

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 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022 AT 7:06 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5111 BENITO STREET, MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. INVOCATION

Mayor/Chair Dutrey asked those in attendance to stand for a moment of silence in support of the people of Ukraine.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member/Director Martinez 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; Director of Community Development Diaz; Director of Human Services Richter; Finance Manager Kulbeck; City Attorney Robbins; City Clerk Myrick

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. **Chino Basin Water Conservation District — Inland Valley Garden Planner**

Ms. Elizabeth Skrzat, General Manager, **Chino Basin Water Conservation District (CBWCD)**, discussed the District's new Inland Valley Garden Planner website, *InlandValleyGardenPlanner.org*, which online visitors can use to plan and design landscapes for their homes with drought-tolerant plants native to the area based on various desired qualities such as lawn size, plant and bloom colors, wildlife habitats, and watering requirements. She invited the City to have up to two representatives at a website launch event to be held on Thursday, March 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the **CBWCD** Office, including an optional guided tour.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. **Mrs. Carolyn Raft**, Board Trustee, **West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (WVMVCD)**, stated the District has released its 2021 Annual Report with 1,227 mosquitos collected and 170 traps set. She noted Montclair's occurrence of positive samples for diseased mosquitoes has been low compared to other surrounding communities. She advised **WVMVCD** has also applied for a \$160,000 grant to fund an effort to introduce sterilized Aedes mosquitoes into the population whose offspring cannot have disease.

B. **Ms. Karen Stuart**, Rancho Cucamonga resident, submitted a written comment that emphasized the historical significance of the **Mission Tiki Drive-In** to Montclair and the region. She requests the City obtain the decorations, statues, and other items from the property owner to preserve as historical artifacts and prevent from being destroyed or sold to private collectors.

C. **Ms. Jessica Gaytan** submitted a written comment opposing the building of warehouses to replace the **Mission Tiki Drive-In**, citing environmental and health concerns related to a reduction in air quality. She requested the project be rejected.

- D. **Ms. Darryl Molina Sarmiento, and Octavia Sarmiento** (age 9), residents, submitted written comments opposing the closure of the **Mission Tiki Drive-In**, stating it has been a very important form of entertainment for families throughout the pandemic.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Consider Projects and Prioritization of Funding for the Fiscal Year 2022–2023 Community Development Block Grant Program

Mayor Dutrey declared it the time and place set for public hearing to consider projects and prioritization of funding for the Fiscal Year 2022–2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and invited comments from the audience.

There being no one in the audience wishing to speak, Mayor Dutrey closed the public hearing and returned the matter to the City Council for its consideration.

Council Member Lopez asked if this funding would cover paving projects for the next fiscal year and if work could start sooner.

City Manager Starr advised the City can use the funds for construction of the projects after July 1, 2022, but staff can start the process of bidding for design services before then.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Ruh, seconded by Council Member Lopez, and carried unanimously 5–0, the City Council approve the projects and prioritization of funding for the Fiscal Year 2022–2023 CDBG Program, as follows:

Code Enforcement Program	30,000
Improvements to Various Streets/Alleys Construction Project (including Amherst Avenue and San Bernardino Street alleys)	349,440
Graffiti Abatement	28,724
Senior Transportation Services (Golden Express Transportation)	15,000
TOTAL	<u>\$423,164</u>

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Ruh, seconded by Council Member/Director Johnson, and carried 5–0, the City Council approved the Consent Calendar as presented:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Joint Meeting — February 7, 2022

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 February 7, 2022 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 January 31, 2022.

2. Approval of City Warrant Register and Payroll Documentation

The City Council approved the City Warrant Register dated February 22, 2022, totaling \$1,476,638.17; and the Payroll Documentation dated January 30, 2022, amounting to \$628,596.13 gross, with \$450,199.99 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 January 31, 2022.

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 01.01.22-01.31.22 in the amounts of \$5,706.18 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 January 31, 2022.

6. Approval of MHC Warrant Register

The MHC Board approved the MHC Warrant Register dated 01.01.22-01.31.22 in the amount of \$64,330.13.

7. Receiving and Filing of MHA Treasurer's Report

The MHA Commissioners received and filed the MHA Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2022.

8. Approval of MHA Warrant Register

The MHA Commissioners approved the MHA Warrant Register dated 01.01.22-01.31.22 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.

10. Authorizing the Purchase of a 2022 Ford Ranger XL Vehicle from Fritts Ford in the Total Amount of \$30,479.39

Declaring a Chevrolet Caprice Vehicle as Surplus and Available for Parts or for Sale at Auction

The City Council took the following actions:

- (a) Authorized the purchase of a 2022 Ford Ranger XL vehicle from Fritts Ford in the total amount of \$30,479.39.
- (b) Declared a Chevrolet Caprice vehicle as surplus and available for parts or for sale at auction.

C. Agreements

1. Amending the 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Program to Add the Monte Vista Avenue/I-10 Traffic Signal Interconnect Project

Authorizing a \$100,000 Appropriation from 2021 Lease Revenue Bond Funds for Costs Related to the Monte Vista Avenue/I-10 Traffic Signal Interconnect Project

Approval of Agreement No. 22-14 with HP Communications for Construction of the Monte Vista Avenue/I-10 Traffic Signal Interconnect Project

The City Council took the following actions:

- (a) Amended the 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Program to add the Monte Vista Avenue/I-10 Traffic Signal Interconnect Project.

- (b) Authorized a \$100,000 appropriation from 2021 Lease Revenue Bond funds for costs related to the Monte Vista Avenue/I-10 Traffic Signal Interconnect Project.
- (c) Approved *Agreement No. 22-14* with HP Communications for construction of the Monte Vista Avenue/I-10 Traffic Signal Interconnect Project.

IX. PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS — None

X. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Department Reports

1. Human Services Department — Upcoming Activities & Events

Director of Human Services Richter provided the following updates:

- **COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test Distribution for Montclair Residents** — In partnership with San Bernardino County, the Human Services Department will be distributing free COVID-19 rapid antigen tests to Montclair Residents in a drive-thru format on Wednesday, February 23, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in parking lot B at the Montclair Civic Center. Participants must present a driver's license or utility bill showing their residence address in the City of Montclair, and are limited to two test kits per residence. Kits are for personal use only and may not be resold.
- **Montclair Medical Clinic Closure Announcement** — The **Montclair Medical Clinic** will be retiring its evening services. The Clinic, in partnership with **Health Services Alliance (HSA)**, provided evening health care services to low-income, uninsured residents of western San Bernardino County and eastern Los Angeles County since 1978. It was housed in the Montclair Recreation Center from 1987 to 2017 and then was relocated to the **Montclair Community Health Center (MCHC)** at 5050 San Bernardino Street. Due to the Affordable Care Act and the emergency of new local community health centers, Montclair evening clinic patients have been able to find affordable healthcare elsewhere. **MCHC** will continue to offer affordable sliding scale health services, and will soon be expanding its hours to include weekends.

On behalf of the City, Director of Human Services Richter thanked volunteer Clinic staff, **Dr. Lally** and **Dr. Loveless**, for their dedication to serving Montclair residents.

- Save the Date for the Following Upcoming Events:
 - **Easter Eggstravaganza and Pancake Breakfast** on Saturday, April 16, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Alma Hofman Park
 - **Memorial Day Program** on Monday, May 30, at 6:00 p.m. in the Memorial Garden adjacent to City Hall
 - **Country Fair Jamboree** on Saturday, June 4, from noon to 6:00 p.m. at Alma Hofman Park

B. City Attorney

City Attorney Robbins requested the City Council meet in closed session concerning the following:

- 1. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 Regarding Conference with Designated Labor Negotiator Edward C. Starr**

Agency: City of Montclair

Employee Management
Organizations: Montclair City Confidential Employees Assn.
Montclair General Employees Association
Montclair Fire Fighters Association
Montclair Police Officers Association

C. City Manager/Executive Director

City Manager Starr provided an update on the funding status of constructing the **Gold Line** (now renamed the "**L**" **Line**) segment from Pomona to Montclair, noting negotiations between the **Construction Authority** and **Kiewit Parsons**, the initial segment's designer-builder, are underway and the segment may need to go out to bid as a separate procurement. He advised the currently estimated price tag is \$740 million, which is a significant increase compared to the \$540 million fixed price it would have cost before the project failed to secure funding by the October 2021 deadline to be included in the initial procurement by **Kiewit Parsons**. He advised the City is sending letters to **U.S. Senators Padilla** and **Feinstein** to request funding support and, if successful, the project could be completed in time for the **2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles**.

D. Mayor/Chair

1. Mayor/Chair Dutrey made the following comments:
 - (a) He attended an event hosted by the **Montclair High School (MHS) JROTC** to honor **MHS** class of 2005 graduate **Private First Class Alex Oceguela (U.S. Army)**, who was killed in action in Afghanistan during the Iraq war in 2006. During the ceremony, **PFC Oceguela's** family was presented with a City certificate recognizing their son's service and sacrifice.
 - (b) He attended the ribbon cutting event for the new **Just Harmony** nurse education center.
 - (c) During a Code Enforcement ride-along he visited two homeless shelters in the Cities of Pomona and Riverside.
 - (d) He attended the **League of California Cities (LCC)** Inland Empire Division meeting and learned of a petition that is currently circulating in the state that would limit cities' abilities to impose fees, and advised **LCC** is prioritizing defeat of the initiative.
 - (e) He congratulated **MHS** Cavaliers Boys Soccer for their recent win and noted they are currently in the top 150 teams in the nation, top 50 in the state, and are at the top of their Division. He proclaimed everyone is rooting for them to go to the state championships.

E. Council Members/Directors

1. Council Member/Director Johnson made the following comments:
 - (a) She announced the **Pier 88** seafood restaurant just opened today and encouraged residents to try it out.
 - (b) She reported the **Montclair Chamber of Commerce's** next monthly networking breakfast will feature a presentation from **Soroptimist International Montclair/Inland Valley** supporting Women's History Month at **Brandon's Diner**, 370 N. Mountain Avenue, Upland, on Thursday, March 10, at 8:30 a.m. She advised RSVPs can be made to the **Chamber**.
 - (c) Later that same day from noon to 3:00 p.m., the **Chamber** will be hosting a grand opening and ribbon cutting event for **Aqua Ridge Senior Living** at 9631 Monte Vista Avenue. The event will feature lunch and facility tours.

2. Council Member/Director Lopez made the following comments:
 - (a) He reported attending the Chino Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast with guest speaker, **In-N-Out** heiress **Lynsi Snyder**.
 - (b) He also reported attending Chino’s “State of the City” Event, where he learned over the past year the City of Chino had several highlights including approving 25 accessory dwelling units, housing 45 homeless individuals, and getting a new **In-N-Out** restaurant.
 - (c) He announced March 5th as **Montclair Little League** Opening Day and invited the community to attend.
 - (d) He thanked Public Works Department staff for installing the new safety signs around **Vernon Middle School** despite the inclement weather, noting parents who have reached out to him really appreciated it.
3. Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Ruh made the following comments:
 - (a) He could not attend the Chino State of the City but is glad to hear the event was well-attended and successful.
 - (b) He emphasized the overwhelming and united support the **Gold Line** extension has from the entire region. He noted the **Pacific Electric Trail** was the root of the **Pacific Electric Red Cars**, which was the original light rail system that went to Los Angeles and cost only five cents to ride. He asserted the **Red Car** built up the economies along the line and the **Gold Line** will do the same to restore economic vitality to the area.
 - (c) He lamented that **PFC Ocegüera** was only 19 years old when he died in Afghanistan in 2006, but he clearly loved his country. He noted he and Council Member Johnson were also at the event to honor his sacrifice.
 - (d) He stated February 20 was the 60th anniversary of **John Glenn** becoming the first American to orbit Earth on the **Friendship 7**, and reflected on how far society has come technologically in the 60 years since.

F. Committee Meeting Minutes — None

XI. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:50 p.m., the City Council went into closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

XII. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

At 8:15 p.m., the City Council returned from closed session. Mayor Dutrey announced the City Council met in closed session to discuss labor negotiations; information was received and direction given to staff; and no further announcements would be made at this time.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:16 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