

City of Chula Vista

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, April 2, 2015

4:00 PM

Council Chambers
276 4th Avenue, Building A
Chula Vista, CA 91910

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located in City Hall, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, California.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Deputy Mayor Bensoussan, Councilmember McCann, Councilmember Miesen and Mayor Salas

Absent: Councilmember Aguilar

Also Present: City Manager Halbert, City Attorney Googins, and Assistant City Clerk Bigelow

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Councilmember McCann led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Danciu, Chula Vista resident, spoke regarding the importance of infrastructure to residents.

WORKSHOP

15-0129 INFRASTRUCTURE WORKSHOP

Staff presentation on the evolution and current status of each of the nine Asset Management Systems (Building, Drainage, Fleet, General Government, Open Space, Parks, Roadway, Urban Forestry, and Wastewater) which comprise the City's Asset Management Program (AMP). The summary will include: confidence level in the data, estimates of the overall health of the systems, critical needs, and potential funding mechanisms.

Comments by the Asset Management Program Advisory Committee

Suggested Council referrals to staff:

- Continue progress over the next year in completing the remaining inventory and condition assessments.
- Further explore funding options including public outreach and surveys to secure community input.

Public Works Director Hopkins provided an overview of the Asset Management Program and spoke regarding civic engagement efforts.

Colin Chung and Michelle Kim, consultants, representing GHD Consulting, provided information on their data collection and analysis efforts related to the City's asset management program. Mr. Chung spoke regarding the life cycle of assets and cost of ownership. He provided a demonstration of an asset management tool that had been developed for the City.

In response to a question from Mayor Salas, Public Works Director Hopkins stated that staff anticipated placing a link to the asset management tool on the City's website.

Director of Public Works Hopkins gave a presentation about the City's nine asset management programs, including information on past spending and estimated deferred maintenance costs: Wastewater Management System (WMS), Drainage Management System (DMS), Roadway Management System (RMS), Urban Forestry Management System (UFMS), Parks Management System (PMS), Fleet Management System (FMS), Building Management System (BMS), Open Space Management System (OSMS), and General Government Management System (GGMS).

Open Space Manager Oludunfe spoke regarding the care and preservation of trees. In response to questions from Councilmember McCann, Public Works Director Hopkins spoke regarding funds allocated for tree trimming.

In response to a question from Mayor Salas, Public Works Director Hopkins spoke regarding leasing vehicles instead of purchasing for City use.

Public Works Director Hopkins spoke regarding the continuing efforts toward managing the City's assets. He introduced the following members of the Asset Management Program Advisory Committee, who spoke regarding the item:

- Bob Coleman, Chula Vista resident, commended the efforts of staff and the consultants in evaluating the City's assets. He spoke in support of prioritizing needs and provided his insights from touring the City's assets. He suggested a public education campaign to educate the community on the topic.
- Luanne Hulsizer, representing the Third Avenue Village Association (TAVA), expressed concern regarding the degradation of the City's infrastructure.
- David Cromwell, representing Aquatica, commended staff and the consultants on their work in evaluating and addressing the City's assets. He spoke in support of the City being transparent and allowing the information on assets to be easily accessible to the public.
- Jack Boda, Chula Vista resident, expressed support for the asset evaluation tool and commended staff.

Councilmember Miesen commended City staff and spoke regarding his experience in touring the City's assets. He expressed support for educating the community on the needs and soliciting public input.

Councilmember McCann thanked the citizens and members of the Asset Management Program Committee for their participation, and commended staff. He spoke in support of identifying specific projects and programs on which to spend revenue.

David Danciu, Chula Vista resident, expressed concern regarding the cost of managing assets. He spoke in opposition to increasing taxes and suggested the City consider the use of bond funds.

City Manager Halbert spoke regarding addressing asset needs and funding sources. Deputy City Manager Kachadoorian spoke regarding the past issuance of bonds and stated that the City's General Fund did not have the capacity to address the magnitude of the existing asset management needs.

Jane Gerber, Chula Vista resident, expressed concern regarding the condition of the City's assets. She spoke in support of using a volunteer workforce to address some of the asset repair and maintenance needs.

Brad Barnum, Associated General Contractors, commended the staff and volunteers who worked on the Asset Management Program Advisory Committee. He spoke regarding some potential funding sources.

There was consensus of the Council to direct staff to continue to refine the asset management tool and continue the public outreach efforts.

At the request of Mayor Salas there was consensus of the Council to add an item to the meeting of April 14, 2015, to consider supporting President Obama's recent executive action regarding immigration.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:39 p.m., Mayor Salas adjourned the meeting to the Regular City Council Meeting on April 14, 2015, at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

Kerry K. Bigelow, Assistant City Clerk