



MINUTES
CITY OF NORCO
STREETS, TRAILS AND UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2820 CLARK AVENUE
AUGUST 1, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Showalter called meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. ROLL CALL: Commissioners Present: Gregory, Mauro, Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burt

Commissioners Absent: None

3. STAFF PRESENT: William R. Thompson, Director of Public Works
Andy Okoro, Deputy City Manager
Terry Piorkowski, Public Works Superintendent
Lori Askew, Senior Engineer
Rose Matthews, Executive Secretary

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Hoffman

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS:

6. TO BE READ BY THE CHAIR: “All discretionary actions before the Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission are advisory in nature and final actions will be confirmed, modified, or deleted by the City Council.”

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. June 6, 2011

M/S Walker/Hoffman to approve the minutes of June 6, 2011.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Mauro, Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Turpin, Burt
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Gregory

8. NEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Election of Officers - Chair

The Director read the Municipal Code requirement to elect a Chairperson for each Commission at the first meeting in July of each year. This year, the July 4, 2011 meeting falls on the Fourth of July Holiday.

Vice Chair Showalter called for nominations and a vote to be taken for the Chairperson.

Commissioner Walker nominates Commissioner Mauro; Commissioner Hoffman nominates Vice Chair Showalter; and Commissioner Turpin nominates Commissioner Hoffman. The vote was taken with Commissioner Walker – one vote; Vice Chair Showalter – four votes; and Commissioner Hoffman – one vote.

M/S Turpin/Hoffman to elect Vice Chair Showalter as the new Chairperson.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Gregory, Mauro, Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Hedges, Turpin
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

B. Election of Officers – Vice Chair

The Director read the Municipal Code requirement to elect a Vice Chairperson for each Commission at the first meeting in July of each year. This year the July 4, 2011 meeting falls on the Holiday.

Chair Showalter called for nominations and a vote to be taken for the Vice Chairperson.

Chair Showalter nominates Commissioner Hoffman.

Discussion was held and the Commission unanimously voted for Commissioner Hoffman as the new Vice Chairperson.

M/S Burt/Turpin to elect Commissioner Hoffman as the new Vice Chair

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Gregory, Mauro, Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Burt, Turpin
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

C. Review of Site Plan 2011-07 (Master Site Plan) Site Plans 2001-(08-13)
Tentative Parcel Map 36392 Industrial, Warehouse, Commerce Park.

The Director presented the Review of Site Plan 2011-07 and introduced the development representatives associated with the proposed project.

Clark Neuhoff, Vice President, Alere, LLC
Matt Englard, Vice President – Development & Construction, Alere, LLC
Aric Evatt, Principal, Urban Crossroads
Jeff Bennett, Consultant

The Director described the existing street and trail conditions and highlighted the traffic study as it related to the proposed project and the Gateway Specific Plan. He explained the Commission's role of a recommending body was to review the roadway impacts and suggested improvements to mitigate or relieve traffic congestion and suggested trail improvements adjacent to the proposed project.

Discussion was held.

Chair Showalter requested the Alere, LLC group introduce the proposed project and then the audience members could ask questions.

Clark Neuhoff, Alere LLC, presented the Commission with an explanation of the site plan Right-of-way improvements as they related to roadway and pedestrian and equestrian traffic.

The Director indicated the approved truck routes located in the City in response to a question by an audience member.

Commissioner Burtin inquired regarding traffic flow, type of truck traffic, and typical type of trucks.

C Neuhoff responded by pointing out that the project would be a 24/7 operation; but there were no tenants as yet. He also noted that this was not a truck depot; there would be no idling and no overnight stays at this type of facility.

Discussion was held between audience members.

C Neuhoff noted that trucks would ingress/egress from the project from Second St. or Hidden Valley Parkway to Mountain Av. The proposed project is not recommending additional truck routes.

Commissioner Burtin inquired as to the size of the trucks.

C Neuhoff noted that the largest truck was a 53' trailer and there would also be smaller bobtail trucks. Typically, the trailer units would be dropped to off load contents and then the tractor would return to pick up the trailer after reloading.

Commissioner Burtin inquired as to the noise and exterior lighting plans.

C Neuhoff noted the exterior lighting on the property has been designed to emit one candle light for security and that no lighting will be directed to or at the residential area. The noise would be normal for vehicle traffic, however, the property is proposed to include landscaping and block walls.

Commissioner Burtin inquired as to alternate routes when traffic became congested on State Route 91; as the trucks would want to use surface streets if they had to find their own way to work around the congestion.

C Neuhoff noted that the project will generate some vehicle traffic. Roadway improvements identified in the traffic study are intended to address local traffic congestion.

Commissioner Burttt inquired how future street repair would be handled.

C Neuhoff noted the project has not addressed future street repair, yet indicated he was willing to work with staff.

Commissioner Burttt inquired if the project would need another sheriff to secure the safety of the property.

C Neuhoff noted that the future tenants would employ their own on site security as they want to maintain high standards of safety, security and protection for their businesses.

Commissioner Turpin inquired if this was a warehouse distribution center.

C Neuhoff noted the proposed plan was a distribution center. However, the Alere group has included allowed for increased street and property setbacks.

Commissioner Gregory inquired regarding traffic frequency and who will make the determination of the future tenants.

C Neuhoff noted the City would be issuing the Certificates of Occupancy to maintain the proper tenants approved by the City.

Commissioner Gregory inquired as to the hazardous material safety measures plan.

C Neuhoff noted they have not prepared a hazardous materials or emergency site plan. If there was going to be such a use; then absolutely, regular, routine hazardous material measures will be taken as usual. He also noted the City has a process for such measures having a permitting process.

Commissioner Gregory inquired if the property was for sale with the project as a contingency and if this project included six homes.

C Neuhoff indicated the Alere group would purchase the property. There was an existing egg ranch and property rentals on the property. However, this project has made plans to provide buffers to the remaining residential homes.

Further discussion was held on the rental properties.

Commissioner Gregory noted a concern regarding the weight limits by trucks using First St and did not want First St to ultimately become a truck route. He also wanted the project to assist and supports drivers being cited if they broke the law.

C Neuhoff noted there was no reason for a truck to travel on Second Street west of Mountain Av and acknowledged that signage on the streets would also be a deterrent. He understands that the project would take on reasonable solutions and conditions for future street maintenance.

Further discussion was held on truck weight limits and the future degradation of city streets due to truck traffic.

Vice Chair Hoffman noted the truck traffic was primarily located on Second St and wondered if there was a provision for "stacking" on the property. He also noted the employee parking.

C Neuhoff noted the traffic patterns of the trucks would not be identical and would not occur all at one time. There were queuing provisions for at least three (3) trucks before trucks would leave the property for ingress/egress already in place. Also, a guard booth would provide orderly movement of the trucks entering the facility. He noted that provisions had been made for adequate employee parking at each of the buildings.

Further discussion was held on the number of employees for each of buildings and types of uses for the buildings.

Commissioner Walker inquired regarding construction traffic at the project.

C Neuhoff noted that construction traffic would use the same routes and construction times would be normal with a 7am start and 5pm end; these times could be modified if the project were so conditioned. He noted they are willing to work with staff.

Commissioner Walker noted the landscaping details and reminded the Commission of the wrought iron fencing requirements that prohibit spikes or sharp angles on the top rail.

C Neuhoff noted the height of the fencing would be considered and there would be accommodation for the top rail of the fence as they were willing to work with staff.

Further discussion was held.

Chair Showalter inquired if the intersections of Second St and Mountain Av; and First St and Mountain Av were controlled.

C Neuhoff noted that both of these intersections were controlled.

Chair Showalter inquired regarding the improvement of the full width of Second St. from Mountain to Pacific Avenue.

C Neuhoff noted it was an excellent comment and possibly could be included in the project scope if it were conditioned by the Planning Commission.

Chair Showalter opened Public Comments.

Nancy Gilmore - inquired regarding the widening of First St between Mountain Av and Parkridge Av. Why would you widen the street if there would not be any additional traffic?

The Director shared the City of Norco and the City of Corona have a joint traffic signal project planned at the intersection of First St/Parkridge Av and Lincoln Av that will require First street to be widened to its ultimate (collector street) width, per the Norco General Plan and Traffic Circulation Element.

Ken Neice questioned the number of parking spaces for employees.

C Neuhoff noted about 800 parking spaces for employees.

Ken Neice inquired regarding hazardous materials.

The Director noted the City and County of Riverside have specific hazardous materials reporting and handling requirements.

Ed Dixon inquired regarding the fencing height and the need for security cameras.

C Neuhoff noted the fencing height on Pacific is planned to be 12' and security cameras would be provided by individual tenants.

Ed Dixon inquired if "no truck parking" could be posted.

The Director indicated that signage could be a condition of the project and that commercial trucks were prohibited from parking on the street per the Municipal Code..

Ed Dixon inquired what would happen if the truckers were early for their loading or unloading appointments; where would they park while they waited.

C Neuhoff noted there were parking provisions available on site for drivers arriving early or late for their appointments.

Linda Dixon noted that Urban Crossroads has done their "due diligence" on this project and reported her research of the projects traffic study. Linda provided her calculations of the traffic impacts (written details were not submitted) based on the square footage of the proposed project.

Pat Overstreet commented on the age of the traffic study from 1991 and reported the traffic problems in her neighborhood; she also mentioned ongoing maintenance of the trails may be funded by a landscape maintenance district or other method.

Further discussion was held.

Matt Potter noted he was speaking as Chair of the Historical Society Commission. He noted a cultural resources survey and historical review of the site is requested. He

would like to request that the properties, if qualified, will go through the process as outlined per the Historical Commission.

Chair Showalter inquired where these properties were located.

M Potter noted the properties were mainly at Mountain Av and Pacific Av.

C Neuhoff noted Alere LLC had commissioned a historical survey and their third-party consultant was in the process of completing the survey and was also willing to partnership with the Historical Society Commission to review the findings of the study.

Sharon Grossman noted issues with the truck traffic (gridlock) that currently exists in her neighborhood and she is concerned about additional traffic. She questioned the traffic signal movements at east bound Hidden Valley Parkway and Hamner Ave.

Chair Showalter noted there could be some traffic signal cycling changes to alleviate the congestion.

Further discussion was held on the traffic conditions in the project area.

The Director noted new traffic controllers were installed last week. He acknowledged it had been about a year that the traffic signal timing has been modified to study effects at the intersection.

Herb Higgins presented a picture of the Etiwanda truck center. He noted he had some issues with the traffic study, that included the level of service (LOS) indicators and CalTrans traffic signals along the I-15 are proprietary and reported additional traffic findings (written details were not submitted) to the Commission.

C Neuhoff noted there was a recent traffic study and the egg ranch had 40 bays and hundreds of trucks. He also noted the traffic study was developed using guidelines issued by the Riverside County Transportation Department.

Shannon Renfree noted her high emotional state because the City was allowing this type of facility. She noted the project developers would not be here in the future to fix our streets. She also shared the continuous water line breaks on Second St.

The Director noted traffic would be disrupted due to the installation of a replacement waterline in Second St in the very near future.

C Neuhoff noted this project was zoned for this usage and fit the zoning profile.

Bobbie Pope noted that she did not believe this project fits the rural nature of the town and commented that she heard the egg ranch was going to stay.

C Neuhoff indicated he had not heard that the egg ranch was going to stay.

Su Bacon noted the presentation for this project was brilliant and she does not approve of the project. The City of Norco is a rural community.

Linda Dixon spoke again to comment on her traffic facts and reported the information she presented came from Allere, LLC as she pointed at Clark Neuhoff.

C Neuhoff clarified the ratio of trucks to bays.

Chair Showalter inquired regarding the 9x20 parking spots.

Matt England, Alere LLC described the parking detail and explained the employee and visitor vehicle parking areas and the tractor/trailers parking area (185 feet wide).

C Neuhoff also commented on how the proposed parking design would be structured in the project.

Jeanine Adams, resident & former truck business owner, wonders about the integrity of the developers of this project. She noted she had been in the trucking business before and knew about the "bad" things that happened, including dual logs and delays. She shared a previous personal incident regarding a potential \$50,000 fine.

Discussion was held regarding prostitution and drug use. Added security and a gated facility were noted.

C Neuhoff noted that idling was permitted at the old facility; although, there will be a condition on this project for idling to be limited to less than 3 minutes. He also noted that he is not opposed to fining drivers for violations. With regard to the weigh stations, he noted there were two (2) on State Route 91, one eastbound and one westbound.

Pat Geisler, resident, noted a personal situation between herself and a cement truck that could have turned bad. She has concerns of equestrian safety and the use of a "jake brake" and noise.

Wayne Stetner, noted the same research as Linda Dixon, citing a 2009 tool kit for goods movement and then reiterated that city streets will be torn up and shared additional federal government statistics (written details were not submitted).

Rosa Green, suggested some form of "tipping fees" for future street maintenance; suggested a landscape maintenance district fees or method for future parkway maintenance; and mentioned that some properties will not get the same landscaping as the project landscaping.

Discussion was held.

Chair Showalter conclude the Public Comment session and called for a fifteen minute recess at 8:55pm.

Chair Showalter reconvened the meeting at 9:15pm.

Commissioner Gregory noted he had the same concerns as the audience regarding safety and reimbursements for the maintenance. He believes there are questions that still need to be addressed. He also believes these concerns will be addressed by the developer.

Commissioner Burtin inquired how this project would impact the 91 specific plans.

Aric Evatt, Urban Crossroads noted the projections were very similar to the 91 specific plans.

Commissioner Turpin thanked all of the residents for attending the meeting and voicing their opinions. He will be researching this project before making any recommendations.

Commissioner Mauro noted he will also be researching this project before making any recommendations.

Commissioner Walker noted she would like to see a new traffic study completed while school was in session.

Vice Chair Hoffman noted he was familiar with the reporting of vehicle traffic and truck idling in residential areas as he had been a police officer for several years. He also noted the following: the number of unknowns concerned him; he would like to see the City monitor the noise and emissions around the property; the City should be looking at mitigation fees for future street maintenance; and he feels a concern for the residents on Pacific Avenue and wonders how their needs may be addressed.

Also, Vice Chair Hoffman does not see the need for a trail on Mountain Av from Second St. to First St. He would prefer to see a divider; or use the space for a median or a better purpose; and would like the street signed "no parking" due to the enforcement nature of the signage.

Chair Showalter has different concerns regarding street maintenance and noted he has seen the City go from a dirt road to what it is today. He is not willing to change the zoning for this project as the zoning already allows this project. He has concerns regarding the trail on Mountain Av and the fact it does not go anywhere. With regard to the traffic study and Second Street, Chair Showalter noted the traffic study should be completed over the course of a week to allow for different scheduling days.

Discussion was held.

Aric Evatt, noted Riverside County Traffic Guidelines were used to complete the current traffic study. Standard practices were used to complete the traffic (24 hours) study and he also noted the traffic study was completed during a regular school day.

The Director noted the Planning Department was requesting a recommendation for the scheduled meeting on August 10, 2011 as it relates to streets and trails adjacent to the proposed project site.

The Director attempted to summarize the public and Commissioner comments and concerns.

Further discussion was held.

The Director then noted the streets and/or trail improvements may be forwarded as recommendations to the Planning Commission in phases; signage recommendations may certainly be made; purchasing a deputy may be an option although a code enforcement officer specific to the project may be a more viable solution that could also be discussed.

The Director noted the Commission needs to remain focused on the street and trail components of the proposed project.

Discussion was held, audience members continually spoke out regarding recommendations and the type of information the Commission was seeking.

Jim Sassin noted that the Commission already stated they are not ready and should not make any recommendations at this time; he wanted the Director to stop leading the Commission.

An audience member shouted out a concern and wondered if the speed limit was going to change in the project area.

An audience member shouted out what good a code officer would do for a moving violation.

The Director noted that a truck, without a specific destination, could not leave the designated roadway truck route. He also noted the City of Corona was also researching the project and was not looking to make Lincoln Avenue a truck route.

Commissioner Burt inquired if the Commission was going to review and recommend tonight.

The Director noted that the minutes would reflect what the Commission and public concerns at this meeting.

Vice Chair Hoffman wanted to confirm that the minutes will move forward to the Planning Commission.

The Director noted, yes.

Commissioner Walker wondered if something different was going to happen in the future. She had a concern regarding all of the unknowns for this project at this time.

An audience member shouted out why was the Commission going to send minutes and not meaningful recommendations to the Planning Commission.

Chair Showalter commented that he would like to see this project for review again at the next Commission meeting.

Linda Dixon spoke from her seat again and noted she was confused. She has been told that upon approval of the project, there were two (2) tenants. These assurances have been made to her.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Walker inquired again regarding the traffic projections generated by the project.

Aric Evatt notes that trip traffic is gathered by traffic studies and uses national recognized numbers. The data is consistent with national information and overstates the actual traffic numbers. These numbers could possibly be four to five times the actual traffic generated. This survey also adds 6% annual growth to the actual forecasts.

Commissioner Turpin noted the Commission has the site plan and reports and feels that a recommendation for the streets and trails may be done. Along with that; this Commission may also send their concerns and these concerns may be broken down into phases or be recommended all at once.

The Director noted the Planning Commission has returned projects to this Commission on other occasions.

The Planning Commission will have a meeting on the August 10, 2011 and will have the minutes of this Commission's meeting.

Chair Showalter noted that the Planning Commission will move ahead with Commission concerns and if there were no recommendations; they would still move forward.

The working hours restriction was mentioned, historical preservation, Lincoln Av, widening, the Certificate of Occupancy process, hazardous materials processes, current and future street repairs, landscape maintenance district fees, signage, municipal code revisions, fines for breaking the law, prostitution issues, and Caltrans to name a few.

Safety issues, the specific plan, trail issues; whether to have or not to have, AQMD restrictions and again, noise issues. All of these will move forward to the Planning Commission. The Director noted that the Streets, Trails and Utilities Commission had requested more time to research this project. He would like specific items so staff may get these items to the Commission for their review.

Discussion was held.

With reference to truck idling, the project has already been conditioned to no more than three (3) minutes. With references made regarding Pepsi, Monster and the Egg Ranch staying, staff is not aware of any of these items.

The Director noted that Riverside County Traffic Commission has also reviewed all of the county data for “goods” movement.

Vice Chair Hoffman noted the maximum amount of traffic circulation for this project is what the Commission was interested in and concerned about in order to make recommendations instead of looking at forecasts and estimates. He would also like to see the traffic study.

Audience members began shouting out questions, further discussion was held.

Vice Chair Hoffman requested again, a new traffic study.

Aric Evatt, Urban Crossroads, noted that the Planning Department has the traffic study and he would be available to make copies. He notes that this traffic study overstates the project, not understates the project.

Chair Showalter inquires what the Commission would like to do, submit notes as they are or do nothing or research more.

Commissioner Gregory noted he would like to see a traffic study before he can make any kind of a recommendation. He would like to see the Commission perform their “due diligence” before a recommendation may be made. He also notes there are future concerns to provide revenue for the city.

Commissioner Burt agrees with Commissioner Gregory and believes that many recommendations and suggestions presented this evening should be sent to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Turpin feels he is not ready to forward a recommendation and would like to receive and file this report. He also notes that once the Planning Commission sees the concerns, they may send this project back. He also agrees with Commissioner Gregory and Commissioner Burt.

Commissioner Mauro agrees with previous comments and needs more information.

Commissioner Walker is still concerned with the traffic study. She has seen other projects have a detrimental effect on the city traffic.

Vice Chair Hoffman noted he understands traffic studies. He would like to see the traffic study for this project. He also would like to forward this information to the Planning Commission, but acknowledges that a meeting will not be held for another quarter and feels the Commission should forward what is available now.

Chair Showalter notes the minutes will be forwarded to the Planning Commission.

The Director noted future meeting dates.

Audience members shouted comments.

M/S Showalter/Burttt to forward the minutes and issues of concerns that need to be addressed to the Planning Commission and that the Planning Commission will provide a recent traffic study for this project to the Commission for review and further, the Commission would be willing to meet again on the third Monday of August 2011.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Gregory, Mauro, Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Burttt, Turpin

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Discussion was held

D. Discussion of Approved Alternate Trail Materials in Commercial and Residential Driveways.

The Director presented and began discussion of approved, alternate trail materials in commercial and residential driveways.

Chair Showalter noted he was involved at the inception of the alternative trail materials. He feels the pavers are not the issue; that anything placed on the dg is going to be slippery. The safety issue is with dg on pavers, it becomes slippery.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Mauro agrees with Chair Showalter.

Commissioner Walker inquired if there is a better material out there for the trails since 2002. She wondered what was wrong with the rubber blocks.

The Director noted rubber blocks used in the initial pilot projects failed and were not suited to traffic movements.

Superintendent TPiorkowski noted this material was not conducive to traffic no matter the width or friction; it has to do with the wearability factor.

Commissioner Walker would like to see a sub-committee created to discuss this issue.

Commissioner Burttt noted dg is slippery.

Vice Chair Hoffman noted he understands the use of pavers on a grade. He agrees that pavers do not belong on the level lands. He agrees with the use of pavers for sloped properties, but not on the level lands. He has researched a new material, Geoweb. He notes this process has worked in other areas, however, it may not work in all areas and the material would be very helpful with erosion control.

Commissioner Burttt notes that there are reasons for pavers on level areas; some level areas have erosion.

Superintendent TPiorkowski noted that even horse traffic causes erosion on level lands.

Commissioner Turpin noted that pavers were not used for estates; they were used for erosion control and ruts and to keep dg out of driveways and garages. Commissioner Turpin does not agree with running horses on the trails; they should be running at arenas.

Further discussion was held.

Commissioner Burt notes that riding in Norco Hills has improved tremendously due to the installation of pavers and personally rides across the pavers.

Additional discussion was held.

Chair Showalter inquired of Senior Engineer Lori Askew what percentage of grade would cause dg to erode.

Senior Engineer Lori Askew noted that water runoff velocity increases with volume and distance; with a 2% grade water will runoff on level land and create ruts.

Further discussion was held.

Chair Showalter inquired of the Commission as to the next step.

Commissioner Gregory noted he observed a large discrepancy in the types of materials in different areas of the City. He also noted he had seen pavers that had lifted with just the minimal amount of rain that fell recently, and that had created a dangerous situation. He then noted he would like the City to maintain a uniform look to all of the trails as much as possible.

Further discussion was held.

The Director noted in the City's history many trail materials have been approved and many changes had been made.

Further discussion was held on the different types of materials approved for the trails.

Commissioner Gregory noted he does not agree with having the pavers removed after they have been approved. He also does not want residents to be afraid to ride the city trails.

Commissioner Walker inquired if the current pavers could be sandblasted to texture the pavers and make them less slippery.

Discussion was held.

The Director noted the Department had recently installed stamped asphalt on an access driveway at Reservoir No. 6&7.

Commissioner Gregory inquired if the illegal trail materials he had reported had been addressed.

The Director noted that code enforcement measures have been started.

Further discussion was held.

Bobbie Pope wanted to present the Geoweb material and was interested in serving on an alternative trails subcommittee, if possible.

Commissioner Burttt notes the frustration of not knowing where else to turn for other types of materials.

Further discussion was held.

B Pope knows the residents with level land do not want dg on their driveways or in their garages and she understands that is a use for pavers. She also she feels the real concern is a drainage issue and not a paver issue.

Further discussion was held.

The Director noted that possibly designing and developing drains may be a solution; however, there are also some issues with rolled curbs, no curbs and gutters.

Commissioner Gregory wonders how other cities are handling their trails.

Further discussion was held on other alternatives in different cities.

Kathy Thistlewaite wants the trails to remain trails; after all they are trails. She is concerned that the City is losing the trails and it only takes one loss.

Further discussion was held.

M/S Burttt/Mauro to continue Discussion of Approved Alternate Trail Materials in Commercial and Residential Driveways to the next Commission meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Gregory, Mauro, Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Burttt, Turpin
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

9. CONTINUED DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Waste to Energy Project

The Director brought the Commission up-to-date on the Waste to Energy Project.

Discussion was held.

10. VERBAL UPDATES ON STREETS/TRAILS/UTILITIES ISSUES:

A. Waste Management 2011/12 Rates

The Director reported the Waste Management 2011/12 Rates to the Commission.

Discussion was held.

11. OTHER MATTERS:

Commissioner Gregory noted in driving around he had noticed half a sign was missing that may be a Caltrans issue.

The Director noted Caltrans had been alerted regarding the signage and were cooperating with the repair or replacement.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Gregory also noted the pump at LMD 4 was operating at 68% efficiency and inquired if the pump had been repaired.

The Director noted that the pump was operating at 35% efficiency and had been repaired to 65% efficiency and this is considered a high level of performance.

Further discussion was held.

Commissioner Burt inquired when she could go online and review her water bill.

The Director noted the AMI project is almost complete and after completion, residents would be able to access their accounts online.

STPiorkowski also noted the AMI project is almost complete.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Mauro inquired when this Commission would be discussing the tiered water rate structure.

The Director noted that possibly in January. He also noted that Western Municipal had recently restructured their rates.

Further discussion was held.

Vice Chair Hoffman noticed postal trucks on Sixth Street and feels they are a traffic hazard and a nightmare for other drivers.

The Director noted that he would be willing to make that suggestion to the United States Postal Service to install gang type mail boxes on Sixth St.

Commissioner Showalter inquired how the Second Street project was coming along.

The Director noted that the water mainline would need to be lowered and the lowering project would commence on Thursday of this week. The actual completion date for this project was July 19, 2011.

Discussion was held.

Linda Aguilar wondered when Detroit Street would be paved.

Discussion was held, completion of Detroit St. is scheduled for this year.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 11:35 pm

Meeting adjourned to Monday, August 15, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

M/S Burt/Gregory to adjourn at 11:35 pm.

Motion carried by the following vote.

AYES: Gregory, Walker, Hoffman, Showalter, Hedges, Burt, Turpin

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

William R. Thompson
Director of Public Works

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