Meeting Recorder)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

There were no Committee comments.

1. Provide Feedback on Proposed Capital and Infrastructure Related Projects in the Updated City of Hayward Federal Stimulus Expenditure Plan Consistent with United States Treasury Guidelines

Director Alex Ameri introduced Jennifer Ott, Assistant City Manager, who presented the report and provided background.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Committee Questions / Discussion

Council Member Andrews asked about the Corporation Yard security improvements and staff amenities. Director Ameri clarified that \$900,000 in funding is available for immediate needs, including upgrades to the employee showers and staff lunchroom.

Assistant City Manager Ott added that there will be technology investments such as adding of fiber optic lines to upgrade outdated systems.

Council Member Andrews asked staff if the Animal Services facility would be upgraded as well and if not, suggested that staff research funding resources. Assistant City Manager Ott clarified that Animal Services is not in the current plan but could potentially be added to the project upgrade list if funding becomes available. Ms. Ott further stated that staff is looking into possible funding from County, State and Federal sources. Ms. Ott also added that the City has had preliminary conversations with the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD) for areas and facilities in Hayward that could be improved with use of HARD bonds and funds. Ms. Ott is also working with a consultant on strategies to secure funding from private corporations to further diversify outside funding for improvement projects throughout Hayward.

Council Member Salinas wanted to know if highspeed broadband/fiber optic internet would be possible with this overall improvement project, and if initial focus could begin in the Downtown area. Assistant City Manager Ott responded that implementing broadband infrastructure would deplete the majority of funding available. She informed the Committee that the State of California is in the process of moving a broadband infrastructure bill and staff will follow it for potential broadband infrastructure funding.

Chair Márquez said she supports staff's recommendation and would like to see a working list of projects that show which funding source or revenue stream is being allocated per project, so the City is more transparent and helps the community understand the project funding process. Chair Márquez added that she would like other City buildings assessed for safety and other needed upgrades.

Chair Márquez asked Director Ameri if aesthetic improvements, such as City gateways or median landscaping, would be on the list of improvements. Director Ameri clarified that the funding being requested is for the design portion which would allow the City to have a shovel ready project.

Assistant City Manager Ott clarified that project improvement plans are expected to change as different funding sources become available and the working list of projects will be updated and provided to the Committee at future meetings.

2. Oral Reports

Director Alex Ameri introduced Alex Tat, Associate Civil Engineer, who gave an oral update on the following projects:

La Vista Park: Staff followed the environmental consultant's recommendation and hired a contractor to seal the man-made well. The updated grading plan will preserve the existing wetland which will serve as an educational tool for the public. A potential bicycle park will also be added to the revised design which will be presented to Council in the fall.

Hayward High Speed Fiber Optic Network Project: Phase 1 was completed in October 2020 and added 3.3 miles of new conduit and cabling along Winton Avenue, Clawiter Road and Cabot Boulevard. Phases 2 and 3 will add 7.7 miles of conduit and cabling to complete the high-speed fiber optic cable along Mission Boulevard and Industrial Parkway. Phase 2 and 3 plans are complete, but funding is not available for construction.

Director Ameri advised that Phase 2 and 3 of the Hayward High Speed Fiber Optic Network Project does not currently have funding and is listed under unfunded CIP projects. Staff is currently exploring grant funding sources.

3. COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REFERRALS

Council Member Andrews announced that a Keep Hayward Clean and Green cleanup event is scheduled on Saturday, July 24th at Giuliani Plaza from 8:00am–12:00pm. Council Member Salinas also announced that there is a Hayward Promise Neighborhood cleanup event on Saturday, July 24, 2021, from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Márquez adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. in honor and memory of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) families and victims impacted by the tragedy in San Jose.

Attendance	MEETINGS							
	Present 07/22/20 Meeting	Present 10/28/20 Meeting	Present 01/27/21 Meeting	Present 04/28/21 Meeting	Present 05/26/21 Meeting	Present to Date This Fiscal Year	Excused to Date This Fiscal Year	Absent to Date This Fiscal Year
Elisa Márquez	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5	0	0
Mark Salinas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	5	0	0
Angela Andrews	NA	NA	✓	✓	✓	3	0	0