

## **CITY OF GARDEN GROVE**

### **Garden Grove Sanitary District Advisory Commission**

The meeting of the Garden Grove Sanitary District Advisory Commission was called to order on Wednesday July 18, 2007.

*Present:* Chair Mitchell, Commissioners: Boess, Lucas, and Nguyen

*Absent:* Commissioner Le Clair

*Also Present:* A.J. Holmon III, Environmental/Streets Manager, Raquel Manson, Administrative Analyst, Hershel Skidmore, Finance Manager and Monica Neely, Finance

Commissioner Lucas led the Pledge of Allegiance

*Minutes:* Chair Mitchell moved, seconded by Commissioner Boess to approve the minutes as presented.

The motion was approved to accept the minutes of April 18, 2007 as presented.

#### ***Item 1-Capital Improvement Update:***

Brent Hayes presented a report on the various City sewer improvements. He explained the map that the Commissioners will be receiving as soon as it is updated. He explained the areas of verified deficiencies and the areas of calculated deficiencies as well as the upcoming projects.

Chair Mitchell inquired about the status of the bonds. Mr. Holmon noted that he would have a report from Mr. Kingsley Okereke, the Finance Director, next quarter.

Chair Mitchell also inquired if the new developers in the Brookhurst Triangle area will be required to contribute their fair share for the upgrading of the sewer system in that particular area.

Commissioner Lucas inquired if Wal-Mart (Chapman Avenue/Brookhurst Street) will be required to pay sewer improvement fees.

Brent Hayes responded that the developers are not the driving force in the areas for the upgrades. These areas are already slated for updating due to the deficiencies and the knowledge that there will be new development in these areas that will impact the lines. There will be connection fees due and capacity charges as part of the plan checking and permit issuing process.

Chair Mitchell inquired about the streets being torn up for one project then when it is repaired another agency will come along and trench up the same area. He is concerned about the inconvenience to the residents of the area when a street is constantly under some kind of construction.

Mr. Holmon noted that there is a 4-year street moratorium so that when a street is overlaid or rehabbed it is not to be torn up for at least 4 years. Mr. Hayes noted that the City works very closely with the utility companies as well as various other contractors to come up with a convenient schedule to accommodate the project's schedule, however there is an exception to the rule occasionally.

Chair Mitchell inquired about the status of the CCTV for the sewer lines.

Mr. Hayes noted that it is about 70 to 80% complete.

Commissioner Lucas inquired about the sewer gas smells coming from the streets occasionally.

Mr. Hayes commented to call Public Works and the flood control team will come out and flush the lines.

***Matters from the Commission Advisor:***

Mr. Holmon reminded that Commission to funnel all their concerns to Chair Mitchell so that they can be agendized. He also noted that the tour of the OCSD would be combined with the City Council's tour at the same time.

***Matters from the Commissioners:***

Commissioner Lucas inquired about the hotels receiving free water.

Mr. Skidmore, Finance, commented that he knows nothing of free water for the hotels. They are invoiced the same as everyone else and he is not aware of any free water to hotels.

Commissioner Lucas inquired about the Commission's participation in Closed Sessions of the Garden Grove Sanitation District.

Mr. Holmon reminded the Commission that when necessary the Board will ask the Commission to investigate an issue. Until such time everything is running as it should and the Commission will continue on a status quo basis.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Jacot