

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE MONTCLAIR CITY COUNCIL AND MONTCLAIR HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020, AT 6:00 P.M., CONDUCTED REMOTELY PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS SUSPENDING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE BROWN ACT DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY AND MANDATING STAY-AT-HOME SAFETY PROTOCOLS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chair Dutrey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor/Chair Dutrey; Council Members/Directors Ruh, Johnson, and Martinez

City Manager/Executive Director Starr; Finance Manager Kulbeck; Director of Administrative Services and Human Resources Hamilton; Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo; Human Services Director Richter; City Attorney Robbins; City Clerk Phillips

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Raft (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Thuân Nguyen, resident, stated he feels there should be more public involvement in the City's budget process. He expressed concern that the Police Department consistently receives between 20 and 30 percent of the City's budget, which is a much larger portion of the budget than other departments like Community Development.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member/Director Ruh requested Item A-3 be pulled from the consent calendar for comment and separate vote.

Moved by Council Member/Director Ruh, seconded by Council Member/Director Martinez, and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote for approval of the remainder of the Consent Calendar as presented:

AYES: Martinez, Johnson, Ruh, Raft, Dutrey

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

A. Resolutions

1. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-3273 Authorizing Approval of the Change in Population in San Bernardino County During 2019 for the Purpose of Calculating the Gann Spending Limit for Fiscal Year 2020-21

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 20-3273 authorizing approval of the change in population in San Bernardino County during 2019 for the purpose of calculating the Gann Spending Limit for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

2. Adoption of Resolution No. 20-3274 Establishing an Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2020-21 Pursuant to Article 13-B of the California Constitution and to Section 7910 of the Government Code

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 20-3274 establishing an appropriations limit for Fiscal Year 2020-21 pursuant to Article 13-B of the California Constitution and to Section 7910 of the Government Code.

4. **Adoption of Resolution No. 20-3276 Adopting the 2020 Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21000 *et seq.***

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 20-3276 adopting the 2020 Local Guidelines for implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21000 *et seq.*

5. **Adoption of Resolution No. 20-3278 Authorizing Application for, and Receipt of, Local Government Planning Support Grant Program Funds from the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for Grant Funding Through the Local Early Action Planning Grant Program (LEAP)**

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 20-3278 authorizing application for, and receipt of, Local Government Planning Support Grant Program funds from the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for grant funding through the Local Early Action Planning Grant Program (LEAP).

6. **Adoption of Resolution No. 20-01 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget for the Montclair Housing Corporation**

The Montclair Housing Corporation Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 20-01 adopting the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget for the Montclair Housing Corporation.

V. **PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

A. **Resolutions**

3. **Adoption of Resolution No. 20-3275 Adopting the City of Montclair Fiscal Year 2020-21 Annual Budget**

Council Member Ruh stated an in-person workshop was held last week in the Senior Center, at which a thorough presentation and discussion of the preliminary budget was held. He noted the public had ample opportunity to participate in-person at the workshop or by submitting public comments and questions online prior to the meeting. He stated he is comfortable with the budget as presented, which does not cut the City's hallmark programs like Montclair to College and the Senior Nutrition Program.

Mayor Dutrey acknowledged the difficulty with this budget due to the unexpected economic downturn. He stated the preliminary and adopted budgets are public documents available for review. He stated that as a result of the last economic downturn, the Police Department was reduced from 60 funded sworn positions down to 52; and are further reduced to 45 with current vacancies frozen.

Council Member Martinez asked if it is normal for a large percentage of Police and Fire budgets to fund personnel.

City Manager Starr advised it is typical that wages and benefits make up 65 to 75 percent of most agency budgets.

Council Member Martinez pointed out that providing additional training and social services to emergency responses would require an even larger budget for the Police Department.

City Manager Starr concurred, noting having additional service personnel available on a 24-hour basis would be costly.

Moved by Council Member Ruh, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Raft, and carried unanimously 5-0 by roll call vote that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 20-3275 adopting the City of Montclair Fiscal Year 2020-21 Annual Budget.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

City Manager/Executive Director Starr advised the number of cases in San Bernardino County has been increasing significantly and new shutdown measures may be put in place by the state. He advised the planned reopening of City Hall and returning to public meetings should be delayed until mid-to-late-July or possibly longer depending on how the situation develops.

Council Member/Director Ruh agreed that concerns related to reopening are justified and he is pleased the City instated a mask-wearing mandate when the County rescinded its own.

Council Member/Director Johnson noted she shares Council Member Ruh's concerns. She stated the **Montclair Chamber of Commerce** held a Zoom meeting for businesses last week and learned that most businesses are very interested in being COVID-compliant and making sure residents, customers, and employees feel safe.

Mayor/Chair Dutrey agreed that meetings should continue in remote format until further notice.

At 6:24 p.m., Mayor/Chair Dutrey adjourned the City Council and Montclair Housing Corporation Board.

Submitted for City Council/Montclair Housing Corporation Board approval,



Andrea M. Phillips
City Clerk