

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020, AT 4:00 P.M.
HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Raft called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Raft (Chair); Council Member Johnson (Committee Member); City Manager Starr; 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: Public Works Superintendent Mendez; Senior Management Analyst Fuentes

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the August 20, 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. 9015 HELENA AVENUE — DEED OVER PARKWAY AREA

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo stated the City is in the process of deeding over the parkway area to the resident of 9015 Helena Avenue. Staff continues to work on the item.

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

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo reported staff continues to work on this item.

3. SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION FOR MONTCLAIR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo announced that a \$5 million grant application was submitted for multiple pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements around three adjacent schools: Montclair High School, Montera Elementary, and Monte Vista Elementary along Monte Vista Avenue. The awards will be announced in February of 2021.

4. REMOVAL OF PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM ON PALO VERDE STREET AND BROOKS STREET

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo noted that a council item will be brought forth to remove the parking permit program from both referenced streets. City Manager Starr advised that the Palo Verde street Parking Program was implemented due to a request by one resident. Reluctantly, the Council agreed to create the program. The intent was to allow a few trucks to park, but over the years more and more trucks are parking and creating an eyesore and a safety concern.

Committee Member Johnson agrees that there are a lot of trucks and they are an eyesore. She asked where the trucks should be parked.

City Manager Starr responded that the trucks need to be parked off the street on private property.

VI. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE/ITEMS — None

VII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATES/ITEMS

Director of Community Development Diaz announced that the Environmental Impact Report for the Montclair Place District Specific Plan will be brought to City Council on Monday, September 21, 2020. He also reported that the Cardenas market opening will take place in mid-October. New Cardenas signs are up on the building and monument signs will be installed on the surrounding streets. New tenants, including a national chain restaurant, are being sought to fill the auxiliary buildings on the site. The old Cardenas site will be demolished for future development.

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

Permits were pulled to complete the undergrounding of utilities work. The project is expected to be completed in a couple of weeks.

2. HOLT BOULEVARD REHABILITATION PROJECT

The project consists of paving from Mills Avenue to Ramona Avenue as well as installing a dedicated left turn signal phase at the intersections. The project was awarded to the Contractor, Gentry Brothers, on August 17th. A construction kick-off meeting will take place before commencement of construction, which will move forward in a couple months.

3. STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON ARROW HWY AND FREMONT AVENUE

The design plans are now complete. Staff will coordinate with San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA), which has a grant to implement some of the improvements. The City's coordination with SBCTA will help determine how to implement the plans and leverage the grant funds. SBCTA is 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.

4. REEDER RANCH PARK – START OF DESIGN PHASE

The City received a \$5 million dollar grant to design and construct a new park. A design contract was awarded to the design firm EPT. The design kick-off meeting is scheduled in the upcoming weeks.

B. REGIONAL PROJECTS

1. I-10 CORRIDOR PROJECT

Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo stated that the project continues to move forward. Monte Vista Avenue will be reduced to one lane in mid-October to allow for bridge demolition and future Bridge widening. Benson Avenue will be reduced to one lane in each direction to allow for shoring installation and bridgework in mid-October. Monte Vista Avenue will be under construction for a two- to three-year duration. City staff has good rapport with the I-10 project team, and should be able to resolve any issues that arise quickly.

2. CHINO BASIN PROGRAM (IEUA)

The program meetings have reconvened. Many of the cities have questions and concerns about the project and its \$500 million dollar price tag and its financial value. IEUA staff is planning to look at other options. Further information and direction will be coming soon. The project is currently on hold.

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 package states our case to Caltrans that it makes more sense to replace the bridge instead of rehabilitating it. The Caltrans local office did not object to the approach, and the recommendation to replace the bridge will be submitted to Caltrans headquarters for approval. Once Caltrans is in agreement, the project can move into final design.

4. FOOTHILL GOLD LINE EXTENSION

City Manager Starr stated that he along with Senior Management Analyst Fuentes met with the City's federal legislative advocate on September 16th to press the need for legislation to allow the segment from Pomona to Montclair to move forward without NEPA, presuming the project receives federal moneys. The project still needs \$570 million dollars, and if in the next congress period there is an opportunity to place an earmark for the project, the City would appreciate the necessary funding. Additionally, there is a need for a parking structure in north Montclair and the legislative advocate will start looking at potential funding sources for it along with funding for the Central Bridge Project needing around \$15 million dollars.

IX. COMMITTEE AND CITY MANAGER ITEMS — None

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:30 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 Thursday, October 15, 2020.

Submitted for Public Works Committee
approval,



Noel Castillo
Transcribing Secretary