

City of Redlands
Municipal Utilities/Public Works Commission
Annual State of Commission Report
May 1, 2018

Thank you and good evening, Mayor and Council Members. My name is Mark Stanson, Chairperson for the Municipal Utilities/Public Works Commission, which I have had the pleasure to serve on for nearly 24 years. The Commission is comprised of myself; Tim Landis, Vice Chairperson; Norman Miner; Richard Hernandez; William Bayne; Brad Thoms; and Adekunle Ojo. Our background consists of civil, environmental, municipal, public works, and traffic engineering and construction; street, pipeline, storm drain, bridges, rail, and freeway infrastructure; treatment facilities – from design through operations and maintenance, from commercial real estate development to planning and project management. Members on this Commission are often life-long residents with strong ties to the City and a personal goal to do what is best for the City of Redlands.

This Commission has under its' purview solid waste, water, sewer, nonpotable, storm drain and street capital improvement and transportation projects, and related programs, rates and fees and provides feedback and recommendations to staff in preparation of related items prepared for the City Council's consideration. The Commission reviews and provides comments and guidance regarding the acceptability of proposed public works, utilities and engineering plans, programs and projects.

Last year, the Commission participated in a solid waste rate study alongside the Quality of Life and Municipal Utilities and Engineering departments staff. Prior to the Commission making its recommendation to City Council in May 2017 to increase solid waste rates, the Commission met over the course of several meetings to review materials, question staff and the consultant with any concerns regarding information presented in an effort to understand all scenarios and projected outcomes. This provided an in-depth, technical understanding, and continued clarification, of solid waste operations, regulations, requirements, anticipated and necessary expenses and revenues, and overall budget, including solid waste personnel, fleet, and equipment. The Commission appreciated the opportunity to serve in this capacity just as it has done so in the past for prior water, sewer, and solid waste rate studies.

Following the Commission's recommendation in 2012 of the Pavement Accelerated Repair Implementation Strategy (PARIS) Program, the Commission continuously requests updates on PARIS and each of its project phases. Commissioners continue to have a vested interest in the PARIS program, capital improvement programs and projects in general, development impact

fees, street calming, accessibility, transition/bike plans, trails, and the current and future aesthetics of the community.

Because this Commission's members are involved in the community, we embrace the opportunity to address citizens' inquiries and concerns as they relate to subject matters under this Commission. Through regular and special meetings, we discuss and advise staff on subject agenda items and related project design, treatment methods, prioritization of streets, construction, funding, as well as water conservation, water quality, water production and wastewater treatment operations and facilities, educational outreach and public relations.

We are ready to be the collective resource for staff, City Council and the community and anxiously await any projects and/or programs and changes anticipated this next year. We look forward to assisting any way we can to provide guidance and recommendations on items such as master and general plans, capital programs, active projects, budget review, strategic plan, and applicable rates and fees charged to the public, utility operations, in addition to engaging and informing the citizens of this great community.

On behalf of the Municipal Utilities/Public Works Commission, I thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to provide additional information or answer any questions of the Council.