

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MONTCLAIR
CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019, AT 5:45 P.M.
IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5111 BENITO STREET,
MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dutrey called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dutrey, Mayor Pro Tem Raft; Council Members Ruh and Johnson; City Manager Starr; Finance Director Parker; Director of Administrative Services and Human Resources Hamilton; City Planner/Planning Manager Diaz; Assistant Director of Housing/Planning Manager Caldwell; City Clerk Phillips

Absent: Council Member Martinez (excused)

III. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

IV. COUNCIL WORKSHOP

A. **Presentation of Proposed Streetscape Plan for Portions of Arrow Highway and Fremont Avenue Within the North Montclair Downtown Specific Plan (NMDSP)**

Mr. Stefanos Polyzoides, Moule & Polyzoides, reviewed several features of a proposed streetscape plan for Arrow Highway and Fremont Avenue in the NMDSP area, including trees, shrubbery, median islands, sidewalks, and composition of bicycle and vehicle travel lanes.

Council Member Ruh noted Arrow Highway is a major east-west thoroughfare, and asked whether this plan would slow down or decrease the amount of traffic.

Mr. Polyzoides advised the plan is not intended to diminish or negatively impact traffic flow; however, over time and with the development of the area, the public's use of the street will evolve and traffic reduction is a potential effect of that. He advised the transit-oriented district concept is incorporated into the NMDSP, which would include the development of more pedestrian-friendly streets.

Council Member Ruh stated he uses Arrow Highway as his main route to work, as do many others who prefer to avoid freeway traffic, and stated he worries proposed changes to the street's composition may impede traffic flow during commuting hours.

Mr. Polyzoides noted Council Member Ruh's concerns and stated he could have technical staff analyze the potential impacts on traffic.

Council Member Ruh noted that the project has a cost estimate ranging between \$4 million and \$7 million depending on what aspects are incorporated, but does not address maintenance costs.

Mr. Polyzoides noted he would check with technical staff to inquire about maintenance costs.

Council Member Johnson noted her appreciation for the design with use foliage along the sidewalks and through the medians, noting she feels drivers tend to slow down when there is more nature along their path.

Mayor Dutrey asked if Fremont Avenue would be safe and attractive for pedestrians, noting it provides a direct path to the mall.

Mr. Polyzoides noted the design concept incorporates elements that are pleasing to pedestrians including larger sidewalks.

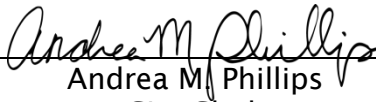
Mayor Dutrey asked for **Mr. Polyzoides** to provide additional cost estimates for constructing the improvements out west to a terminus of Monte Vista Avenue instead of continuing further.

In response to Council Member Ruh's earlier comments related to maintenance costs, City Manager Starr advised that Community Facilities Districts established in the NMDSP area would pay for the maintenance of landscaping and lighting, and SB 1 funds for street maintenance.

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:30 p.m., Mayor Dutrey adjourned the City Council.

Submitted for City Council approval,



Andrea M. Phillips
City Clerk