

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MONTCLAIR  
CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021, AT  
5:46 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5111 BENITO  
STREET, MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dutrey called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dutrey; Mayor Pro Tem Ruh; Council Members Johnson, Martinez, and Lopez

City Manager Starr; Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia; Director of Community Development Diaz; Finance Manager Kulbeck; Director of Human Services Richter; City Attorney Robbins; City Clerk Myrick

III. COUNCIL WORKSHOP

A. Determination of Infrastructure Projects to be Funded by Lease Revenue Bond Issue 2021A

City Manager Starr advised the City's bond premium came in lower than expected but the bond total remains intact at about \$45 million, which must be spent on projects within a three-year timeframe. He introduced **Ms. Monica Heredia**, the City's newly hired Director of Public Works/City Engineer, who will be presenting staff's recommended project list with an emphasis on projects that can be completed within the time period set forth. He emphasized the total list of projects represents a much greater cost than the bond funds can cover, and the City Council is tasked with determining what projects to prioritize or remove from the list.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia presented a map of the City broken down into the three sections representing the north, central, and south areas of Montclair. A list of street improvement projects and their total costs accompanied each section of the map with the projects' locations indicated by their assigned numbers on the map. She briefly discussed the scope of the projects including median and pavement rehabilitation, alleyway improvement, intersection redesign, and utility undergrounding. She then discussed costs for proposed improvements at City parks and other infrastructure projects such as citywide broadband and City facility upgrades. She presented staff's scoring method for prioritizing projects based on several factors, including the availability of other funding sources, safety concerns, project readiness, and conflicts with other projects. She concluded her presentation with a final ranking of projects based on their scores for City Council consideration.

Council Member Lopez asked if staff has analyzed and prioritized projects within the Safe Routes to School Plan, and if the schools have been involved with the process.

City Manager Starr advised many upcoming roadway projects will address safety issues identified in the Safe Routes to School Plan, which involved the schools' input, and the Systemic Safety Analysis Report Program. He added the recent passage of AB 43 means the City Council will also soon have the ability to designate up to 20 percent of the City's roads as safety corridors by ordinance and reduce speed limits.

Mayor Dutrey indicated support to implement the most cost-efficient methods for school safety zones first, including new signs, striping, and lights around school zones.

Council Member Lopez stated he would like safety measures around **Vernon Middle School** to be prioritized and requested removal of

the Monte Vista Widening Project from the project list.

Mayor Dutrey requested comments from the public on the proposed bond-funded project list.

**Mr. Eric Cuevas**, resident, requested the rehabilitation of the alleyway behind his home on San Bernardino Street be prioritized, as he feels it is in dire condition.

**Mr. Jose Perez**, resident, urged the City Council to prioritize safety enhancements around **Vernon Middle School** and requested to be informed of the date when those improvements are scheduled.

**Mr. Roberto Rangel, Safety Routes Ontario & Montclair**, concurred with **Mr. Perez** and advocated for speed bumps and flashing lights to enhance safety in all school zones.

**Ms. Rose Delgado**, resident, encouraged the City Council to make the implementation of the Safe Routes to School Plan a priority for the bond funds.

**Mr. Joseph Montalejo** stated he grew up in Montclair and would like to see the rehabilitation of local parks, noting residents of Montclair should be able to enjoy a nice park without leaving the City.

Mayor Dutrey stated the meeting has run past its scheduled end time, and he would like the City Council to revisit this matter at a future meeting to make a final decision. He advised the City Council would schedule the workshop, likely for a Wednesday with a 6:00 p.m. start time, at its next regular meeting.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT — None**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:49 p.m., Mayor Dutrey adjourned the City Council.

Submitted for City Council approval,



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Andrea Myrick  
City Clerk