

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023, AT 4:00 P.M.
HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Due to a lack of quorum, no actions will be taken and items will be presented as informational only.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson (Chair); Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia; City Manager Starr; Director of Community Development Diaz

Absent: Council Member Martinez (Committee Member); Executive Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Avels; Director of Economic Development and Housing Fuentes

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to a lack of quorum, the Committee did not approve the minutes of the meetings of October 20, 2022 and November 17, 2022. The minutes will be continued to the next meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Edward Gomez, a resident and board member of Town Center Estates, expressed traffic concerns off Howard Street between Ramona Avenue and Central Avenue. He believes drivers are also racing on Mission Boulevard and Central Avenue.

Chair Johnson and Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia will follow up with Public Safety to see how these concerns can be addressed.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia added that the Ramona Avenue and Howard Street roundabout will hopefully address some of these speeding traffic concerns on Howard Street.

V. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATES/ITEMS

A. OPERATIONS

1. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

An Operations Activities Report for December 2022 and January 2023 was included with the agenda. There were no questions or issues with the report.

2. ADDITIONAL ITEMS — None

B. FACILITIES

1. MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

A Facilities Activities Report for December 2022 and January 2023 was included with the agenda. There were no questions or issues with the report.

2. ADDITIONAL ITEMS — None

C. ENGINEERING DIVISION

1. Howard Street and Ramona Avenue Roundabout

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia reported that 90 percent plans and specs are complete. The goal is to award the project this fiscal year and begin construction in the Summer of 2023. She believes the roundabout will also address the communities' traffic concerns.

2. Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia reported that the consultant, **KTU&A**, has a stakeholder meeting this month with the sports groups and a workshop scheduled for March 14, 2023 to discuss findings and recommendations of the plan.

The Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be presented at the City Council Workshop on April 3, 2023.

VI. POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE/ITEMS — None

VII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATES/ITEMS

Director of Community Development Diaz highlighted three tasks the department is working on: Completing the General Plan update process; adoption of the Arrow Highway Mixed-Use District (AHMUD) Specific Plan; and updating the Housing Element.

Additionally, his department will be addressing the **Montclair Place** mixed-use development and legislative updates regarding SB 9 and other Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) laws.

VIII. CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

A. LOCAL PROJECTS

1. Alleyway Improvements in CDBG areas

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia reported the project has been completed. The contractor is currently working on punch list items.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer also wanted to highlight the Reeder Ranch Park Project. The City received eight bids ranging from \$5.5 million to \$8.7 million. This will be presented to Council on February 21, 2023. Construction will hopefully start this summer.

B. REGIONAL PROJECTS

1. I-10 Corridor Project

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Heredia reported on the I-10 Corridor project on Monte Vista Avenue and Central Avenue. There is currently a ten-day closure at the westbound on-ramp on Monte Vista Avenue. She continued that the City of Montclair and **Caltrans** is currently discussing and considering the closure of both westbound on and off-ramps on Central Avenue and Monte Vista Avenue.

City Manager Starr added that City staff is trying to persuade **Caltrans** to bifurcate the closure of the on and off ramps. **Caltrans** believes if the City cooperates it will allow them to complete construction sooner. On the contrary, if the City does not cooperate, it will prolong construction.

IX. COMMITTEE AND CITY MANAGER ITEMS

City Manager Starr reported that the City is considering the potential development of a specific plan for the Sphere of Influence (SOI). Items that will be reviewed are development, zoning, economic progress that can be achieved, environmental as well as the cost to the City to annex the area. The City is hoping that the County will participate, so they can pay for the environmental portion of the report. With **San Bernardino County's** participation, the specific plan will cost \$450,000. Without **San Bernardino County's** participation, a feasibility study will cost \$280,000.

City Manager Starr stated that he met with the City's Federal legislative advocate to discuss community benefit grants with earmarks. The City plans on submitting three projects: additional funding for San Antonio Creek Channel Trail, additional park development and affordable housing, and potentially homeless assistance. In the affordable housing area, the City will pursue funding for acquisition and construction as well as assisting senior low-income households and low-income households with property maintenance issues.

City Manager Starr reported the status of the ongoing **Gold Line** funding issue. The request for the \$798 million was submitted by **the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)** and the **Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority** (Construction Authority) to extend the **Gold Line** from Pomona to Montclair, but no funding was provided. The City is preparing to submit a Public Records Act request to the **California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)** to produce documents as to what the decision process was.

Under the **Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)** process, the City met all the requirements. There is a project that received 400 million dollars in funding, yet their application was submitted incomplete and did not have the support of a transit agency prior to the **TIRCP** deadline.

Approximately, 2.6 billion dollars was distributed to this area and the City did not receive any monies for this project. The City has anticipated funding since 2016.

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:23 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, March 16, 2023.

Submitted for Public Works Committee approval,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nadia Paz", written over a horizontal line.

Nadia Paz
Transcribing Secretary