

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2007  
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1315 VALLEY DRIVE  
7:00 P.M.**

**ACTION MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Brittain, DiVirgilio, Katz, Marinelli

Absent: Koch

Also Present: Richard Morgan, Director of Public Works/City Engineer  
Michael Flaherty, Public Works Superintendent  
Rhea Punneo, Administrative Assistant, Public Works Department

2. Flag Salute

3. Approval of Action Minutes: May 16, 2007

**Action:** Minutes were approved as written.

4. Public Comment: Anyone wishing to address the Commission on items not on the agenda pertaining to Public Works may do so at this time.

None

5. Correspondence

None

6. Items for Commission Consideration

a. Proposed restriction of left turns on Pacific coast Highway

Mr. Morgan presented the item, noting that it was brought to the Commission at the request of a resident asking that left turns from northbound PCH to westbound 3<sup>rd</sup> Street not be permitted between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

A three-year accident history was analyzed for the entire reach of PCH within Hermosa Beach. A table showing accidents related to left turns made during peak traffic hours (i.e.: 3pm – 7pm for northbound PCH to westbound turns, and 6:30am – 9:30am for southbound PCH to eastbound turns) was presented. Results showed that 3<sup>rd</sup> Street had only 1 accident for northbound PCH left turns and 2 for southbound PCH left turns. This is compared to 3 accidents for northbound PCH at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and also 3 accidents for northbound PCH at 1<sup>st</sup> Place. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street is an offset intersection with a traffic signal but it has a very short left turn lane and confusing signalization for left turners. Staff believes this is why there are so many accidents at 1<sup>st</sup> Place during peak

traffic hours even though it is already posted no left turns from 3 – 7 pm. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street has a left longer turn lane and is probably used heavily as an alternate to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street as well as 1<sup>st</sup> Place. For these reasons staff does not recommend restricting left turns at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street at this time. Instead the City is working with Caltrans to construct improvements to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street traffic signal.

**Action:** No was action taken.

7. Commissioners' Reports

- a. Commissioners Brittain and Marinelli updated the commission with regard to the Upper Pier Avenue Committee.

8. Public Works Department Reports

- a. Monthly Activity Report – April
- b. Project Status Reports – April

**Above items were presented for information purposes only.**

9. Other Matters

Howard Longacre, Hermosa Beach

Discussed his desire for the City to spend its reserve funds, which he believes to be \$23 million, on street improvements.

Mr. Marinelli asked about noise ordinance and was advised they are in effect 8:00 am – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday; asked about parking on Bard by the City Yard and how can coordinate limited parking hours with street sweeping – to be addressed at the July meeting.

Mr. DiVirgilio asked to be updated on newsracks and street repaving at the next commission meeting; asked if a map version of the "Pavement Condition Index" could be added to the City website.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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