

CITY OF REDLANDS
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES/PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Monday, October 6, 2014 at 4:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting
Municipal Utilities & Engineering Department Conference Room
35 Cajon Street, Suite 15A, Redlands, CA

MINUTES

Commissioners Present:

Mark Stanson, Vice Chairperson
John Egan
Richard Hernandez
Norman Miner

Staff:

Chris Diggs, Interim MUED Director
Mike Pool, Engineering Manager/Interim City Engineer
Cecilia Griego, Water Conservation Coordinator
Celina Suarez, Senior Administrative Analyst
Jane Weathers, Senior Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Stephen Stockton, Chairperson (excused)
Shane Wellborn (excused)
Tim Landis (excused)

Guest(s):

Dennis Bell

I. Municipal Utilities/Public Works Commission - Call to Order, Roll Call and Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on June 2, 2014

The regular meeting of the Municipal Utilities/Public Works Commission (MU/PWC) was called to order by Vice Chairperson Stanson. The minutes of the regular meeting of June 2, 2014, were unanimously approved. (A minor edit was made following the Commission's approval and corrected minutes were re-distributed).

II. New Business

A. Synopsis and Status of Pavement Accelerated Repair Implementation Strategy (PARIS) Project (Chris Diggs, Interim MUED Director)

Mr. Diggs and Mr. Pool provided the Commission the status of the Pavement Accelerated Repair Implementation Strategy (PARIS) project. An overview of funding for the project, current status of construction work and improvements done to date, and other portions of the project underway was presented. A discussion ensued related to paving methods, coordination with other work and utilities projects, compliance with ADA standards, staff coordination with businesses and agencies related to the overall PARIS project.

B. Water Conservation Update (Cecilia Griego, Water Conservation Coordinator)

An update on water conservation and the current mandatory watering restrictions implemented July 31, 2014, due to the drought was provided by Ms. Griego. The City provided the mandatory watering restrictions and related information to City customers via mass mailings and social media, City's website, press releases, and electronic signboards. This information included a watering schedule, City's violation process, and resource information intended to educate and/or allow customers to seek staff assistance with reducing their water usage. The State Water Resources Control Board will review agencies'

water usage reports and compare to prior year's water usage for the same period (e.g., August 2013 – September 2013 vs. August 2014 – September 2014) to determine whether the restrictions implemented are beneficial. The last review determined the restrictions are working.

C. **Water System Status (Chris Diggs, Interim MUED Director)**

An update was provided on the City's water system. All agencies are working cooperatively to meet water customer demands in light of the basin being at its lowest ever. A discussion ensued regarding budgets for water conservation, storm drain tax, and status of Opal Basin.

D. **Public Works Capital Projects updates (Mike Pool, Interim City Engineer)**

Mr. Pool updated the Commission on the current and upcoming public works capital projects. City staff plans to install an additional 17 class II bike lane miles to City streets. One of the City's reservoirs will be rehabilitated upon the anticipated notice of award in November or December. A portion of the PARIS project is also anticipated to be awarded in November. The underpass beautification project which will include murals and landscaping at specified locations is underway.

III. Communications

A. **Commissioner Reports and Requests for Future Agenda Items**

For the next regular meeting, Commissioners requested the following items to be added to the agenda: update on the water basin and status of water conservation efforts.

IV. Public Comment

One public comment was received at this meeting related to drought, water waste, and non-potable water use.

V. Adjournment

Vice Chairperson Stanson adjourned the meeting.

Jane Weathers

Jane Weathers, Senior Administrative Assistant