

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, DECEMBER 7, 2020, AT 7:00 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 7:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Montclair Police Department Chaplain Vicki Brobeck.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Ruh led meeting participants in the Pledge.

IV. ROLL CALL

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

City Manager/Executive Director Starr; Director of Administrative Services and Human Resources Hamilton; Finance Manager Kulbeck; Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo; Community Development Director Diaz; Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development Caldwell; Human Services Director Richter; Senior Management Analyst Fuentes; City Attorney Robbins; City Clerk Phillips

V. SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

Mayor Dutrey stated he would like to have the Mayor Pro Tem assignment rotate every two years so that each Council Member will have an opportunity to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, starting with the most senior member, Council Member Ruh.

Mayor Dutrey nominated Council Member Ruh to serve a two-year term as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Lopez seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

Council Member Ruh's nomination as Mayor Pro tem was unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Lopez, Martinez, Johnson, Ruh, Dutrey

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

VI. PRESENTATIONS — None

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. **Ms. Anna Hernandez**, resident, congratulated Council Member Lopez on his election and wished him the best.

B. **Mr. Bruce Culp**, resident, congratulated Council Members Johnson, Martinez, and Lopez, and thanked newly-retired Council Member, **Mrs. Carolyn Raft**, for her many dedicated years to the City.

C. **Mrs. Raft** congratulated Council Members Johnson and Martinez on becoming elected Council Members, and commended Council Member Lopez on his election after several years of running unsuccessfully. She provided words of advice about serving all

residents and going above-and-beyond when a member of the public needs assistance. She stated that, although she is now retired from public service, she will continue to stay involved with the City.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 20-3285 Approving Tentative Tract Map No. 20273 to Subdivide a 6.68-Acre Site into Six Numbered Parcels and One Lettered Lot for a Public Park and Approving Precise Plan of Design No. 2017-20 and a Parking Management Plan for a Mixed-Use Project Within the Station District of the North Montclair Downtown Specific Plan

City Manager Starr advised this item has undergone extensive negotiation between staff and the developer regarding Condition No. 20 related to flex units. The final product requires the flex units to be built to commercial standards, and allows them to be leased as residential units for one-year periods if no commercial tenants can be found at the onset; however, once the units are converted to commercial, they cannot be converted back to residential.

Village Partners LLP representatives **Mr. Don Henry, Mr. Michael Morris, and Ms. Kaitlin Morris** led a short PowerPoint presentation reviewing the most salient aspects of the project.

Mayor Dutrey declared it the time and place for a public hearing related to Resolution No. 20-3285 and invited members of the audience to provide comments.

Mrs. Raft stated she is excited about this project's build-out becoming a reality and believes it will put Montclair on the map.

There being no one else in the audience wishing to speak and no written comments submitted in relation to this item, Mayor Dutrey closed the public hearing and returned the matter to the City Council for consideration.

Council Member Lopez noted Section M of the Parking Management Plan regarding the first level garage parking states there are 13 spaces for permitted employee parking, but he recalls during the presentation it was stated that more parking would be available on the first level.

Ms. Morris advised that a majority of the parking is for residents and their visitors; however, there is a small surplus of tandem parking available behind Building 1 and it was determined it was in the best interest to maintain the parking garage's security by only allowing permit parking by employees of the commercial buildings. She noted there is ample space for additional employee parking on the surface streets.

Council Member Lopez noted there was another discrepancy where the report states there are 360 units, however during the presentation it was stated there would be 320 to 330 units.

City Manager Starr advised 360 is the total number of units, with 330 dedicated for residential use, 10 for commercial, and 20 flex units.

Council Member Lopez stated he understands the City's position with flex units; however, he does not feel it is productive to require the flex units remain commercial if market patterns dictate otherwise. He noted he is pleased with the project otherwise.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh stated he also has concerns regarding the flex units, noting the state is currently experiencing a housing shortage and the need for commercial units does not seem to be increasing, especially after this pandemic. He also stated he is concerned that the City will dictate what types of businesses are allowed to operate, such as a boutique dry cleaner rather than a coin-operated laundry business. He noted he supports this project due to the need for housing, and asked what happens after all of the flex units are all converted to commercial and there is suddenly no more need for them?

City Manager Starr advised this project was originally imagined with all ground floor units designated as commercial from the onset; however, the flex units provide flexibility for the developer to lease the units as residential until they can find commercial tenants.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh stated that if the need should arise, he hopes a future Council will be pragmatic enough to allow conversion of the flex units back to residential.

Council Member Johnson stated her understanding that the commercial spaces are there to support residents, and believes the market will respond to that need. She asked for clarification about whether the residents would have assigned parking and how they would monitor guest parking.

Ms. Morris stated residents would register their visitors through an app and that is how they will be provided access. Parking management staff will be able to identify all cars and who is responsible for them. She advised residents will be required to display a smart decal that is scanned by parking enforcement to identify the resident and allow for notifications to avoid punitive actions.

Council Member Johnson asked if a bistro restaurant were to open, would there be enough street parking for others visiting different retailers to park?

Ms. Morris advised there would be plenty of parking throughout the streets surrounding each building.

Council Member Martinez stated she is excited and looking forward to this project being built. She thanked staff and the **Village Partners LLC** for their work perfecting the terms of the project.

Mayor Dutrey stated this project has been in the works for almost a decade, and is the first mixed-use project to be approved in the North Montclair Downtown Specific Plan. He noted while we are in uncertain times with the current pandemic, he is optimistic things will continue to improve and this will be a successful pedestrian transit-oriented village downtown community.

Moved by Mayor Dutrey, seconded by Council Member Johnson, and carried unanimously, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 20-3285 approving Tentative Tract Map No. 20273 to subdivide a 6.68-Acre Site into six numbered parcels and one lettered lot for a public park and approving Precise Plan of Design No. 2017-20 and a Parking Management Plan for a mixed-use project within the Station District of the North Montclair Downtown Specific Plan.

B. Second Reading — Consider Adoption of Ordinance No. 20-994 Amending Section 3.36.050 (Telephone Users Tax) of the Montclair Municipal Code to Provide Technical Clarification in Conformity with Existing Law

Mayor Dutrey declared it the time and place for a public hearing related to Ordinance No. 20-994 and invited members of the audience to provide comments.

There being no one in the audience wishing to speak and no written comments submitted in relation to this item, Mayor Dutrey closed the public hearing and returned the matter to the City Council for consideration.

Moved by Council Member Lopez, seconded by Council Member Johnson, and carried unanimously that Ordinance No. 20-994 be read by number and title only, further reading be waived, this be declared its second reading; and that Ordinance No. 20-994 be adopted.

Ordinance No. 20-994 was unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Lopez, Martinez, Johnson, Ruh, Dutrey
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

IX. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member/Director Lopez requested Item A-1 be pulled from the consent calendar for his abstention on the vote.

Mayor Dutrey requested Items B-1 and B-2 be pulled.

Council Member Johnson requested Item B-3 be pulled.

Council Member Martinez requested Item B-4 be pulled.

City Attorney Robbins requested Item C-1 be pulled.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Ruh, seconded by Council Member/Director Johnson, and carried 5-0, the City Council approved the remainder of the Consent Calendar as presented:

A. Approval of Minutes

B. Administrative Reports

5. Authorizing the Purchase of a 2021 Schwarze Model A7 Natural Gas Street Sweeper from Municipal Maintenance Equipment

The City Council authorized the purchase of a 2021 Schwarze Model A7 natural gas street sweeper from Municipal Maintenance Equipment.

6. Authorizing a \$1,350 Appropriation from the Prop 30/AB 109 Fund to Purchase Two Mobile GPS Tracking Units from Live View GPS, Associated Mounting Hardware, and Monthly Service Monitoring Fees for the Remainder of the 2020-21 Fiscal Year

The City Council authorized a \$1,350 appropriation from the Prop 30/AB 109 Fund to Purchase two mobile GPS tracking units from Live View GPS, associated mounting hardware, and monthly service monitoring fees for the remainder of the 2020-21 Fiscal Year.

7. Receiving and Filing a Status Report on Emergency Contracting Procedures Related to HVAC Replacement at the Kids Station Facility Located at the Montclair Transcenter

Declaring a Termination of the Emergency Action Authorized on November 16, 2020 Related to HVAC Replacement at the Kids Station Facility

The City Council took the following actions:

- (a) Received and filed a status report on emergency contracting procedures related to HVAC replacement at the Kids Station Facility located at the Montclair Transcenter.
- (b) Declared a termination of the emergency action authorized on November 16, 2020 related to HVAC replacement at the Kids Station Facility.

8. Approval of City Warrant Register & Payroll Documentation

The City Council approved the City Warrant Register dated December 7, 2020, totaling \$1,703,128.64; and the Payroll Documentation dated October 25, 2020, amounting to \$583,299.95 gross, with \$397,740.56 net being the total cash disbursement; and the Payroll Documentation dated November 8, 2020, amounting to \$608,309.47 gross, with \$408,411.95

net being the total cash disbursement.

9. Approval of the Montclair Housing Authority Annual Report Pursuant to Section 3416.1(f) of the Health and Safety Code (SB 341) for Fiscal Year 2019–20

The City Council and Montclair Housing Authority Commission approved the Montclair Housing Authority Annual Report pursuant to Section 3416.1(f) of the Health and Safety Code (SB 341) for Fiscal Year 2019–20.

10. Review and Acceptance of the Montclair Housing Authority Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2019–20

The Montclair Housing Authority Commission reviewed and accepted the Montclair Housing Authority Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2019–20.

C. Agreements

2. Approval of *Agreement No. 20–93* with San Bernardino County for the Phillips Boulevard and Other Roads Rehabilitation Project

The City Council approved *Agreement No. 20–93* with San Bernardino County for the Phillips Boulevard and Other Roads Rehabilitation Project.

D. Resolutions

1. Adoption of Resolution No. 20–3292 Authorizing City Manager Edward C. Starr to Execute *Agreement Nos. 20–94* and *20–95* with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration For Implementation of a Local Transactions and Use Tax

Adoption of Resolution No. 20–3293 Authorizing the Examination of Sales and Use Tax Records Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7056

The City Council took the following actions:

- (a) Adopted Resolution No. 20–3292 authorized City Manager Edward C. Starr to execute *Agreement Nos. 20–94* and *20–95* with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration for implementation of a local transactions and use tax.
- (b) Adopted Resolution No. 20–3293 authorized the examination of sales and use tax records pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7056.

2. Adoption of Resolution No. 20–3295 Declaring the Need for Emergency Contracting Procedures for Air Conditioning Equipment at the Police Facility

Authorizing a \$128,220 Appropriation from the Equipment Replacement Fund, Including a \$10,000 Contingency, for Air Conditioning Equipment Replacement at the Police Facility

The City Council took the following actions:

- (a) Adopted Resolution No. 20–3295 declaring the need for emergency contracting procedures for air conditioning equipment at the Police Facility.
- (b) Authorized a \$128,220 appropriation from the Equipment Replacement Fund, including a \$10,000 contingency, for air conditioning equipment replacement at the Police Facility.

3. **Adoption of Resolution No. 20-3296 Adopting the City's Conflict of Interest Code, as Amended, Pursuant to the Political Reform Act**

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 20-3296 adopting the City's Conflict of Interest Code, as amended, pursuant to the Political Reform Act.

X. **PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

A. **Approval of Minutes**

1. **Regular Joint Meeting — November 16, 2020**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Ruh, seconded by Council Member/Director Johnson, and carried by a vote of 4-0-1 with Council Member/Director Lopez abstaining, 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 November 16, 2020 regular joint meeting.

B. **Administrative Reports**

1. **Authorizing a \$487,588 Appropriation from the Economic Development Fund to be Used as a Local Match as Part of San Bernardino County's CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund Infrastructure Program**

Mayor Dutrey stated many of the projects listed in this report are intended to enhance the City's meetings to allow for remote access and participation for the community throughout and after the pandemic. He noted it will also be important to expand wifi access throughout the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh concurred, noting hotspots are needed in low-income neighborhoods, especially the mobile home communities that still rely on dial-up systems.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Ruh, seconded by Council Member Johnson, and carried unanimously, the City Council authorized a \$487,588 appropriation from the Economic Development Fund to be used as a local match as part of San Bernardino County's CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund Infrastructure Program.

2. **Lifting the Temporary Suspension of Parking Restrictions on Scheduled Street Sweeping Days and Resume Parking Enforcement**

The following public comments were received on this item:

- **Ms. Jessica Galvez**, resident, stated she understands the importance of street sweeping; however, she lives in a household of eight individuals, and there is no room to park all cars in the driveway. She claimed she has paid over \$500 in parking tickets in the past several years and she and her family would appreciate more time to take advantage of street parking without fear of being ticketed during this time, while many of them are still out of work and trying to find employment.
- **Mr. Bruce Culp**, resident, stated that many are still out of work, and that the rapidly increasing hospitalizations are going to exacerbate the parking issue. He urged the City Council to consider extending the suspension of parking enforcement for street sweeping days, at least for the three weeks that the current lockdown order is in place.
- An anonymous resident stated she has adult children who are home from college and need a place to park, and her spouse is currently working from home. She advised that

both sides of her street are restricted on street sweeping day, so there is nowhere to move their cars that is not unreasonably far away. She stated parking will remain a problem until the lockdown order is lifted and students are back on college campuses. She also requested the street sweeping schedule of her street be modified to allow parking on the opposite side of the street.

Council Member Johnson stated that while she would like to suspend enforcement until after the pandemic, the litter in the streets has become such an issue that she has begun seeing rodents in the street. She asked for clarification regarding whether tickets are still issued, even if one parks after the street sweeper has passed.

City Manager Starr advised that at his direction, no citations are issued to any car that parks on a street after the street sweeper has passed.

Mayor Dutrey stated street sweeping parking enforcement has currently been suspended for eight months, and for the past four weeks notice has been provided to residents of the potential to resume enforcement and were advised of this opportunity to comment on the matter. He noted the City is in violation of federal law if it cannot keep the streets clean to prevent pollution from getting into the ocean and clogged gutters that cause floods during the rainy season.

Council Member Martinez stated she lives in a community where street sweeping takes place on both sides of the street on the same day. She asked whether altering the sweeping schedule would be feasible for streets like this.

City Manager Starr advised that reconfiguring the street sweeping route and schedule would be a long-term undertaking that may take several months. He noted the current schedule ensures the sweeper comes the day after garbage pick-up and does not conflict with **Burrtec's** routes.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh stated he is not in favor of starting enforcement again and empathizes with the families that are stuck at home.

Council Member Lopez stated because of the state's initiation of a three-week lockdown, he feels the enforcement should be delayed for at least three weeks. He added that while he does not want to see this continue for another six to eight months, he would be comfortable in the short term due to the new lockdown order.

Mayor Dutrey proposed setting a concrete date to resume the street sweeping parking restrictions and enforcement on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Moved by Mayor Dutrey, seconded by Council Member Martinez, and carried by a 3-2 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Ruh and Council Member Johnson dissenting, the City Council ordered the lifting of the temporary suspension of parking restrictions on scheduled street sweeping days and the resumption of parking enforcement beginning on January 19, 2021.

Council Member Lopez implored residents to keep the curbs in front of their homes clean and to take pride in the cleanliness of the city.

3. Adoption of the City of Montclair Active Transportation Plan Adoption of the City of Montclair Safe Routes to School Plan

Council Member Johnson asked when the projects recommended in these plans are anticipated to be constructed.

City Manager Starr advised the current budget does not include any of these projects; however, some projects can be budgeted for the upcoming Fiscal Year and others will need to go into the Capital Improvement Program, which will schedule projects for future years and identify funding sources. He advised the receipt of grants could accelerate the schedule of when a project can begin.

Mayor Dutrey stated he is in support of utilizing Measure L funds for traffic safety projects in the upcoming calendar year.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Ruh, seconded by Council Member Johnson, and carried unanimously, the City Council took the following actions:

- (a) Adopted the City of Montclair Active Transportation Plan.
- (b) Adopted the City of Montclair Safe Routes to School Plan.

4. Approving County-Required Increases to the Senior Nutrition Program Eligible Participants' Suggested Donation Amount from \$2.00 to \$2.50 on January 1, 2021, and to \$3.00 on July 1, 2021

Approving an Increase to the Senior Nutrition Program Guest Fee from \$5.50 to \$6.00 on January 1, 2021

Council Member Martinez stated that while she understands this is a County-required increase, it is hard to see an increase happening at this time. She thanked Human Services Director Richter and City Manager Starr for insisting that this increase be incremental. She also stated she appreciates that the donation is only a suggestion, and no one is denied a meal based on their inability to donate. She asked if there is a consequence of not agreeing to the increase, such as the grant contract being terminated?

City Manager Starr stated losing the grant and contract would be a very likely consequence.

Council Member Lopez stated the County's view is that the City is out of step in uniformity with surrounding Cities; however, he feels the County should not be dictating to the City what to charge its own residents. He noted he supports the program overall.

Moved by Mayor Dutrey, seconded by Council Member Martinez, and carried by a 3-2 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Ruh and Council Member Lopez dissenting, the City Council took the following actions:

- (a) Approved County-required increases to the Senior Nutrition Program eligible participants' suggested donation amount from \$2.00 to \$2.50 on January 1, 2021, and to \$3.00 on July 1, 2021.
- (b) Approved an increase to the Senior Nutrition Program guest fee from \$5.50 to \$6.00 on January 1, 2021.

C. Agreements

1. Approval of *Agreement No. 20-92* with Hinderliter, de Lamas & Associates (HdL) for Transaction Tax Audit and Information Services

Authorizing City Manager Edward C. Starr to Execute *Agreement No. 20-92* with HdL for Transaction Tax Audit and Information Services

City Attorney Robbins requested the City Council approve this contract subject to her amendments.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Ruh, seconded by Council Member Johnson, and carried unanimously, the City Council took the following actions:

- (a) Approved *Agreement No. 20-92* with Hinderliter, de Lamas & Associates (HdL) for transaction tax audit and information services, subject to City Attorney revision.
- (b) Authorized City Manager Edward C. Starr to execute *Agreement No. 20-92* with HdL for transaction tax audit and information services.

XI. COUNCIL WORKSHOP

A. Review of the Ralph M. Brown Act and Public Meeting Conduct Presented by City Attorney Diane Robbins

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Ruh, seconded by Council Member Lopez, and carried unanimously 5-0, the City Council continued this presentation to an adjourned meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 5:45 p.m.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Department Reports — None

B. City Attorney

1. AB 571 — Campaign Contribution Limits

City Attorney Robbins advised AB 571 will go into effect on January 1, 2021, which would cause the state's elective office campaign contribution limits to apply to campaigns for local elective offices. Currently, \$4,900 is the state campaign contribution limit, and that number is adjusted each year by the Consumer Price Index. If the City does not establish its own contribution limit and remains silent, the state's limit will apply to the City, and the **Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC)** will have expanded enforcement authority of those limits for local campaign committees. Violations can be severe, and may be punishable as a misdemeanor. If no local contribution limits are set by the City, which is currently the case, the state default limit would apply. The City Council does have the authority to set the limit lower or higher than the state default limit. AB 571 does not prevent the City from setting its own limit. In addition, the City can elect to have "no limit" for campaign contributions, which is different from being silent. Some cities have voluntary limits, but not mandatory limits. Voluntary limits would make the state default limits apply under AB 571. The local campaign contribution limit set must be mandatory, or enacted as having "no limit" to avoid default. The **FPPC** will enforce the default state limits for local agencies, but will not enforce limits if the City decides to set them. If the City sets its own limits, however, the City would be responsible for enforcement and the costs associated with it.

Council Member Lopez asked if a City elects to do nothing and reverts to the state-mandated limits, is it true that the **FPPC** would have regulatory authority over candidates' campaigns?

City Attorney Robbins stated that is correct, and is where the **FPPC** may impose penalties.

Council Member Lopez stated the **FPPC** would also collect the fines, and asked if the **FPPC** could bill the City for enforcement services.

City Attorney Robbins stated she would need to look into that.

Council Member Lopez stated if the **FPPC** can bill the City it is a red flag. He noted he brought this bill to Mayor Dutrey's attention and requested an ordinance be considered at the January meeting.

Mayor Dutrey advised it would take time for staff to research and develop an ordinance. He suggested staff review and present options to the City Council at the first meeting in March, and then formulate an ordinance for adoption from that direction.

C. City Manager/Executive Director

Senior Management Analyst Fuentes advised the City has just been informed by **Congresswoman Norma Torres** that legislation to rename the Montclair Branch Post Office after former Mayor **Paul M. Eaton** has just been signed by President Trump. He noted the legislation was introduced in June of 2019, passed in October of 2019, and was just signed into law in December of 2020.

1. COVID-19 Update

City Manager Starr advised Montclair served as the first trailer test site in the state, which took place in the **Montclair Place** parking lot. He advised **Pfizer** and **Moderna** have developed vaccines that are almost ready for FDA approval, and two other companies are close to completing trials. He advised the vaccines should be widely distributed in the second quarter of 2021. He advised that after the state issued its three-week emergency order, he issued Montclair Emergency Directive 12-06-20, and has posted new guidance on the City's COVID-19 page. He advised the availability of ICU beds is dangerously low, and adding beds does not necessarily increase capacity, noting personnel availability also must be taken into account.

Mayor Dutrey added the City's aim is to educate the public and businesses about the state's emergency orders. He recognized all in the medical field including first responders, noting they are nominated as **TIME's** "Person of the Year" for 2020.

D. Mayor/Chair

Mayor/Chair Dutrey made the following comments:

1. Reorganization of City Council/Committee Liaison Assignments

Mayor/Chair Dutrey stated he would like to delay consideration of the assignments to the January 19, 2021 meeting so Council Members have a chance to review and advise him of their preferences.

2. Cancellation of December 21, 2020, and January 4, 2021 Regular Joint Meetings

Mayor Dutrey declared the upcoming two regular meetings of the City Council cancelled.

3. He congratulated all who were elected and urged them to have fun as Council Members and not to let egos get in the way. He stated the Council is elected to serve Montclair's community of 40,000 residents.

4. He stated Council Member Lopez was involved in politics with this City for a long time, noting he first heard about Ben in the late 1980s, and knows that he canvassed for former Council Member **Elouise "Dolly" Lewman** during her election campaign in 1992. He welcomed Council Member Lopez aboard.

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

1. Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Ruh made the following comments:

(a) He commended frontline workers including law enforcement for their selflessness, but also wanted to recognize retail, restaurant, and essential office workers for the risk they assume with their constant contact with the public.

He added in-home workers like plumbers and electricians are especially important in this time.

- (b) He stated the drive-through holiday lights event was very well-attended, noting Community Activities Commissioners and staff did an excellent job and he's heard several compliments.
 - (c) He acknowledged the tragedy that occurred on this day 79 years ago, when the island of Oahu, Honolulu, and a naval base at Pearl Harbor were attacked by Japanese military forces. He stated there was no public observation at Pearl Harbor this year due to the pandemic. He noted while Japan was an adversary in the war, they are now a friend and part of the family of nations.
 - (d) He noted as we enter the holiday season, we must keep in mind "the last, the least, the lost, and the lonely." He wished everyone a happy Christmas and wished a much more abundant, joyful, and happy year ahead.
2. Council Member/Director Johnson made the following comments:
- (a) She thanked those who attended the annual **Montclair Chamber of Commerce** food and toy donation drive event, noting while they could not gather at the Chamber office, they were fortunate to host a drive-through event in the **Harley Davidson Store** parking lot. She thanked the **Harley Davidson** employees and City staff.
 - (b) She advised those who are interested may still donate toys and food at **Tommy's Car Wash** through December 15th, and those who donate a toy or three canned goods will receive a free car wash.
 - (c) She advised small businesses and nonprofits can receive additional COVID relief funds from the County, noting \$5,000 is available per business. She assured the application process is quick and easy, and the process is available on the San Bernardino County website.
 - (d) She wished everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas Happy Hanukkah, Feliz Navidad, and a prosperous 2021.
3. Council Member/Director Martinez made the following comments:
- (a) She thanked **Mrs. Raft** for her mentorship during her time on the City Council, noting she has admired her as a Council Member since her family moved here.
 - (b) She was so impressed by the drive-through holiday lights event. She noted just under 600 bags were handed out to children under the age of 12. She commended staff for staying in the freezing weather to tear down the event after it ended.
 - (c) She wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. She encouraged the community to support local businesses for Christmas.
4. Council Member/Director Lopez made the following comments:
- (a) He thanked **Mrs. Raft** for her years of service.
 - (b) He thanked God for this opportunity to serve on the City Council, and also thanked his family, friends, and 3,500 residents who helped to elect him. He also thanked his campaign donors.
 - (c) He asked that those with reservations about him reach out to him and have a conversation. He acknowledged he made mistakes in the past and feels he has learned from them and matured since then.

- (d) He congratulated his colleagues, Council Members Johnson and Martinez, on their elections.
- (e) He urged everyone to shop and support local businesses at this time as much as possible.
- (f) He wished condolences to those who have lost loved ones this year.
- (g) He wished his Jewish friends a Happy Hanukkah, noting the first day of Hanukkah is December 10th.
- (h) He wished a Merry Christmas, especially to those who are hurting and struggling.
- (i) He stated his hope for a vaccine to come soon, and that we meet and rise above the challenge of getting it distributed.
- (j) He stated while he was not able to attend the drive-through event, he heard great things from residents who attended.

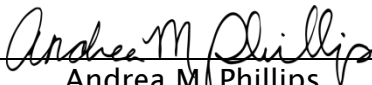
F. Committee Meeting Minutes — None

XIII. CLOSED SESSION — None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 p.m., Mayor/Chair Dutrey adjourned the City Council, Successor Agency Board, Montclair Housing Corporation Board, Montclair Housing Authority Commission, and Montclair Community Foundation Board to Tuesday, January 21, 2021, at 5:45 p.m.

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