

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020, AT 4:00 P.M. HELD
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Raft called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Raft (Chair); Council Member Johnson (Committee Member); City Manager Starr; Senior Management Analyst Fuentes; Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels; Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo; Public Works Superintendent Mendez; Director of Community Development Diaz; Deputy Director of Economic and Community Development Manager Caldwell

Absent: None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the February 20, 2020 meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bruce Culp, resident, asked for an update on parking restrictions for street sweeping.

City Manager Starr advised the City would reevaluate street sweeping day parking restrictions in mid-June. The City would likely not begin to issue citations again until late June or early July.

V. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATES/ITEMS

A. OPERATIONS

1. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

An Operations Activities Report for the past month was included with the agenda.

Council Member Johnson had a concern with the maintenance activities related to rats and roaches.

Public Works Superintendent Mendez stated that throughout the City, roaches have always been an issue, but not in one specific area. He noted roaches tend to thrive in sewers because of the moisture and food availability. Staff has seen a lot more rats in the sewer system and within the last year and a half have been able to trap between 15-20 rats, which is a low number compared to the amount of rats that are actually seen in the sewers. He advised that he can talk to other groups through the

California Water Environmental Association and see if there is anything more they can do or if any fumigating can be done, but the risk faced is having restricted materials run through the system, which can cause issues to the **Inland Empire Utilities Agency's (IEUA)** sewer treatment plan. He noted there are many things to consider before taking another approach to catching/killing roaches and rats, so currently trapping and continuing to flush the sewer lines as often as possible is the best solution.

2. REQUEST TO REMOVE TREES DUE TO ASTHMA — 5093 SADDLEBACK STREET MONTCLAIR, CA 91763

A resident at 5093 Saddleback Street asked the City to remove three Jacaranda trees because his children have a difficulty breathing due to the tiny leaves. The resident provided a slip from the school district stating that his children have asthma, but it did not specify that it was due to the Jacaranda trees. Therefore, Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo and Public Works Superintendent Mendez decided to not remove the trees because they could not justify that it was those three trees that were causing the children's asthma. Public Works Superintendent Mendez stated that he had staff trim the trees in hopes that the resident would be satisfied. The Public Works Committee agreed with the decision to not remove the trees.

3. ADDITIONAL ITEMS — None

B. FACILITIES

1. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

A Facilities Report for the past month was included with the agenda. There were no questions or issues with the report.

2. ADDITIONAL ITEMS — None

C. ENGINEERING DIVISION ITEMS

1. 9015 HELENA AVENUE — DEED OVER PARKWAY AREA

The City wishes to deed over the parkway area to the resident of 9015 Helena Avenue. Staff requested a title report because there is an easement and a storm drain that needs to be retained.

2. 9614 BENSON AVENUE — DEED OVER ACCESS TO SUNRISE PARK

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo stated that the City will need to complete the in-progress General Plan parks accessibility process to see if any recommendations come forth concerning this issue.

VI. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE/ITEMS

A. PARKING AND PERMIT ISSUES — ALEXAN KENDRY PROPERTY

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo stated that he has been speaking with the project manager of the Alexan project regarding a kiosk that would manage about 54 parking stalls that would be located on the new public street built within the Alexan project. Staff will discuss the logistics of the kiosk and what would work best. Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo has been in contact with the City of Rancho Cucamonga and the City of Riverside about their kiosk program. There is also discussion with the Alexan project about putting together an agreement about the funds generated from the kiosk to pay back the purchase since they will be the ones to purchase the kiosk.

VII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATES/ITEMS

A. STATE STREET AND GREENWOOD AVENUE — POTENTIAL SALE OF REMNANT PROPERTY

Director of Community Development Diaz introduced a proposal for selling a City-owned remnant property near the Monte Vista Bridge left over from the construction of the bridge. After the bridge was completed, there was a piece of land, which is less than half an acre, that is not usable or developable for anything other than attaching it to the east property, which is currently Revelation Raceway. Revelation Raceway will be sold to a developer which has expressed interest in buying the remnant piece. In a subsequent meeting, possibly at the June Public Works Committee meeting, Director of Community Development Diaz will provide more detailed information about the remnant property for further discussion.

VIII. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo reported the status of the following capital improvement projects:

A. LOCAL PROJECTS

1. CENTRAL AVENUE UTILITY UNDERGROUND PROJECT

The undergrounding of utilities for this project is still not completed. Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo will be working towards getting this project completed soon.

2. CENTRAL AVENUE STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT PHASE 1

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo stated that the work is continuing and Central Avenue has been paved and striped from the southerly city limits up to the Central Bridge. All of the recycled water line installations have been completed. Traffic signal modifications should be completed within the next month. Staff is hoping that this project will be completed by the end of July 2020.

3. REEDER RANCH ROOF REPLACEMENT AND ELECTRICAL PROJECT

The project is complete and has been accepted by the City Council.

4. CITY HALL REMODEL PHASE 2 PROJECT (FINANCE OFFICES)

This project is continuing to make progress and is expected to be completed at the end of June 2020.

5. HOLT BOULEVARD REHABILITATION PROJECT

Staff will start advertising this project and move forward with construction.

6. STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON ARROW HIGHWAY AND FREMONT AVENUE

There are “complete street” improvements on Arrow Highway from Monte Vista Avenue to Central Avenue and on Fremont Avenue from Arrow Highway to Moreno Street. Plans will be finalized in a couple of weeks, after which staff will advertise for construction. At the Council meeting in May, staff took an agreement with SBCTA to Council that coincides with the project limits. The agreement allows the City to work cooperatively with SBCTA to place active transportation improvements. The City will leverage the grant funds SBCTA was awarded to install the final improvements that are designed. The Bravo development (located at the corner of Olive Street and Fremont Avenue) requires some of the street improvements to be constructed.

B. REGIONAL PROJECTS

1. I-10 CORRIDOR PROJECT

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo stated that the project is moving forward and the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on the freeway have been removed and re-striped to be all-purpose lanes, to keep the required five lanes of traffic open. The weekend of May 30, 2020, there will be a full freeway closure for the removal of the Sultana Bridge. There will continue to be utility relocation work on Monte Vista Avenue. In July/August, work will begin on Benson Avenue and the I-10 Freeway. In order to widen the bridge, rigging will have to take place, therefore Benson Avenue will go down to one lane in each direction. The sound wall at MacArthur Park will be removed in July. The project will be sending out mailers to all the residents in that neighborhood to notify them of the work going on. A banner will also be placed at MacArthur Park to notify residents and those that want additional information on the project. Construction alerts are also sent out via email, which anyone can subscribe to receive.

2. CHINO BASIN PROGRAM (IEUA)

Due to COVID-19, meetings to discuss this project have been put on hold, but hopefully will reconvene soon.

3. CENTRAL AVENUE BRIDGE

Staff awarded the project to the design firm, Biggs Cardosa. The design kick-off meeting was held and the design process has started. The design development should be a two-year process and the construction process should be able to begin once the design is complete.

4. FOOTHILL GOLD LINE EXTENSION

City Manager Starr was disappointed to report that negotiations on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to bring rail connectivity to the Montclair Transcenter and Ontario International Airport (ONT) has been suspended by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA). SBCTA agreed to negotiate the terms of an MOU if Assembly Member Chris Holden and Senator Anthony Portantino agreed to withdraw their bills (AB 2011 and SB 1390, respectively) introduced to create a new construction authority to build the Gold Line light rail system to the Montclair Transcenter and to ONT. The MOU was to be entered between SBCTA and regional cities that are part of the effort to get Gold Line into San Bernardino County. The objective of the MOU was in part to make certain that SBCTA stay committed to building the Gold Line to the Transcenter and continue working on plans to provide access to ONT. Two bills were introduced in relations to achieving that objective; however, there was objection to the bills due to the bill taking control of Measure I dollars to achieve the objective. Additionally, the bill required SBCTA to provide the \$80 million for construction of the Gold Line to the new Gold Line Extension Construction Authority. The bill took away local control and SBCTA resisted the two bills. SBCTA's agreement to enter into the MOU related to making certain the goals of the two bills were still achieved. The bills were withdrawn based on the understanding the MOU would be developed. Once the bills were withdrawn, SBCTA decided to withdraw from their promise to develop the MOU. Senator Holden will move forward on forcing legislation that will require SBCTA commitment to extend the Gold Line into San Bernardino County. The legislators are frustrated that no city in San Bernardino County besides Montclair supported the bills to build Gold Line to San Bernardino County. City Manager Starr recommended that the City author a letter in support of any effort to develop legislation to get the Gold Line to Montclair Transcenter.

IX. COMMITTEE AND CITY MANAGER ITEMS — None

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:35 p.m., Chair Raft adjourned the meeting of the Public Works Committee. The next meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled to be held at 4:00 p.m. on June 18, 2020, via ZOOM teleconference.

Submitted for Public Works Committee approval,


Samantha Contreras
Transcribing Secretary