



MINUTES

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION DECEMBER 16, 2020

**Call to Order/
Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 5:02 P.M. by
Chair David Cicerone, who led Commissioners and the
audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Commissioners Absent: Nguyen and, Small

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Cicerone, Ferlita, Michalski, Mulvilhill,
and Tucker were in attendance.

Others Present: Sean Crumby, Director of Public Works
Tom Herbel, City Engineer
Bob Stachelski, Transportation Manager
Todd Broussard, Principal Civil Engineer
Ken Dills, Project Manager
Sarah Whitecotton, Senior Accounting Technician

PRESENTATIONS

Ken Dills administered the oath of office to Jaclyn Ferlita.

MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Mulvilhill, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, to
approve the minutes of January 15, 2020 as presented.

VOTE: The motion carried.

AYES: 3

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 3 (Michalski [added to Zoom after vote], Nguyen, Small)

ABSTENTIONS: 1 (Ferlita)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Sean Crumby introduced himself to the group as the new Director of Public
Works. He went over staff changes throughout City and new council members
due to the election.

INFORMATION ITEMS

20-2026- FY 2020/21 Capital Improvement Program – Tom Herbel presented the CIP and had a PowerPoint presentation, which is attached to these minutes. There was no need to vote on this item as it had been presented to Council in June 2020. The presentation to the commission was delayed due to COVID-19 guidelines. Prior fiscal year 2019/20 projects include Sports Complex turf renovation, 1.2 million for restroom renovations at Central Park, \$500,000 in new playground equipment, Murdy Park Community Center renovations and bocce court installation, and \$50,000 for French Park dock improvements in the harbor. We also increased our overall PCI on our streets through arterial and residential paving rehabilitation projects (Zone 9, and portions of Algonquin, Delaware, Edinger, Atlanta, Slater, Graham, and Newland). Residential streets are averaging in the high 70s and our Arterials are averaging 80. Edgewater lift station improvements were completed and the Slater lift station project was awarded for \$5 million. On the water side, we rebuilt Well No. 1A for \$3 million, which quadrupled its capacity.

For FY 2020/21, we have new appropriations totaling \$24.6 million with carryovers of \$5.2 million for a total CIP amount of approximately \$30 million. These projects are funded out of Infrastructure funds, Enterprise funds, Gas Tax, RMRA, AQMD, development impact fees, CDBG funds, and other grants.

Chairperson Cicerone asked when the next CIP for FY 2021/22 will go to Council. He was advised it is tentatively slated for April 2021.

Mr. Herbel explained that the CIP is divided into categories: Drainage and Storm Water, Facilities, Neighborhood, Parks and Beaches, Sewer Streets, and Water

Parks and Beaches – Rodgers Seniors' Center Rehabilitation – Commissioner Tucker asked what the Center is being developed into. Tom Herbel replied at it is being redesigned as a park with two of the buildings remaining and some removed.

Parks and Beaches – Bluff Top Park Improvements – Commissioner Mulvilhill commented regarding his appreciation for the project and Tom Herbel advised it is currently in the design phase with the construction phase pending for fall 2021.

Parks and Beaches – Central Park Picnic Area and other Improvements – Commissioner Tucker commented that the picnic shelter has been removed and replaced with turf, and that she likes the look of the new bathrooms. Tom Herbel credited Operations Manager Denny Bacon with the planning of new ADA paths, playground equipment and turf coming soon.

Streets and Transportation – Arterials - Chairperson Cicerone looks forward to the arterial rehabilitation projects and inquired as to when the rest of Newland would be completed. Todd Broussard advised that the next section of Newland was just awarded and plans are to improve at least one block at a time over the next few years. Sean Crumby asked him to comment on cost sharing for the areas co-owned with Fountain Valley. Todd Broussard replied that our city staff work with their city staff to come up with agreements where we complete the work and we share costs with Fountain Valley through an agreement for their portion.

Chairperson Cicerone commented that he would like to see some of the bigger ticket items because he has found that seeing them up close made him realize their scope, puts it into context, and made him more informed. Sean Crumby replied that this is his intention once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

20-2021 Sanitary Sewer Facilities Fund Annual Compliance Report Fiscal Year 2019/20 and **20-2022 Planned Local Drainage Facilities Fund Annual Compliance Report for Fiscal Year 2019/20– Ken Dills**

These development impact funds are restricted for specific use for drainage and sanitary sewer needs only. The council has designated the Public Works Commission as the oversight committee. The Slater and Saybrook sanitary sewer reconstruction projects are partially funded from the sanitary sewer funds. Both funds are owed a significant amount of money from the old Redevelopment Agency. Staff is working with Finance to write off this amount so that it does not have to be accounted for any longer.

Commissioner Tucker asked if the fees collected each year remain fairly constant. Ken Dills replied that the funds collect money from development so it can vary quite a bit per year. This fund should not be confused with the Sewer Service Fee that is on the Municipal billing for our customers.

Motion by Cicerone and second by Mulvilhill the Commission voted to recommend to the City Council the approval of the Annual Sanitary Sewer Facilities Fund Compliance Report and the Planned Local Drainage Facility Fund Compliance Report for Fiscal Year 2019/20.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2(Nguyen, Small)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

20-2023 Traffic Impact Fee Fund Annual Compliance Report for Fiscal Year 2019/20– Bob Stachelski

Traffic Impact Fees are development impact fee, intended to address impacts to the street system caused by increase in traffic due to new development. The funds can only be used to address capacity issues relating to traffic volumes on the street. For example, adding left-turn arrows necessary due an increase in volumes of traffic. This fee is usually charged in conjunction with traffic mitigation fees. There is an increase coming soon a bit larger than normal due to the length of time since the last increase.

Motion by Michalski and second by Tucker the Commission voted to recommend to the City Council the approval of the Traffic impact Fee Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2019/20.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 5
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2(Nguyen, Small)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m. to January 20, 2021 at 5:00 PM in the Utilities Yard.

David Cicerone
Chairperson

Kenneth Dills
Administrative Services Manager