

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, JANUARY 18, 2022 AT 7:06 P.M. CONDUCTED REMOTELY PURSUANT TO STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER AND AB 361 SUSPENDING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE BROWN ACT DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH STATE OF EMERGENCY

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chair Dutrey called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Pastor Josh Matlock, Bethany Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh led meeting participants in the Pledge.

IV. ROLL CALL

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

City Manager/Executive Director Starr; City Attorney Robbins; City Clerk Myrick

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. **Proclamation Declaring January 2022 as Blood Donor Month in the City of Montclair**

Mayor Dutrey presented a proclamation declaring January 2022 as Blood Donor Month in the City of Montclair and stated the proclamation would be mailed to **LifeStream Blood Bank**.

Ms. Angela Ross, Marketing and Public Relations Director for **LifeStream Blood Bank**, thanked Mayor Dutrey for the proclamation and emphasized the importance of blood donation to the community, especially during the pandemic and the current blood shortage. She invited those who are not donors to become one by calling 1-800-TRY-GIVING or by visiting www.LStream.com to sign up and schedule an appointment.

B. **Monte Vista Water District (MVWD) Report of Emergency Conservation Regulations**

Mr. Justin Scott-Coe, MVWD General Manager, reported that a significant water supply shortage has been declared in the state and provided a short PowerPoint presentation demonstrating the sources of the District's water, reductions since the drought declaration, and adjusted restrictions for customers on water use requirements. He noted **MVWD** has a goal of achieving a 15 percent reduction of water demand compared to 2020. He added one measure the District will take is restricting the permitted irrigation of residential yards to three days per week—Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. for six minutes per watering session. He added the District recommends only watering twice a week in the winter months.

Mayor Dutrey asked if the heavy rains in December had any impact on the allocation of imported water.

Mr. Scott-Coe agreed December had plentiful rain and snowfall, but could be followed by dry months. He stated the District cannot depend on it affecting the District's water allocation.

Council Member Lopez asked if there have been any changes to the process or amount of fines for residents.

Mr. Scott-Coe advised fines start at \$50 and go as high as \$300, and have not increased with the new restrictions. He assured the District provides ample notification and is proud to have never gotten to the point of issuing a fine. He added if a fine were issued and the violations continue, flow restrictions would be considered.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh stated concerns about household sizes growing since the pandemic began due to adult children moving back home with their parents, and asked if the District would penalize them for their increased household water usage.

Mr. Scott-Coe reported the **MVWD** Board has implemented a budget-based tiered rate structure and assigns a base allocation for essential indoor and outdoor water use to each customer based on household size. He noted water usage over that allocation is charged at a higher rate. He stated **MVWD's** customers have the most efficient water usage per person in the region, which he believes is a testament to the rate structure and the conscientiousness of its customers.

Mayor Dutrey thanked **MVWD** General Manager **Scott-Coe** for his presentation and report.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. **Mr. Bruce Culp**, resident, stated he supports continuation of the repair of the Pacific Electric Trail Bridge and encourages approval of all necessary actions tonight. He urged community members and leaders to continue wearing masks during the current surge of COVID-19 cases caused by the Omicron variant of the coronavirus.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Members Johnson and Lopez participated in discussion on Item C-1.

Moved by Council Member/Director Lopez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Ruh, and carried 5-0 by roll call vote, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar as presented:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Adjourned Meeting — October 18, 2021

The City Council approved the minutes of the October 18, 2021 adjourned meeting.

2. Adjourned Meeting — November 10, 2021

The City Council approved the minutes of the November 10, 2021 adjourned meeting.

3. Special Joint Meeting — December 15, 2021

The City Council approved the minutes of the December 15, 2021 special joint meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission.

4. Regular Joint Meeting — December 20, 2021

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 December 20, 2021 regular joint meeting.

B. Administrative Reports

1. Receiving and Filing of City Treasurer's Report

The City Council received and filed the City Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2021.

2. Approval of City Warrant Register and Payroll Documentation

The City Council approved the City Warrant Register dated January 18, 2022, totaling \$2,112,319.18; and the Payroll Documentation dated December 5, 2021, amounting to \$728,659.67 gross, with \$502,917.11 net being the total cash disbursement; and December 19, 2021 amounting to \$654,170.52 gross, with \$455,875.84 net being the total cash disbursement; and January 2, 2022 amounting to \$628,842.87 gross, with \$432,860.72 net being the total cash disbursement.

3. Receiving and Filing of Successor Agency Treasurer's Report

The City Council acting as successor to the Redevelopment Agency Board received and filed the Successor to the Redevelopment Agency Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2021.

4. Approval of Successor Agency Warrant Register

The City Council acting as successor to the Redevelopment Agency Board approved the Successor to the Redevelopment Agency Warrant Register dated 12.01.21-12.31.21 in the amounts of \$7,057.89 for the Combined Operating Fund and \$0.00 for the Redevelopment Obligation Retirement Funds.

5. Receiving and Filing of MHC Treasurer's Report

The MHC Board received and filed the MHC Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2021.

6. Approval of MHC Warrant Register

The MHC Board approved the MHC Warrant Register dated 12.01.21-12.31.21 in the amount of \$28,190.68.

7. Receiving and Filing of MHA Treasurer's Report

The MHA Commissioners received and filed the MHA Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2021.

8. Approval of MHA Warrant Register

The MHA Commissioners approved the MHA Warrant Register dated 12.01.21-12.31.21 in the amount of \$0.00.

9. Receiving and Filing a Status Report on Emergency Contracting Procedures for the Pacific Electric Trail Bridge Replacement Project and Determining There is a Need to Continue the Action

The City Council received and filed a status report on emergency contracting procedures for the Pacific Electric Trail Bridge Replacement Project and determined there is a need to continue the action.

C. Agreements

1. Approval of Agreement Nos. 22-01, 22-02, and 22-03 with Montclair Little League and Golden Girls Softball League for Use of Ball Field Facilities

The City Council approved *Agreement Nos. 22-01, 22-02, and 22-03* with Montclair Little League and Golden Girls Softball League for use of ball field facilities.

2. **Approval of Agreement No. 22-05 with David Taussig & Associates, Inc., to Provide Services for New Formations and Annual Administration of Community Facilities Districts**

Approval of Agreement No. 22-06 with Dudek to Provide Environmental Review and Compliance Services

The City Council took the following actions:

- (a) Approved *Agreement No. 22-05* with David Taussig & Associates, Inc., to provide services for new formations and annual administration of community facilities districts.
- (b) Approved *Agreement No. 22-06* with Dudek to provide environmental review and compliance services.

3. **Approval of Agreement No. 22-07, Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 15-63 with the City of Chino Increasing the City's Contribution by \$99,099 for Interchange Improvements at Central Avenue and State Route 60**

Authorizing City Manager Edward C. Starr to Execute Agreement No. 22-07 and Related Documents

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- (a) Approved *Agreement No. 22-07, Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 15-63* with the City of Chino increasing the City's contribution by \$99,099 for interchange improvements at Central Avenue and State Route 60.
- (b) Authorized City Manager Edward C. Starr to execute *Agreement No. 22-07* and Related Documents.

D. Resolutions

1. **Adoption of Resolution No. 22-3333 Making Factual Findings in Compliance with AB 361 for the Continuation of Public Meeting Teleconferencing During Public Health Emergencies for the Period of January 18, 2022, Through February 17, 2022**

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-3333 making factual findings in compliance with AB 361 for the continuation of public meeting teleconferencing during public health emergencies for the period of January 18, 2022, Through February 17, 2022.

2. **Adoption of Resolution No. 22-3335 Authorizing Submittal of Applications for CalRecycle Grants for Which the City is Eligible**

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 22-3335 authorizing submittal of applications for CalRecycle grants for which the City is eligible.

IX. PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — None

X. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Department Reports — None

B. City Attorney — None

C. City Manager/Executive Director — None

D. Mayor/Chair

1. Mayor/Chair Dutrey made the following comments:
 - (a) He recognized the passing of the following individuals:
 - **Frank Hernandez**, longtime Montclair resident who coached sports teams at **Our Lady of Lourdes School**.
 - **Rico Williams**, another longtime resident who passed at the age of 87.
 - **Frank Decoteau**, an Army veteran who lived in Montclair until the early 1990s and served on the Planning Commission from 1965 to 1993.
 - (b) He wished everyone a happy, great, and prosperous 2022, stating he feels this will be a great year for Montclair with new commercial and residential developments planned and the upcoming General Plan and Housing Element updates. He also stated his hope the **Gold Line** would procure the necessary funds to come to the Claremont and Montclair stations. He also believes Measure L funds will allow the City to stabilize staffing levels in public safety, public works, and code enforcement, and purchase a new fire engine.
 - (c) He stated with the currently high pandemic cases, he is relieved that 70 percent of Montclair residents ages five and up have received at least one vaccine dose, and 62 percent are fully vaccinated. He expressed his hope that February will see the number of cases drop back down and hospitalizations soon after.

E. Council Members/Directors

1. Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Ruh made the following comments:
 - (a) He encouraged continued masking, vaccinations, booster shots, and testing.
 - (b) He stated his excitement for the **Montclair Little League** opening games this year, scheduled to be held on March 5, 2022.
 - (c) He reported his and Mayor/Chair Dutrey's attendance at an online forum hosted by **San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership** last Thursday, at which a **Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro)** representative committed to getting the **Gold Line** from Claremont to Montclair. He stated it was the first time he's heard support from an **LA Metro** executive, adding over 100 attendees were on the call.
 - (d) He expressed sorrow about the passing of **Mr. Hernandez** and of **Mr. Decoteau**, both of whom he knew.

He acknowledged the regretful passing of another notable individual, **Ms. Chris Unruh**, widow of the well-known California State Assemblymember **Jesse Unruh**, at the age of 80. He noted **Ms. Unruh** had a remarkable career, including performing the first act ever as a singer at the brand new **Frontier Hotel** in Las Vegas in the 1960s, and owning the **Buckhorn** pub in **Mt. Baldy**.
 - (e) He stated the location of the Pacific Electric Trail bridge is where the Pacific Electric Railway Red Car used to operate.
 - (f) He noted reading an article about the benefits of the **Gold Line** reaching Claremont and Montclair in a recent **Los Angeles Times** supplement.
 - (g) He sympathized with **Montclair High School** students who, for the second year in a row, had to cancel their

annual **Martin Luther King, Jr.** Day charity walk benefitting homeless students due to the pandemic.

2. Council Member/Director Johnson made the following comments:

(a) She commended Code Enforcement staff for assisting a homeless woman who has recently been placed into a housing program.

(b) She announced the **Montclair Chamber of Commerce** will be holding its next drive-thru e-waste event of 2022 on Saturday and Sunday, January 29 and 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Chamber Office, located at 8880 Benson Avenue, Suite 110, Montclair.

3. Council Member/Director Lopez made the following comments:

(a) He stated he attended the grand opening of Jiffy Lube at 5533 Holt Boulevard, Montclair, and encouraged residents to try them out.

(b) He noted the region will be getting a new state senator this election cycle, and he hopes they will help bring the **Gold Line** to Montclair.

(c) He asked if the City has received its allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

City Manager Starr advised the first tranche of funds was received and the second is expected in the latter part of the year.

Mayor Dutrey added the federal guidelines for allocating the funds was just released.

F. Committee Meeting Minutes

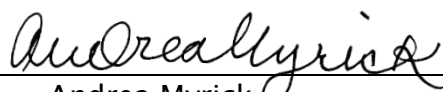
1. Minutes of Personnel Committee Meeting of December 20, 2021

The City Council received and filed the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of December 20, 2021, for informational purposes.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:58 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.

Submitted for City Council/Successor Agency Board/Montclair Housing Corporation Board/Montclair Housing Authority Commission/Montclair Community Foundation Board approval,



Andrea Myrick
City Clerk