

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022, AT 4:02 P.M.
HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Johnson (Chair); Council Member Martinez (Committee Member); City Manager Starr; Director of Economic Development and Housing Fuentes; Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia; Director of Community Development Diaz; Engineering Consultant Hoerning; Senior Public Works Inspector Diaz

Absent: Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes of the May 19, 2022 meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT — None

V. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATES/ITEMS

A. OPERATIONS

1. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Operations Activities Reports for May through July 2022 were included with the agenda. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia highlighted the completion of 151 service work requests in May, which included signage, clean-up, repairs, paving surfaces, sidewalks, irrigation repairs, and weed abatement. A total of 39 vehicles were serviced and almost 250 sites were abated. Approximately 80 American flags were installed as well as military and **Metro Nissan** banners. Also in May, staff assisted in preparation for the Memorial Day event and the Montclair Little League Closing ceremonies. Staff also painted the retaining wall on the north side of Palo Verde Street between Mills Avenue. Public Works Director/City Engineer Heredia emphasized that there was not any sewer maintenance activity in May and June.

In June, 178 service requests were completed. Crews assisted with the installation of cameras at Arrow and Fremont for the Montclair Village. Staff marked out 48 sewer manholes for a cleaning project for San Bernardino County. The Reeder Ranch was cleaned and spraying of herbicides in the right of way started. Staff assisted with the parks inventory as part of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Staff also cleared the backflow device at the Transcenter and assisted with the City's Country Fair Jamboree.

In July, staff completed 138 service requests consisting of signs, red curbs, potholes, repaving, sidewalks, irrigation controllers and valves. They also renewed amenities at bus stops on Moreno, Lindero, Monte Vista and San Jose for installation of new bus shelters for Omnitrans. Public Works Director/City Engineer Heredia highlighted one on San Bernardino near the Waterwise Conservation Center near the Wilderness Park. 12,910 linear feet of sewer lines were cleaned by staff.

There were no questions or issues with the reports.

2. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Two employees, Rayden Garcia and Joseph Puckett, passed their class B commercial license driving test.

B. FACILITIES

1. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Facilities Activities Reports for May 2022 through July 2022 were included with the agenda. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia informed the Committee that Facilities staff was busy making several types of facility-related repairs including lighting, sewer lines, door stops, ice maker, ceiling, air conditioning, and generator, among other items.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia reported a long list of repair items for the Community Center, Library, City Hall, Youth Center, Recreation Center, Fire Stations One and Two and the Police Department. The main focus involved repairing AC Units due to the Thunderstorm in June. The irrigation controllers were also damaged and needed to be replaced.

Chair Johnson asked regarding Fire Station One's plumbing issues. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia confirmed that the plumbing issues were addressed.

There were no questions or issues with the reports.

2. ADDITIONAL ITEMS — None

C. ENGINEERING DIVISION

1. Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program — Vernon Middle School

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated that staff installed 20 signs along **Vernon Middle School**. Nine of the signs are the flashing stop signs by the corner of Vernon Avenue and San Bernardino Street. The project is nearly completed. Three signs are missing to complete the project.

2. San Antonio Creek Trail Feasibility Study

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated that the City has begun using the information in the feasibility study to apply for a reconnecting communities grant application that will allow for the design of the San Antonio Creek Channel crossings at the Metrolink and the I-10 Freeway.

3. Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia reported that the consultant, **KTU&A**, began site visits to all the parks, began inventory to make assessments of each park, and obtained surveys at the summer concert event and the National Night Out event.

VI. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE/ITEMS

City Manager Starr reported that we have entered into an agreement with the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department** while the City is in the process of hiring two additional dispatchers in order to address all 911 calls.

Chair Johnson stressed the importance that the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department's** dispatchers know the addresses to landmark locations here in Montclair.

VII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATES/ITEMS

Director of Community Development Diaz informed the Committee that the **Village at Montclair** is underway.

Director of Community Development Diaz reported two new projects have been approved for North Montclair: **Arrow Station**, a 137-unit expansion at Arrow Highway and Monte Vista and the **Montclair Station** project was approved for the **Vulcan** site. Together these two projects combined are projected to provide 439 new dwelling units for the City.

Chair Johnson inquired about the businesses on the southwest corner of Arrow Highway. Director of Community Development Diaz confirmed that the area would become apartments and that the business tenants are aware and had short-term leases.

VIII. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

A. LOCAL PROJECTS

1. Zone 5 & 6 Street Rehabilitation Project

Senior Public Works Inspector Diaz reported that Zone 5 & 6 Street Rehabilitation Project Phase 1 is completed. The goal to complete that phase prior to the initiation of **Howard Elementary** and **Ramona Elementary's** school year was met. Phases two through four are on track.

B. REGIONAL PROJECTS

1. I-10 Corridor Project

Public Works Director/City Engineer Heredia reported **California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)** continues working on the I-10 Corridor project on Monte Vista Avenue. The eastbound on-ramp on Palo Verde Street is scheduled to be opened by August 2022.

Public Works Director/City Engineer Heredia is in contact with **San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA)** to encourage them to contact their contractor for additional signage and delineators to mitigate the confusion by the underpasses.

Senior Public Works Inspector Diaz interjected that he too stressed to **SBCTA** in his weekly meetings, the need for signage at the freeway underpasses, in particular northbound westbound freeway on-ramp on Central Avenue.

2. Central Avenue Bridge Project

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated that the Air Quality Confirmity Analysis Report was approved by **Caltrans** and the project is close to getting NEPA clearance. The City is in the process of submitting a grant through the Bridge Investment Program in order to obtain funding for the construction's monetary short fall.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia stated that staff is also coordinating with **Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR)** Yard Expansion Project.

3. Foothill Gold Line Extension Project

City Manager Starr reported that the City of Montclair serves as the lead municipal agency for developing the funding for the **Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension**. City Manager Starr discussed the City's housing development in anticipation of the **Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension**.

The City procured a letter to **Governor Newsom**, all of the legislative heads of the different budget committees, the speaker of the assembly and the president of the senate in early August to place in a final trailer bill for transportation for the \$750 million for the **Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension** construction. The purpose of the trailer bill is to solidify the designation of the funding for that purpose. Since the \$750 million for the **Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension** did not make it into the trailer bill, City Manager Starr has been in contact with **LA County Metro** in order to remind them of their fiscal commitment.

IX. COMMITTEE AND CITY MANAGER ITEMS

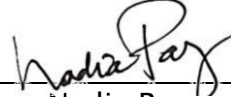
City Manager Starr reported that he, Community Development Director Diaz, and Director of Economic Development and Housing Fuentes met with **Chief Executive Officer Leonard Hernandez** and six members of his staff to discuss economic development in the sphere of influence, sewer services, general plan update, and development of the five acres site owned by the City for a future park.

City Manager Starr also reported that Community Development Director Diaz and his team are working with Union Pacific Railroad and the City's code and law personnel to address the homeless issues along State Street.

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:39 p.m., Chair Johnson 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, September 15, 2022.

Submitted for Public Works Committee approval,



Nadia Paz

Transcribing Secretary