



COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Hayward City Hall – Conference Room 2A

777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541-5007

October 23, 2019

4:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 4:04 PM by Chair Elisa Márquez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chair Elisa Márquez

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

- Elisa Márquez, Chair
- Al Mendall, City Council Member
- Mark Salinas, City Council Member

Staff Present:

- Alex Ameri, Director of Public Works
- Angel Groves, Administrative Secretary
- Captain William Deplitch
- Carol Lee, Management Analyst
- Dave Hung, Senior Civil Engineer
- Lieutenant David Dorn
- Feng Chang, Senior Utilities Engineer
- Fred Kelley, Transportation Manager
- Jan Lee, Assistant Director of Public Works - Utilities
- Kathy Garcia, Deputy Director of Public Works
- Kevin Briggs, Senior Civil Engineer
- Laura Simpson, Director of Development Services
- Linda Ko, Senior Secretary
- Lieutenant Mark Ormsby
- Michael Lawson, City Attorney

Others:

- Jotika Krishan, Hayward Resident
- Robin Mencia, Hayward Resident
- Sid Hamadeh, Hayward Business Owner and Resident
- Susie Houfstader, Hayward Resident
- Students from Hayward High School – Class Assignment

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

There were no Committee comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Draft Meeting Minutes from the regular meeting on July 31, 2019 and the Special Meeting on September 16, 2019:

The Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the regular meeting on July 31, 2019 and the Special meeting on September 16, 2019.

Item 7, Shenandoah Place Pavement and Parking Improvements, was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

7. Shenandoah Place Pavement and Parking Improvements:

Deputy Director of Public Works, Kathy Garcia, introduced the report and provided background.

Public Comments/Discussion

Jotika Krishan, resident, expressed concerns about allocations of the proposed parking spaces, enforcement of parking regulations, and financial payments to cover the cost of the improvements. Council Member Mendall commented that Staff was offering proposed improvements, but the plans were not being imposed. Moreover, he stated that management of reserved parking and parking enforcement is up to the discretion of the homeowners of Shenandoah Place.

Chair Márquez strongly encouraged reenactment of the HOA and the recruitment of a private vendor to manage parking regulations and to mitigate past discriminatory practices. She also recommended getting a consensus from neighbors on whether or not to move forward with the improvement plan. Chair Márquez expressed a desire to see the item return to Council for an update.

3. StarChase Program:

Captain William Deplitch and Lieutenant David Dorn introduced the report and provided background.

Council Member Mendall suggested that it would be a good idea to equip fleet-wide in the near future, hopefully in the next two years. Council Member Márquez highly recommended that HPD work in the future to gain community input from the HPD Community Advisory Panel. Council Member Márquez moved on recommending the item given that there will be adherence to the policy outlined that the tracker will only be deployed if needed. The item was passed unanimously and recommended to be taken to Council.

The Committee passed the motion on recommending the item to the City Council with the condition that the StarChase mechanism will only be deployed if necessary.

4. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Program:

Captain Will Deplitch and Lieutenant Mark Ormsby introduced the report and provided background.

Public Comments/Discussion

Council Member Mendall encouraged that the training and use of drones not be restricted to solely sworn officers in the long term. He also mentioned the need for a Council-level video and surveillance policy that allows for the public to weigh in on increasing surveillance technology and expressed a desire to see the policy in the next twelve to eighteen months.

Council Member Márquez shared concerns that the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) technology would raise public concern. She stated that more community outreach was needed and that she would not move forward with the item until the Council policy was in place and the HPD Community Advisory Panel was consulted for public input.

The Committee passed the motion to present this item for Council consideration provided that an amendment was included to instruct staff to include, as part of the final approval at the Council level, a timeline for a wider community conversation on the citywide umbrella surveillance policy as well as the inclusion of input from the Community Advisory Panel.

5. Mission Boulevard Corridor Improvements Phase 2 Linear Park Landscape:

Senior Civil Engineer, Dave Hung, introduced the report and provided background.

Public Comments/Discussion

Council Member Mendall strongly advocated that staff work to get the additional \$1.7 million in funding through grants and other means to do improvements as initially planned. As a fallback option, in the case that funds were not available, he suggested that staff explore ways to scale back the plans without compromising the utility and attractiveness of the space. Council Member Mendall also brought up the possibility of using additional funds from the SoHay project to finish work for the Phase II project.

Council Member Márquez commented that she greatly appreciated the visual plans for the improvement project and strongly encouraged staff to seek available funds from the park-in lieu fees and grants to maintain the aesthetic of what was presented in the report. She also commented that she would not like to scale back too much from what staff presented and expressed that she was open to using funds from the SoHay project as a last resort. Council Member Márquez expressed her desire to see staff bring the item back to the Committee to provide updates after moving forward with applying for grants.

6. Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) Phase II Facilities Plan Update:

Feng Chang, Senior Utilities Engineer, presented the report and provided background.

Public Comments/Discussion

Council Member Al Mendall remarked that a tour of the facility in the next six months would be ideal, before the project progressed too far ahead. He stated that the CIP cost estimates should be adjusted for inflation every year without re-bidding or re-evaluation. Council Member Mendall also recommended not prioritizing expenditure of funds to accommodate tours at the facility.

Council Member Mark Salinas expressed his desire to see a significant meeting space to do trainings, meetings, field trips, and presentations in the new facility. Additional suggestions for the incorporation of STEAM elements to develop a public destination site were also expressed by Council Member Salinas.

Chair Elisa Márquez stated her shared sentiments with Council Member Salinas' comments and expressed her desire to tour the facilities again in the near future. She also commented that she would like to see the new facility used to educate the public and be used as a resource to hold public meetings.

8. Review and Approve the Council Infrastructure Committee 5-Year Planning Calendar:

Council Member Márquez commented that she was open to a poll to schedule future Committee meetings. Council Member Mendall stated that he would prefer not to schedule future CSC and CIC meeting on the third week of the month due to other external meetings. He also expressed his appreciation for staff's mindfulness in scheduling meetings.

Oral Updates:

Director Alex Ameri informed all that the paving process for Mission Phase II had begun and that it would be substantially done by the end of the year. He also reported that paving for the Walpert Sidewalk Project had commenced and the street would be closed, in both directions, during the three days of paving.

Senior Civil Engineer Kevin Briggs gave an update on the progress of the library. He stated that there were pending financial issues as well as subcontractor issues. Council Member Mendall suggested that staff not be lenient on the contractors in regard to the stalled work.

Adjournment: 6:09 p.m.