

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE MONTCLAIR CITY COUNCIL, SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND MONTCLAIR HOUSING CORPORATION BOARDS, MONTCLAIR HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION, AND MONTCLAIR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5111 BENITO STREET, MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor/Chair Dutrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. INVOCATION**

**Pastor Josh Matlock of Bethany Baptist Church** and Montclair Police Department Chaplain, gave the invocation.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member/Director Martinez led meeting participants in the Pledge.

**IV. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor/Chair Dutrey; Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Johnson; Council Members/Directors Ruh, Martinez, and Lopez

City Manager/Executive Director Starr; Assistant City Manager/Director of Human Services Richter; Director of Finance Kulbeck; Director of Community Development Diaz; Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia; Police Chief Reed; Fire Chief Pohl; City Attorney Robbins; City Clerk Myrick

**V. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Introduction of New and Promoting Police Department Employees**

Police Chief Reed introduced newly hired Police Officer Adrian Anguiano, and announced the promotion of Nicholas Sanchez from Officer to Sergeant.

**B. Proclamation Declaring April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Montclair**

Mayor Dutrey presented a proclamation declaring April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month to **Hillary Steenson-Ray**, Associate Network Officer, **Children's Network of San Bernardino County**.

**C. Presentation of Annual Donation by the Montclair Chamber of Commerce to the Montclair Community Foundation for the Montclair to College Program**

Board Chair **Steve Hammitt**, **Montclair Chamber of Commerce**, presented a \$1,876.60 check raised from its Military Banner Program to Mayor Dutrey as a donation to the Montclair Community Foundation benefitting the Montclair to College Program.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor/Chair Dutrey advised the City Council will take public comments after the Consent Calendar due to the large number of audience members wishing to speak on non-agenda items.

**VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS — None**

**VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR**

<b>ACTION - Consent Calendar</b>	
<b>ACTING:</b>	City Council Successor Agency Board Montclair Housing Corporation Board Montclair Housing Authority Commissioners Montclair Community Foundation Board
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	Items B-2, C-1, and C-3
<b>MOTION:</b>	Approve the Consent Calendar as presented.
<b>MADE BY:</b> <b>SECOND BY:</b>	Council Member/Director Ruh Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Johnson
<b>AYES:</b> <b>NOES:</b> <b>ABSTAIN:</b> <b>ABSENT:</b>	Lopez, Martinez, Ruh, Johnson, Dutrey None None None
<b>RESULT:</b>	Motion carried 5-0.

**A. Approval of Minutes**

**1. Regular Joint Meeting — March 18, 2024**

<b>ACTION - Consent Calendar - Item A-1</b>	
<b>ACTING:</b>	City Council Successor Agency Board Montclair Housing Corporation Board Montclair Housing Authority Commissioners Montclair Community Foundation Board
<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved on Consent Calendar; motion carried 5-0.

**B. Administrative Reports**

**1. Consider Approval of Warrant Register & Payroll Documentation**

<b>ACTION - Consent Calendar - Item B-1</b>	
<b>ACTING:</b>	City Council
<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved on Consent Calendar; motion carried 5-0.

**2. Consider Authorizing the Purchase of Three 2025 Ford Explorer Interceptor Utility Vehicles for the Police Department Fleet from Fritts Ford in the Total Amount of \$160,493.88**

**Consider Declaring Three Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles as Surplus and Available for Parts or for Sale at Auction, with Consideration for One to be Repurposed as a Cadet Vehicle**

Xavier Mendez, resident, stated when he worked for the City many retired vehicles were kept for parts, which saved a lot of money.

<b>ACTION - Consent Calendar - Item B-2</b>	
<b>ACTING:</b>	City Council
<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved on Consent Calendar; motion carried 5-0.

3. **Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2023–24 Schedule of Recommendations from the Community Activities Commission for Community Benefits Funding**

<b>ACTION – Consent Calendar – Item B-3</b>	
<b>ACTING:</b>	City Council
<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved on Consent Calendar; motion carried 5-0.

4. **Consider Receiving and Filing Annual Reports from the Independent Auditing Firm for the City of Montclair and the Successor Agency for the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency**

<b>ACTION – Consent Calendar – Item B-4</b>	
<b>ACTING:</b>	City Council Successor Agency Board
<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved on Consent Calendar; motion carried 5-0.

**C. Agreements**

1. **Consider Approval of Agreement No. 24-22 Amending Agreement No. 21-43 with the Inland Valley Humane Society & S.P.C.A. for Animal Control Services, Subject to Any Revisions Deemed Necessary by the City Attorney**

Xavier Mendez, resident, stated he would like to know the annual statistics for Montclair of how many pet licenses are renewed, how many strays and deceased animals are picked, and how often they canvas the City for pet license compliance.

Council Member Lopez stated he has heard several resident concerns about the quality of service provided by IVHS and suggested they provide a presentation to the City with the statistics requested by Mr. Mendez.

<b>ACTION – Consent Calendar – Item C-1</b>	
<b>ACTING:</b>	City Council
<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved on Consent Calendar; motion carried 5-0.

2. **Consider Approval of Agreement No. 24-23, Amendment No. 5 to Agreement No. 15-64 with San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA Cooperative Agreement No. 15-1001297) for the Monte Vista Avenue/Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation Project, Subject to Any Revisions Deemed Necessary by the City Attorney**

<b>ACTION – Consent Calendar – Item C-2</b>	
<b>ACTING:</b>	City Council
<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved on Consent Calendar; motion carried 5-0.

3. **Consider Approval of Agreement No. 24-24 with Biggs Cardosa Associates, Inc., for Design Services Associated with the Holt Boulevard and Pacific Electric Trail Bridge Project, Subject to Any Revisions Deemed Necessary by the City Attorney**

Xavier Mendez, resident, stated he is happy to see improvements being planned for the City’s segment of the Pacific Electric Trail.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson requested clarification of the configuration of the proposed structure being designed for the bridges and how they will work to prevent access without obstructing the flow of water in the channel.

City Manager Starr advised staff will ensure that the final design does not block the channel’s waterway.

ACTION – Consent Calendar – Item C-3	
ACTING:	City Council
RESULT:	Approved on Consent Calendar; motion carried 5-0.

**4. Consider Amending the 2019–2024 Capital Improvement Program to Add the Saratoga Park Transformation Project**

**Consider Approval of Agreement No. 24–25 with L.D. King, Inc., for Design Services for the Saratoga Park Transformation Project in the Amount of \$543,935, Subject to Any Revisions Deemed Necessary by the City Attorney**

**Consider Authorizing a \$600,000 Appropriation from 2021 Lease Revenue Bond Funds for Design Services for the Saratoga Park Transformation Project**

ACTION – Consent Calendar – Item C-4	
ACTING:	City Council
RESULT:	Approved on Consent Calendar; motion carried 5-0.

**D. Resolutions — None**

**IX. PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — None**

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **Kayla**, resident, raised safety concerns regarding a residence on her street being used as a rehabilitation center for drug addicts.
- The following spoke about the passage of a local ceasefire resolution in relation to the Israeli–Palestinian/Gaza conflict:
  1. Jessica Gaytan (support)
  2. Chanelle Rivas (support)
  3. Joshua Murcia (support)
  4. Prisila Gonzalez (support)
  5. Brianna B. (support)
  6. Teresa Aversa (support)
  7. Oscar Palafox Jr. (support)
  8. Alejandra (support)
  9. Marie Lemos (support)
  10. Benjamin Wood (support)
  11. Zion Vasquez (support)
  12. Indi Harrison (support)
  13. Jonathan Santamaria (support)
  14. Ashton (support)
  15. Hannah Wu (support)
  16. Kenneth T. (support)
  17. Jesus Mortiel (support)
  18. Liza Pena (support)
  19. Nicole H. (support)
  20. Abraham Stern (support)
  21. Violet (support)
  22. Julian Gonzalez (support)
  23. Rabbi Shalon Harlig (oppose)
  24. Chance Harlig (oppose)

At 8:16 p.m., Mayor Dutrey called for a brief recess.

The City Council reconvened at 8:23 p.m. with all members present.

## X. COMMUNICATIONS

A. **Department Reports** — None

B. **City Attorney**— None

C. **City Manager/Executive Director** — None

D. **Mayor/Chair**

Mayor/Chair Dutrey commended staff on the Easter Eggstravaganza event and recognized the following upcoming holidays and causes recognized in April: Passover, Earth Day, Administrative Professionals Day, Yom HaShoah, Cancer Prevention Month, and Arab American Heritage Month.

E. **Council Members/Directors**

1. Council Member/Director Ruh complimented the Easter event and thanked the Community Activities Commission, Kiwanis Club, and staff for making it a success; spoke about Cesar Chavez Day; and noted the last survivor of the **U.S.S. Arizona** at Pearl Harbor, **Lou Conter**, passed away today at 102 years old.
2. Council Member/Director Lopez stated he attended an event at a new business that recently opened in Montclair that caters to older clients to provide therapeutic activities; and requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of **Larry Vasquez**, a longtime Montclair resident.
3. Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Johnson expressed her amazement at the turnout for City's Easter event despite being moved indoors due to rain; and announced the winner of the **Montclair Chamber of Commerce's** first quarterly *Shop Local Montclair* raffle was **Stella Montoya**, a Montclair resident of six years.
4. Council Member/Director Martinez moved to agendaize a discussion item at the next City Council meeting regarding consideration of a local ceasefire resolution on the Israeli-Palestinian/Gaza conflict.

There was no second to the motion; therefore, the motion failed.

F. **Committee Meeting Minutes**

The following committee minutes were received and filed for informational purposes:

1. Personnel Committee - March 18, 2024

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:41 p.m., the City Council, Successor Agency Board, Montclair Housing Corporation Board, Montclair Housing Authority Commission, and Montclair Community Foundation Board were adjourned.

Submitted for City Council/Successor Agency Board/Montclair Housing Corporation Board/Montclair Housing Authority Commission/Montclair Community Foundation Board approval,



Andrea Myrick,  
City Clerk

*The meeting was adjourned in memory of **Larry Vasquez**, a longtime Montclair resident, and of innocent lives lost in wars being waged around the world including in Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, and Syria.*