

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020, AT 4:00 P.M.
HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Raft called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: City Manager Starr; Public Works Superintendent Mendez

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the July 17, 2020 meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT — None

V. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATES/ITEMS

A. OPERATIONS

1. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

An Operations Activities Report for the past month was included with the agenda. No questions or concerns were raised.

2. 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. SAN ANTONIO CREEK CHANNEL — STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION GRANT AWARD**

The \$177,945 grant will allow for a study to be conducted to examine the feasibility of a linear park along the San Antonio Creek Channel. The channel runs diagonal along the westerly end of the City. The City lacks park space,

and the study hopes to identify the channel as a viable option. The Study will put the City in a more competitive position for future design and construction grant funds.

2. 9015 HELENA AVENUE — DEED OVER PARKWAY AREA.

The City wishes to deed over the parkway area to the resident of 9015 Helena Avenue and staff continues to work on this item.

3. 9614 BENSON AVENUE — DEED OVER ACCESS TO SUNRISE PARK.

Staff continues to work on this item.

VI. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE/ITEMS — None

VII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATES/ITEMS

Director of Community Development Diaz mentioned that the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Montclair Place District Specific Plan was released for public review. The 45-day review period ends on Monday August 24, 2020, at which time staff will compile and respond to comments. The item will be brought to City Council for acceptance on its second regular meeting in September.

Director of Community Development Diaz also reported on the Village at Montclair mixed-use development project. The project will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on Monday August 24, 2020. If it receives a positive recommendation, the project will be brought to Council on September 21, 2020. The project plans will be available on the City website by the end of the business day on August 20, 2020.

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 contractor has pulled permits to complete the undergrounding of utilities. The work should be completed in a couple of months.

2. CENTRAL AVENUE STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT PHASE 1

This project has now been completed. The paving project included drought tolerant planting, traffic signal modifications, and the installation of a recycled water line. The project will be brought forth to council to be accepted as complete in the near future.

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

This project is now complete. The project remodeled the City Hall Finance area to create more office space and meeting rooms. Staff will be presenting an item for the City Council to accept the project as complete in the near future.

4. HOLT BOULEVARD REHABILITATION PROJECT

The project will pave the roadway on Holt Boulevard from Mills Avenue to Ramona Avenue, and includes the installation of a dedicated left turn signal phase. The project was awarded to the Contractor, Gentry Brothers, on August 17, 2020. Staff is currently working on executing the construction contract. A construction kick-off meeting will be scheduled to commence construction. The project will move forward with construction in a couple of months.

Chair Raft requested clarification regarding the traffic signal modification. Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo confirmed the modification will add a green arrow phase, which provides a protected left-turn movement. Vehicular traffic will not be able to turn left until a green arrow is provided.

5. STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON ARROW HIGHWAY AND FREMONT AVENUE

The design plans are now complete and staff will coordinate next steps with San Bernardino Transportation Authority (SBCTA). SBCTA obtained a grant to implement some of the improvements. Coordination with SBCTA will allow staff to implement the plans and leverage the funds that the SBCTA grant provides the project. SBCTA is also improving Metrolink stations around various cities with their grant. SBCTA's design firm will be chosen in September and will take about 6 months to complete the design.

6. REEDER RANCH PARK – START OF DESIGN PHASE

The City received a \$5 million dollar grant to design and construct a new park for Montclair residents in the south end of the City. Staff has received and reviewed seven bids after releasing a request for proposals. A contract for the firm chosen and recommended to perform the design will be brought forth to Council in September.

B. REGIONAL PROJECTS

1. I-10 CORRIDOR PROJECT

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo stated that the project continues to move forward. Central Avenue has been re-striped; however, the striping needs to be modified, which will be done August 20th and 21st. Benson Avenue will be reduced to one lane in each direction to allow for shoring installation and bridge work in mid-September. Monte Vista Avenue will also be reduced to one lane in each direction to allow for bridge work. The eastbound onramp at Monte Vista Avenue has been closed and will remain closed for the next two years. After the closure, the bridge will continue to have intermittent closures until the project is complete.

2. CHINO BASIN PROGRAM (IEUA)

The program meetings have reconvened. Many of the participants have questions and concerns about the project and its financial value to their respective agencies. IEUA staff is planning to look at other options and may put the project on hold. Further information and direction will be coming soon.

3. CENTRAL AVENUE BRIDGE

The design continues to move forward. The Scope Change Request and accompanying Scoping Study Report were submitted to Caltrans Local Assistance. The team hopes to hear back in a couple of weeks, and that Caltrans will concur with the recommendation to change the project scope from rehabilitation to replacement. If Caltrans is in agreement, the project can move into final design.

4. FOOTHILL GOLD LINE EXTENSION

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo reiterated some recently provided updates. The Construction Authority started with the construction of the four-station project extending the line from Glendora to Pomona. If additional project funding is received by October 2021, the project will include the Montclair station. City Manager Starr and Senior Management Analyst Fuentes met with Congresswoman Norma Torres to discuss the inclusion of an earmark for the construction of the entire Gold Line project. Some of the construction now underway includes a full closure of Glendora Avenue on Friday, August 21st, and Barranca Avenue on August 25th.

Senior Management Analyst Fuentes stated that the majority of the work is currently occurring in Glendora. The City continues to have talks with office of Norma Torres on any possible earmarks that would allow for funding. The construction firm Kiewit-Parsons stated that they will honor their bid price past the October 2021 date. The honoring of the bid past October 2021 will allow more time to identify the funding for the Montclair station segment. The Construction Authority launched a new website that allows individuals to see where the construction is occurring, street closures, and other valuable information. The Gold Line was also re-named as the "L line". The LA Metropolitan Transportation Board decided to change the naming convention due to the fact that they are running out of colors to name the various lines.


IX. COMMITTEE AND CITY MANAGER ITEMS

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo stated that the City will be applying for a \$5 million grant through the Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant process. The City grant will be on Monte Vista Avenue and will include Safe Routes to school improvements for Montclair High School, and Monte Vista and Montera Elementaries. The recent work on the City's Safe Routes to School Plan and ATP have placed us in a competitive position for grant awards.

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:38 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 September 17, 2020.

Submitted for Public Works Committee approval,



Noel Castillo
Transcribing Secretary