



MINUTES

CITY OF CHINO HILLS REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

May 4, 2022

Chairman Austin called the Regular Meeting of the Public Works Commission of the City of Chino Hills to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: RICHARD AUSTIN, Chair
NATALIE ÁVILA, Vice Chair
BOB GOODWIN, Commissioner
VINCE JONES, Commissioner
MIKE KLECZKO, Commissioner

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: DANIEL BOBADILLA, Public Works Director/City Engineer
CARL HASSEL, Acting Engineering Manager
ALEXIS DALPONT, Commission Secretary
DANIELLE TRUJILLO, Administrative Assistant I

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Kleczko led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Update

Mr. Hassel presented the CIP updates. Regarding the Los Serranos Safe Routes to School Project, Vice Chair Ávila asked if the tall curb in front of a Los Serranos residence was a retaining wall and reinforced. She also questioned the 12-inch borders for the curb ramps. Mr. Hassel stated that the wall was indeed reinforced with rebar, and the City is in the process of finishing the borders for the curb ramps.

Commissioner Goodwin asked whether the City has communicated with Caltrans regarding this Phase 2 Soquel Canyon Parkway project. Mr. Hassel informed Commissioner Goodwin that although he has not spoken directly to Caltrans about this topic, their portion will most likely be a part of a bigger project.

Vice Chair Ávila voiced her concern regarding the paving section crossing Caltrans on Soquel Canyon Parkway. She asked if that portion is owned by the State. Mr. Hassel responded affirmatively. He stated that the City will slurry and maintain it, depending on the level of maintenance needed. He added that the reason the City is not doing the entire portion of the roadway is due to budget restrictions. Vice Chair Ávila suggested that staff review the agreement prior to Mr. Bobadilla's Caltrans meeting so that the City does not miss an opportunity to improve the roadway. Vice Chair Ávila also commented on the intersection near Litel Elementary School and suggested staff look into installing a Hawk signal.

Commissioner Kleczko asked which portion of Soquel Canyon Parkway is owned by the State. Mr. Hassel informed the Commissioners that the City maintains the bridge leading up to the freeway on and off-ramps, but once the City enters Caltrans property they need to meet their standards. Commissioner Kleczko asked if the Backplate Signal Improvement is 100% grant funded, and Mr. Hassel said it is. Commissioner Kleczko stated his concerns regarding the controlled pedestrian crossings throughout the City. He also commented that the reflective backplates have no value since the City does not have many fog issues.

Commissioner Jones asked on Chino Avenue for the grind and overlay, if the City has a standard for the amount of asphalt that is going to be ground. He said he was aware the City has guidelines, but would like to know if a private contractor were to come in, would they need to abide by the same requirements? Mr. Hassel responded saying it depends on the location of the work being done by the private contractor, and there are City standards that a contractor will be made aware of. Commissioner Jones asked if the video detection on the traffic light provides the same information as what the loops provided. Mr. Hassel responded that the video detection has a radar, so if

Chino Hills experiences heavy fog or rain, the sensor can continue to detect cars, pedestrians, and bicycles. Commissioner Jones asked for the status of installing these video detectors at more intersections around the City. Mr. Hassel responded that the goal is to implement the video detection within every intersection. Commissioner Jones asked for the number of intersections that have no video detection, and Mr. Hassel responded the City has 54 intersections, and around 15-16 are on video detection. Commissioner Jones asked Mr. Bobadilla to come up with an installation plan and how this project could be funded.

Commissioner Jones inquired about the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project. Mr. Hassel responded that the City receives grant funds for the Los Serranos area every other year. Commissioner Jones asked if all traffic signals will be receiving new reflective backplates. Mr. Hassel stated currently there are at eight intersections and explained that this would be a grant from Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Chair Austin asked about the status of the 123-TCP Treatment Plant. Mr. Bobadilla responded that the project is scheduled to be bid in late May, awarded in late June, and start construction in the Fall.

b. Traffic Safety Committee

Chair Austin asked staff to highlight items of the Traffic Safety Committee. Mr. Bobadilla mentioned an issue with semi-trucks parking on the street on Fairfield Ranch/Red Barn and the City will be painting the curbs and installing "No Parking" signs. Commissioner Jones asks if the semi-trucks park there for the businesses and asked if the area next to the Temple is included in the restriction. Chair Austin was concerned the trucks would relocate near the Temple, and Mr. Bobadilla explained the restriction would include the street near the Temple.

Commissioner Kleczko stated his concern regarding the potential restriction to turn left into the shopping center on Chino Hills Parkway, West of Pipeline.

Vice Chair Ávila voiced concerns about the parking at Grand Avenue Park. Mr. Bobadilla responded that he has talked to the Community Services Department about this issue, and they have begun looking into their programs. Vice Chair Ávila asked if the City received complaints about the semi-truck parking issue on Fairfield Ranch Road. Mr. Bobadilla responded that Chino Hills residents have submitted complaints and the Sheriff's Department has noticed the issue as well.

Commissioner Goodwin stated that the semi-truck issue is also an issue for the drivers, since they are most likely waiting to unload their products. Commissioner Goodwin also mentioned the traffic signal at Peyton and Eucalyptus intersection. Mr. Bobadilla informed Commissioner Goodwin that a consultant will conduct a study.

Chair Austin discussed the Peyton and Eucalyptus left turn issue going North bound, making a left on Eucalyptus. Chair Austin requested an update of the Danbury/Fairfield Ranch roundabout project. Mr. Hassel stated the HOA is still considering this recommendation.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Bobadilla informed the Commissioners that Joe Dyer retired, and Carl Hassel became his predecessor. He also informed the Commission that Alexis DalPont was promoted to Management Analyst I in Public Works, and that this is her last Public Works Commission meeting.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Goodwin mentioned the deteriorating condition of the landscaping at the Post Office on Peyton Avenue and asked if the City was in the process of addressing the matter. Mr. Bobadilla indicated that the City Manager was making efforts to work with the Postmaster.

Commissioner Goodwin also noted that he has seen an increase in the number of electric bicycles failing to obey traffic signals throughout the City and cited his concern about the electric bicycles being driven on City trails. He asked if the City had any codes, restrictions, or guidelines already effective or in the works. Mr. Bobadilla responded that the City's Municipal Code already contains regulations on these types of vehicles.

The Commissioners congratulated Mr. Hassel for his promotion to Engineering Manager, and Alexis DalPont on her promotion to Management Analyst I.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Austin adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Danielle Trujillo, Administrative Assistant I