

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, NOVEMBER 18, 2019, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5111 BENITO STREET, MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INVOCATION

Mr. Matthew Escalante, Calvary Chapel Chino Hills, gave the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Johnson led those assembled in the Pledge.

IV. ROLL CALL

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

City Manager/Executive Director Starr; Director of Administrative Services and Human Resources Hamilton; Finance Director Parker; Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo; Community Development Director/City Planner Diaz; Assistant Director of Housing/Planning Manager Caldwell; City Attorney Robbins; City Clerk Phillips

Mayor Dutrey welcomed and congratulated **Corysa Martinez**, who was just appointed and sworn in as the newest Council Member earlier this evening.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduction of New Fire Department Employee — Firefighter

Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels introduced Firefighter Wesley Kobel.

Mayor Dutrey, Mayor Pro Tem Raft, and Council Members Ruh, Johnson, and Martinez congratulated Firefighter Kobel and welcomed him to the Montclair City family.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. **Ms. Margaret Hamilton** of the **Chino Basin Water Conservation District** introduced the District's newly appointed Executive Director, **Elizabeth Skrzat**.

Ms. Skrzat thanked the City Council for its continued support of the District. She noted she has been participating in the City's General Plan Update process and is very impressed with some of the ideas being discussed to improve the **Wilderness Park** as a resource for residents, adding the City's *Montclair Walkers* club has just begun an outdoor walking program at the park on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She stated she looks forward to working together on future projects and programs, and invited the City Council on a guided tour of the Waterwise Community Center.

B. **Mr. Bruce Culp**, 9016 Sycamore Avenue, Montclair, congratulated Council Member Martinez on her appointment. He stated he is very happy with those currently serving on the City Council and feels staff is doing a great job.

Mr. Culp expressed his sadness regarding the imminent closure of the **Tiki Drive-In**, and his hope that the City will attempt to steer the new use of the property toward something that is beneficial to the community such as a nonprofit-run swap meet with abundant parking.

- C. **Mrs. Michelle Bradley**, resident, urged the City Council to adopt sign regulations that are more friendly to small businesses, noting her son has just opened a new business in Montclair and is struggling to attract customers due to the shopping center not having a sign program to display his business's name. She noted small businesses do not have the funds for advertising on television or billboards, and requested the City Council consider allowing small businesses in shopping centers without a sign program to have a single banner or sign, as many nearby cities already do.

Mayor Dutrey asked **Mrs. Bradley** to send him an email with samples of other cities' sign ordinances that she feels are reasonable and he will have staff look into the matter.

- D. **Mr. Victor Mendez**, 5134 Aspen Drive, Montclair, congratulated Council Member Martinez, noting he did not realize the appointment had already taken place. He stated his opinion that an election should have been considered before appointment, which should always be a last resort.
- E. **Mr. Benjamin Lopez**, resident, congratulated Council Member Martinez and stated he regretted the harsh feelings that seemed to exist between him and her mother (Council Member Trisha Martinez) and he wishes for their relationship to be a positive one. He noted he will be running for election in November 2020 and looks forward to running against strong candidates like Council Member Martinez. He thanked Mayor Dutrey for his consideration. He emphasized everyone's shared desire for the City to improve and succeed, despite differences in opinions and outlooks.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS — None

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Johnson requested Item B-9 be pulled from the consent calendar.

Council Member Martinez stated she would abstain from voting on Item A-1, as she was not a Council Member during the November 4, 2019 meeting.

Moved by Council Member Ruh, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Raft, and carried unanimously 5-0 that the City Council approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar as presented:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Joint Meeting — November 4, 2019

The City Council, Successor Agency Board of Directors, Montclair Housing Corporation Board of Directors, Montclair Housing Authority Commissioners, and Montclair Community Foundation Board of Directors approved the minutes of the October 21, 2019 regular joint meeting, by a 4-0-1 vote, with Council Member Martinez abstaining.

B. Administrative Reports

1. Receiving and Filing of City Treasurer's Report

The City Council received and filed the City Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2019.

2. Approval of City Warrant Register and Payroll Documentation

The City Council approved the City Warrant Register dated November 18, 2019, totaling \$1,181,257.02; and the Payroll Documentation dated October 27, 2019, amounting to \$614,133.54 gross, with \$432,307.45 net being the total cash disbursement.

3. Receiving and Filing of Successor Agency Treasurer's Report

The City Council acting as successor to the Redevelopment Agency Board received and filed the Successor to the Redevelopment Agency Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2019.

4. Approval of Successor Agency Warrant Register

The City Council acting as successor to the Redevelopment Agency Board approved the Successor to the Redevelopment Agency Warrant Register dated 10.01.19-10.31.19 in the amounts of \$145,275.31 for the Combined Operating Fund and \$0.00 for the Redevelopment Obligation Retirement Funds.

5. Receiving and Filing of MHC Treasurer's Report

The MHC Board received and filed the MHC Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2019.

6. Approval of MHC Warrant Register

The MHC Board approved the MHC Warrant Register dated 10.01.19-10.31.19 in the amount of \$125,991.65.

7. Receiving and Filing of MHA Treasurer's Report

The MHA Commissioners received and filed the MHA Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2019.

8. Approval of MHA Warrant Register

The MHA Commissioners approved the MHA Warrant Register dated 10.01.19-10.31.19 in the amount of \$0.00.

10. Approving the Purchase of Whole Turkeys and Assorted Items for the Montclair Holiday Food and Toy Basket Program

The City Council approved the purchase of whole turkeys and assorted items for the Montclair Holiday Food and Toy Basket Program.

C. Agreements

1. Approval of *Agreement No. 19-90* with City of Hope to Accept Funding in Support of Healthy Montclair to Promote and Implement the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program

The City Council approved *Agreement No. 19-90* with City of Hope to accept funding in support of Healthy Montclair to promote and implement the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program.

2. Approval of *Agreement No. 19-94*, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Montclair Police Officers' Association (MPOA) for the Period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021

Authorizing the Transfer of Additional Compensation as Approved in the MOU from the Personnel Adjustment Reserve Fund

The City Council took the following actions:

- (a) Approved *Agreement No. 19-94*, a MOU with the MPOA for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021.
- (b) Authorized the transfer of additional compensation as approved in the MOU from the Personnel Adjustment Reserve Fund.

3. **Approval of Agreement No. 19-101 with Pulice Construction to Lease Undeveloped City-Owned Property for a Construction Field Office and Equipment Yard**

The City Council approved *Agreement No. 19-101* with Pulice Construction to lease undeveloped City-owned property for a construction field office and equipment yard.

D. **Resolutions**

1. **Adoption of Resolution No. 19-3256 in Support of Submitting a Planning Grants Program Application for Funds Authorized Under the Provisions of SB 2 to Facilitate the Accelerated Production of Housing in the State of California**

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 19-3256 in support of submitting a Planning Grants Program application for funds authorized under the provisions of SB 2 to facilitate the accelerated production of housing in the state of California.

IX. **PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

B. **Administrative Reports**

9. **Setting a Public Hearing for Monday, December 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to Consider First Reading of Ordinance No. 19-988 Amending Specific Chapters of Title 10 of the Montclair Municipal Code Related to the Adoption of Building Codes to Regulate Construction in the City of Montclair**

Council Member Johnson asked if the codes are undergoing any major changes.

City Manager Starr advised the codes being adopted are the state's standards and are just the most recently updated state codes; however, the City concurrently adopts minor amendments to these standard codes when they are adopted every two to three years.

Council Member Johnson thanked City Manager Starr for the clarification.

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Ruh, and carried by a vote of 4-0-1 with Council Member Martinez abstaining, that the City Council set a public hearing for Monday, December 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to consider first reading of Ordinance No. 19-988 amending specific chapters of Title 10 of the Montclair Municipal Code related to the adoption of building codes to regulation construction in the City of Montclair.

X. **COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

A. **Gold Line Update**

Moved by Mayor Dutrey, seconded by Council Member Ruh, and carried unanimously 4-0 that this item be continued to an adjourned meeting of the City Council to be held on Monday, November 4, 2019, at 5:45 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 5111 Benito Street, Montclair.

Mayor Dutrey noted he is also looking into requesting a joint meeting of the city councils of Montclair, Claremont, and Pomona, and also inviting the **Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink), Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority** and the **San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA)** to the table to discuss an alternative proposal by SBCTA to explore in case the Gold Line is not constructed to Montclair.

XI. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Consider Making an Appointment to Fill the Vacancy on the City Council for a Term Ending in December 2020

Mayor Dutrey noted this item was addressed at the 5:45 p.m. special meeting held earlier this evening, resulting in the appointment of **Ms. Corysa Martinez** to the vacancy on the City Council.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Department Reports

1. Human Services Department — Holiday Events

Human Services Director Richter stated the holidays are just around the corner, and made the following event announcements:

- The Police and Fire Departments will be holding food and toy drives at both **Target** and **Costco** to support our *Holiday Toy and Food Basket Program*. The donation drives will be held at the Montclair **Target** on Saturday, November 30th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and at the Montclair **Costco** on Friday, December 6th and 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All donations are welcome at all locations, but we will have a suggested list of needed items available at each store the day of the event.
- Donation bins for the *Holiday Toy and Food Basket Program* have been placed at locations around Montclair, including City Hall; the Youth, Senior, and Recreation Centers; Fire Station No. 1; and the Police Department. Donations will be accepted until Thursday, December 12th. If you have a large donation and need pick-up or would like to make a monetary donation, please contact the Human Services Department.
- The *Tree Lighting and Visit with Santa* Event will be held on Thursday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Montclair Youth Center. The tree lights were hung last week on the tree outside the Youth Center, and will be lit shortly after 6:00 p.m. on December 5th. **Santa Claus** will then arrive via fire engine, and be available for complimentary family photos. The event will also feature entertainment, refreshments, an area where children can write letters to **Santa**, and Gift Lights for purchase.
- *Dashing Through Montclair* will be held on Saturday, December 7th throughout the afternoon. Led by the Police Department, **Santa, Mrs. Claus**, and a team of elves will dash through Montclair starting at 1:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m., beginning and ending at the Montclair Police Department. The community is invited to visit with **Santa** and bring a toy to help fill **Santa's** sleigh for Montclair residents in need at **Alma Hofman Park** at 3:30 p.m. **Santa's** route for 2019 is posted on the City's website, so please check to see where and when you can see **Santa** and his sleigh.

B. City Attorney

City Attorney Robbins congratulated Council Member Martinez on her appointment and stated she has no items for closed session to request this evening.

C. City Manager/Executive Director

City Manager Starr congratulated Council Member Martinez.

D. Mayor/Chair

Mayor/Chair Dutrey requested Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels provide a brief report on a cold murder case from the 1980s that was recently solved.

Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels described the recent arrest of a suspect in two murders that occurred in Montclair in 1981 and Burbank in 1986. The cases were connected by DNA collected from the original crime scenes, and then ultimately linked to the suspect, **Horace Vaultz**, through a genealogical investigation. The **Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office** will be handling the collective prosecution of the offenses from both jurisdictions.

Mayor/Chair Dutrey commended the Montclair Police Department on its diligent work to solve this case.

Mayor/Chair Dutrey made the following comments:

1. He noted the **Southern California Association of Governments**, a regional council of governments that covers six Southern California counties, has just adopted its preliminary *Regional Housing Needs Analysis*, which determines the future housing development obligations for cities throughout the region to meet the state's housing needs. He added Mayor Rusty Bailey of Riverside revised the original proposal to adjust the burden to favor cities with jobs and public transportation hubs, which increased Montclair's obligation by over 300 units.
2. He stated last week, he and Council Member Johnson attended **National Community Renaissance's** 10th Anniversary Event for the **San Marino Apartments** in Montclair.
3. He noted last week, at the **Monte Vista Water District's** Board meeting, Executive Director **Mark Kinsey** was honored upon his retirement after 21 years of service with the District.
4. He stated he plans to reach out to recently-retired Major League Soccer player **Nick Rimando**, who played for Salt Lake City's team. He noted **Mr. Rimando** was born in Montclair and attended **Montclair High School**.
5. He advised the City Council Committee Liaison Assignments would be discussed and amended at the next Council meeting.
6. He recognized newly appointed Council Member Martinez and welcomed her aboard.

E. City Council/Successor Agency Board/MHC Board/MHA Board/MCF Board

1. Council Member/Director Martinez thanked everyone who congratulated her on her appointment. She stated she would do her best to make everyone proud.
2. Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Raft made the following comments:
 - (a) She congratulated Chief Avels and the Police Department for solving the cold case and bringing closure to the families of the victims.
 - (b) She noted last week, she presented certificates to Montclair Veterans during the Veterans Day Dance at the Senior Center, including City Manager Starr.
3. Council Member/Director Johnson advised **Montclair Chamber of Commerce** member businesses would also be collecting food and toys for the drive, and would have boxes stationed all over town at their businesses as well as at the Chamber office. She noted the Chamber would also be hosting its annual *Holiday Food & Toy Drive Open House and Business Connections Luncheon* on Thursday, December 5, 2019 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at **Arthur Murray Dance Studio**, located at 8660 Central Avenue, Montclair.

4. Council Member/Director Ruh made the following comments:
 - (a) He announced that he did not participate in the appointment process held at the prior meeting this evening due to his strong belief that elected seats should only be filled by elections.
 - (b) He welcomed Council Member Martinez.
 - (c) He noted the recent announcement that **Sears** in Montclair would be closing down has stirred up interest in what is to become of the site, and luxury condos were mentioned as one potential use. He lambasted the idea of building luxury homes in a City where the median income is \$50,000, and stated he feels there should not be any plans to build housing in the City that is not affordable.

F. Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Minutes of Personnel Committee Meeting of November 4, 2019

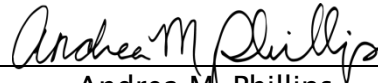
The City Council received and filed the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of November 4, 2019, for informational purposes.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 p.m., Chair Dutrey adjourned the Successor Agency Board, Montclair Housing Corporation Board, Montclair Housing Authority Commissioners, and Montclair Community Foundation Board.

At 7:50 p.m., Mayor Dutrey adjourned the City Council to Monday, December 2, 2019, at 5:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers for a City Council Workshop related to a I-10 Widening Project Update and the SSARP.

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



Andrea M. Phillips
City Clerk