MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE MONTCLAIR CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND MONTCLAIR HOUSING CORPORATION BOARDS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2005, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5111 BENITO STREET, MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Pastor Neal Froese, Rock of Life Community Church, gave the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member/Director Raft led those assembled in the Pledge.

IV. ROLL CALL

Present:	Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey; Council Members/ Directors Paulitz, Raft, and Ruh; City Manager/Executive Director McDougal; Director of Administrative Services Starr; Director of Redevelopment/Public Works Staats; Director of Community Development/Agency Planner Clark; City/Agency Engineer Hudson; City Attorney/Agency Counsel Robbins; City Clerk/Agency Secretary Jackson
Absent:	Mayor/Chairman Eaton (excused)

Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey noted Mayor Eaton would be returning from Washington, D.C., later in the week after attending a **National League of Cities** conference.

V. PRESENTATIONS - None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey reminded those audience members desiring to address the Council and Redevelopment Agency/ Montclair Housing Corporation Boards to submit a *Speaker Information Card,* and they would be afforded five minutes each to speak on topics that do not appear on tonight's agenda.

A. **Mr. Ronald Armstrong,** 5601 Deodar Street, Montclair, generally reiterated his past comments on various issues and advised City Attorney Robbins he would not pursue further action regarding his complaint to the **State Bar of California.**

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Approval of *Agreement No. 05-15,* a *Lease By and Between the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency and Ontario Nissan, Inc.,* Regarding Lease of a Portion of Freedom Plaza Park

Vice Chairman Dutrey declared it the time and place set for public hearing to consider approval of *Agreement No. 05-15,* a *Lease By and Between the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency and Ontario Nissan, Inc.,* regarding lease of a portion of Freedom Plaza Park and invited comments from the public.

There being no one in the audience wishing to speak, Vice Chairman Dutrey closed the public hearing and returned the matter to the Redevelopment Agency Board for its consideration.

Director Paulitz received clarification on the basic monthly rental amount for the parking facility during the initial term of the proposed lease, which is $644 per month and roughly equates to $20 per month per parking space.

Director Ruh received clarification that the proposed parking facility improvements are estimated to cost approximately $173,000 and that eventually Ontario Nissan, Inc., would be interested in purchasing the subject property.

Vice Chairman Dutrey noted adequate employee parking has always been an issue for the Metro Nissan and Infiniti of Montclair dealerships, particularly in view of Metro Nissan's future expansion plans. He spoke in support of the item, which represents a good working partnership between the Redevelopment Agency and Ontario Nissan, Inc., and resolves the parking issues in adjacent residential neighborhoods.

Moved by Director Paulitz, seconded by Director Ruh, and carried that the Redevelopment Agency Board approve *Agreement No. 05-15,* a *Lease By and Between the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency and Ontario Nissan, Inc.,* for lease of a portion of Freedom Plaza Park for parking purposes.

B. First Reading - Adoption of Ordinance No. 05-857 Adding Chapter 6.10 to Title 6 of the Montclair Municipal Code to Adopt by Reference San Bernardino County Ordinance No. 3930 Adding Chapter 14 to Division 3 of Title 3 and Adding Subsection 16.0213B(b)(17) to Chapter 2 of Division 6 of Title 1, All of the San Bernardino County Code, Relating to Inspection Grading of Food Establishments

Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey declared it the time and place set for public hearing to consider adoption of Ordinance No. 05-857 adding Chapter 6.10 to Title 6 of the Montclair Municipal Code to adopt by reference San Bernardino County Ordinance No. 3930 adding Chapter 14 to Division 3 of Title 3 and adding Subsection 16.0213B(b)(17) to Chapter 2 of Division 6 of Title 1, all of the San Bernardino County Code, related to inspection grading of food establishments and invited comments from the public.

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

Council Member Raft spoke in support of adopting the proposed San Bernardino County restaurant inspection grading system for Montclair restaurants, noting the importance of patrons being informed of the measure of compliance of the restaurants they patronize. She received confirmation that restaurants failing to receive at least a "B" grade must correct the deficiencies listed in the Official Inspection Report.

Council Member Ruh reiterated his support of the County's restaurant inspection grading system, emphasizing its importance to travelers who might be unfamiliar with the food establishments in the City. He recalled seeing letter grades posted in regional restaurants in the past. He encouraged the public to obtain the **ABC Retail Food Inspection Guide** from the **San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Services.**

Moved by Council Member Ruh and seconded by Council Member Paulitz that Ordinance No. 05-857, entitled **"An Ordinance of the**

City Council of the City of Montclair Adding Chapter 6.10 to Title 6 of the Montclair Municipal Code to Adopt by Reference San Bernardino County Ordinance No. 3930 Adding Chapter 14 to Division 3 of Title 3 and Adding Subsection 16.0213B(b)(17) to Chapter 2 of Division 6 of Title 1, All of the San Bernardino County Code, Relating to Inspection Grading of Food Establishments," be read by number and title only, further reading be waived, and this be declared its first reading.*

Council Member Paulitz noted observing two restaurants in the City that have already posted letter grades. He asked for clarification of the procedures should a food establishment score less than a "B" grade.

Mr. Rob Miller, Supervising Environmental Health Specialist, **San Bernardino County Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Services,** clarified that food establishments scoring less than a "C" are immediately closed and that those scoring in the "C" range are given 30 days to correct deficiencies and file a written request for rescore inspection while posting the "C" grade, adding that failure to do so results in immediate closure by the County. He advised that food establishments always have the opportunity to better their scores.

Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey noted San Bernardino County adopted the inspection grading system of retail food establishments for the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County in June 2004 and has asked cities to adopt the system as a means of protecting public health by keeping restaurants accountable for meeting the food service health standards. He noted the importance of all cities in the County adopting the inspection grading system for the benefit of the public.

*The City Council waived the reading of the Ordinance.

First Reading of Ordinance No. 05-857 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:	Ruh, Raft, Paulitz, Dutrey
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Eaton

C. Second Reading - Adoption of Ordinance No. 05-858, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Montclair Extending the Time Limits With Respect to the Redevelopment Plan for City of Montclair Redevelopment Project Area No. I

Second Reading - Adoption of Ordinance No. 05-859, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Montclair Extending the Time Limits With Respect to the Redevelopment Plan for City of Montclair Redevelopment Project Area No. III

Second Reading - Adoption of Ordinance No. 05-860, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Montclair Extending the Time Limits With Respect to the Redevelopment Plan for City of Montclair Redevelopment Project Area No. IV

Second Reading - Adoption of Ordinance No. 05-861, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Montclair Extending the Time Limits With Respect to the Redevelopment Plan for City of Montclair Redevelopment Project Area No. V

Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey declared it the time and place set for public hearing to consider adoption of Ordinance Nos. 05-858, 05-859, 05-860, and 05-861 related to extending the time limits with respect to the Redevelopment Plans for respective Redevelopment Project Area Nos. I, III, IV, and V and invited comments from the public.

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

Council Member Paulitz received clarification that this action would extend the Redevelopment Plans for just one year.

Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey asked if the Redevelopment Agency would be able to recoup its loss to the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund over the one-year period.

City Manager McDougal advised that it should.

Council Member Ruh asked if the extensions could apply to expired redevelopment plans.

City Manager McDougal responded that extensions would only apply to current redevelopment plans.

Moved by Council Member Ruh and seconded by Council Member Raft that the following actions be taken:

1. That Ordinance No. 05-858, entitled **"An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Montclair Extending the Time Limits With Respect to the Redevelopment Plan for City of Montclair Redevelopment Project Area No. I,"** be read by number and title only, further reading be waived, and this be declared its second reading.

2. That Ordinance No. 05-859, entitled **"An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Montclair Extending the Time Limits With Respect to the Redevelopment Plan for City of Montclair Redevelopment Project Area No. III,"** be read by number and title only, further reading be waived, and this be declared its second reading.

3. That Ordinance No. 05-860, entitled **"An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Montclair Extending the Time Limits With Respect to the Redevelopment Plan for City of Montclair Redevelopment Project Area No. IV,"** be read by number and title only, further reading be waived, and this be declared its second reading.

4. That Ordinance No. 05-861, entitled **"An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Montclair Extending the Time Limits With Respect to the Redevelopment Plan for City of Montclair Redevelopment Project Area No. V,"** be read by number and title only, further reading be waived, and this be declared its second reading.

The City Council waived the readings of the Ordinances.

Second Readings of Ordinance Nos. 05-858, 05-859, 05-860, and 05-861 were adopted by the following ROLL CALL vote:

AYES:	Ruh, Raft, Paulitz, Dutrey
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Eaton

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Ruh requested that Item B-2 be removed from the Consent Calendar for comment.

Moved by Council Member/Director Paulitz, seconded by Council Member/Director Ruh, and carried to approve the following Consent Items as presented:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of Adjourned Joint Council/Agency Meeting of March 7, 2005

The City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board approved the minutes of the Adjourned Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting of March 7, 2005.

2. Minutes of Regular Joint Council/Agency/MHC Meeting of March 7, 2005

The City Council and Redevelopment Agency and Montclair Housing Corporation Boards approved the minutes of the Regular Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board/ Montclair Housing Corporation Board meeting of March 7, 2005.

B. Administrative Reports

1. Setting a Public Hearing to Consider Ordinance No. 05-862 Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract With the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS)

The City Council set a public hearing for Monday, April 4, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to consider Ordinance No. 05-852 authorizing an amendment to the contract with the Board of Administration of CalPERS.

3. Authorization to Transfer $15,635 From the General Fund Reserves for Implementation of an Annual Zero Tolerance Fireworks Program

The City Council authorized a $15,635 transfer from the General Fund Reserves to Fire Department Account No. 001-400-4532-5209 to implement an annual Zero Tolerance Fireworks Program.

4. Approval of Allocation and Expenditure of Justice Assistance Grant Program Funds

The City Council approved the allocation of Justice Assistance Grant Program funds in the amount of $24,579 to the Police Department Fiscal Year 2004-05 Budget for purchase of mobile data computers.

5. Authorization of a $2,206.96 Construction Contingency Increase for the Traffic Signal Interconnect Project

The City Council authorized a $2,206.96 construction contingency increase for the Traffic Signal Interconnect Project for costs associated with increasing the electrical resistance in one cable run.

6. Approval of Parcel Map No. 16787 Related to Subdivision of 4600 Arrow Highway for Condominium Purposes

Authorization for Recordation of Parcel Map No. 16787 by the Office of the San Bernardino County Recorder

The City Council took the following actions:

(a) Approved Parcel Map No. 16787 related to subdivision of 4600 Arrow Highway for condominium purposes.

(b) Authorized the recordation of Parcel Map No. 16787 by the Office of the San Bernardino County Recorder.

7. Authorization to Amend the Fiscal Year 2003-2007 Capital Improvement Program to Add the Freedom Plaza Parking Lot Project

Authorization to Advertise for Bid Proposals for the Project

The City Council authorized the following actions related to the Freedom Plaza Parking Lot Project:

(a) Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2003-2007 Capital Improvement Program to include the project.

(b) Staff to advertise for bid proposals for the project.

8. Authorization to Amend the Fiscal Year 2003-2007 Capital Improvement Program to Add the Olive Street Construction West of Del Mar Avenue Project

Authorization to Advertise for Bid Proposals for the Project

The City Council authorized the following actions related to the Olive Street Construction West of Del Mar Avenue Project:

(a) Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2003-2007 Capital Improvement Program to include the project.

(b) Staff to advertise for bid proposals for the project.

9. Authorization to Advertise for Bid Proposals for the Drainage Improvements at Essex Park Project

The City Council authorized the City Engineer to advertise for bid proposals for the Drainage Improvements at Essex Park Project.

10. Approval of Filing of *Notice of Completion,* Reduction of *Faithful Performance Bond* to 10 Percent, and Six-Month Retention of *Payment Bond* Related to Completion of the Huntington Drive to Arrow Highway Sewer Line Project

The City Council approved the following actions related to completion of the Huntington Drive to Arrow Highway Sewer Line Project:

(a) The filing of a *Notice of Completion* with the Office of the San Bernardino County Recorder.

(b) Reduction of the *Faithful Performance Bond* to 10 percent.

(c) Retention of the *Payment Bond* for six months.

11. Receiving and Filing of City Treasurer's Report

The City Council received and filed the City Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2005.

12. **Approval of City Warrant Register and Payroll Documentation**

    The City Council approved the Warrant Register dated March 21, 2005, totaling $1,367,265.06 and the Payroll Documentation dated February 6, 2005, amounting to $502,193.47, with $345,390.72 being the total cash disbursement.

13. **Receiving and Filing of Agency Treasurer's Report**

    The Redevelopment Agency Board received and filed the Redevelopment Agency Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2005.

14. **Approval of Agency Warrant Register**

    The Redevelopment Agency Board approved the Redevelopment Agency Warrant Register dated 2/01/05-2/28/05 in the amounts of $39,067.95 for Project I; $2,683.81 for Project II; $1,372,908.85 for Project III; $440,932.42 for Project IV; and $1,013,091.34 for Project V.

15. **Receiving and Filing of Montclair Housing Corporation Treasurer's Report**

    The Montclair Housing Corporation (MHC) Board received and filed the MHC Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2005.

16. **Approval of MHC Warrant Register**

    The MHC Board approved the MHC Warrant Register dated 2/01/05-2/28/05 in the amount of $31,287.46.

C. Agreements

1. **Approval of *Agreement No. 05-05* With the Montclair Fire Fighters Association**

   Approval of *Agreement No. 05-06* With the Montclair Police Officers Association

   Approval of *Agreement No. 05-07* With the San Bernardino Public Employees Association

   Approval of *Agreement No. 05-08* With Executive Management and Management Employees

   Authorization for $6,448 Transfer from the Personnel Adjustment Account for Obligations Related to the Terms and Conditions of Employment in Fiscal Year 2004-05

   The City Council took the following actions:

   (a) Approved *Agreement No. 05-05* with the Montclair Fire Fighters Association.

   (b) Approved *Agreement No. 05-06* with the Montclair Police Officers Association.

   (c) Approved *Agreement No. 05-07* with the San Bernardino Public Employees Association.

   (d) Approved *Agreement No. 05-08* with executive management and management employees.

(e) Authorized a $6,448 transfer from the Personnel Adjustment Account for obligations related to changes to the terms and conditions of employment in Fiscal Year 2004-05.

2. **Approval of *Agreement No. 05-30* With Chaffey Joint Union High School District for Law Enforcement Services for Fiscal Year 2005-06**

   The City Council approved *Agreement No. 05-30* with Chaffey Joint Union High School District to continue the Safe School Zone Officer assignment at Montclair High School for Fiscal Year 2005-06.

3. **Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors' Approval of *Agreement Nos. 05-31* Through *05-38, Rehabilitation Grant Agreements* by and Between the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency and Exterior Housing Improvement Program (E-HIP) Participants**

   The Redevelopment Agency Board approved *Agreement Nos. 05-31* through *05-38, Rehabilitation Grant Agreements* by and between the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency and the eight E-HIP participants listed on Exhibit A to the agenda report on this item.

4. **Approval of Tract Map No. 16884 Located Near the Southwest Corner of Central Avenue and Howard Street**

   Authorization for Recordation of Tract Map No. 16884 by the Office of the San Bernardino County Recorder

   Approval of *Agreement No. 05-39,* a *Subdivision Agreement* With Crestwood Corporation Regarding Tract Map No. 16884

   Authorization for City Engineer to Reduce and Release Payment and Performance Bonds Upon Satisfactory Completion of Improvements Within the Public Rights-of-Way

   The City Council took the following actions:

   (a) Approved Tract Map No. 16884 located at the southwest corner of Mission Boulevard and Ramona Avenue.

   (b) Authorized the recordation of Tract Map No. 16884 by the Office of the San Bernardino County Recorder.

   (c) Approved *Agreement No. 05-39,* a *Subdivision Agreement* with Crestwood Corporation regarding Tract Map No. 16884.

   (d) Authorized the City Engineer to reduce and release payment and performance bonds upon satisfactory completion of improvements within the public rights-of-way.

D. Resolutions

1. **Adoption of Resolution No. 05-2574 Giving Notice of Intention to Approve an Amendment to the Contact With the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS)**

   The City Council adopted Resolution No. 05-2574 giving notice of the intention to approve an amendment to the contract with the Board of Administration of CalPERS.

2. **Adoption of Resolution No. 05-2575, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Montclair Declaring the Need for Emergency Contracting Procedures and Authorizing Performance Related to Certain Road Repairs Near the Intersection of Brooks Street and Monte Vista Avenue**

Authorization of a $30,000 Appropriation From the Gas Tax Fund for Repair of Storm-Related Damage Near the Intersection of Brooks Street and Monte Vista Avenue

The City Council took the following actions:

(a) Adopted Resolution No. 05-2575, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Montclair declaring the need for emergency contracting procedures and authorizing performance related to certain road repairs near the intersection of Brooks Street and Monte Vista Avenue.

(b) Authorized a $30,000 appropriation from the Gas Tax Fund for repair of storm-related damage near the intersection of Brooks Street and Monte Vista Avenue.

IX. PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

B. Administrative Reports

2. **Approval of *Memorandum of Commencement of Option Term of Lease and Lease Amendment* Related to *Lease Agreement No. 94-43* by and Between the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency and Children's Discovery Centers of America, Inc., and *Lease Amendment No. 00-16* by and Between the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency and Children's Discovery Centers of America, Inc. (Knowledge Learning Corporation)**

Though he spoke in support of the item, Director Ruh expressed his concern that the Redevelopment Agency not become liable for potential incidents involving young patrons of the Kids Station Child Care Center. He asked whom would bear the liability should something unfortunate happen to a child.

Agency Attorney Robbins advised that Knowledge Learning Corporation, operator of the Kids Station Child Care Center, maintains liability insurance for such incidents.

Moved by Director Ruh, seconded by Director Paulitz, and carried that the Redevelopment Agency Board approve the *Memorandum of Commencement of Option Term of Lease and Lease Amendment* related to *Lease Agreement No. 94-41* and *Lease Amendment No. 00-16* by and between the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency and Children's Discovery Centers of America, Inc. (Knowledge Learning Corporation).

X. RESPONSE – None

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Attorney/Agency Counsel – No comments

B. City Manager/Executive Director

1. City Manager/Executive Director McDougal commented as follows:

(a) He announced a **San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors** public hearing on reducing the County's booking fee rate from $159.72 to $96.46 to be held Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at the **San Bernardino County Government Center.** He expressed his appreciation of the County's effort to reduce costs to cities.

Council Member Paulitz advised that the proposed reduction is the result of a state mandate. He inquired concerning booking practices for minor offenses.

City Manager McDougal responded that officers do some cite and releases, depending upon the severity of the crime, adding that the City does attempt to collect booking fees from arrestees.

(b) In response to a speaker's comments at the last meeting regarding City Manager McDougal's divorce, he clarified for the record that in response to a subpoena, the City had provided opposing counsel with his salary and benefits records in August 1991. Noting his divorce was finalized on September 9, 1991, he advised that the document the Council recently received on this matter did not take into consideration his June 1992 appointment to City Administrator and subsequent salary adjustment.

Council Member Paulitz noted for the record he did not receive a copy of the document.

Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey noted he did receive a copy of the document, which is of a personal nature and has nothing to do with the City of Montclair or with City Manager McDougal's job performance. He told City Manager McDougal that the City Council fully supports him and that he is doing an outstanding job managing the City. He noted the public has a right to comment at these meetings, though they are not held accountable for the accuracy of their statements. He noted he himself has been personally attacked by the public, adding he is still awaiting evidence that he at one time lived in the **City of Diamond Bar** as one resident claimed. He advised City Manager McDougal that the Council has complete confidence and trust in his job performance and his professionalism and as a human being.

C. **Mayor/Chairman** - Absent

D. **City Council/Agency Board**

1. Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey commented as follows:

(a) He noted his attendance at the **California Redevelopment Association** Annual Statewide Conference and Board Meeting on March 8 and 9, 2005, in Anaheim at which the increasingly popular mixed-use type of downtown development was addressed.

(b) He noted his attendance at the *Annual Police Volunteer Recognition Banquet* on Friday, March 11, 2005, at **Dave & Buster's,** Ontario, in recognition of our Reserve Police Officers, Chaplains, and Volunteers in Policing participants. He expressed his appreciation for the great job these volunteers do for the City.

(c) He noted Council Member Paulitz's and his attendance at the **Montclair Little League** opening ceremonies on Saturday, March 12, 2005, at Saratoga Park. He added that **Senator Soto, Assembly Member McLeod, San Bernardino County Fourth District Supervisor Ovitt,** and representatives from the **Monte Vista Water District** were also in attendance.

(d) He noted his attendance on Saturday, March 19, 2005, at the Montclair Fire Fighters Association's **5th Annual Firefighters, Hot Rods & Harleys** fundraiser at **Pomona Valley Harley-Davidson.** He indicated it is unfortunate he did not win the motorcycle because he would have donated it to MFFA. He added that there would have been a better turnout for the event had the weather been nicer.

(e) He announced the City's *Spring Cleanup* during the week of April 4-8, 2005, advising that **Burrtec Waste Industries** will collect free of charge all unwanted household items (except construction debris, tires, and hazardous waste) on residents' regular collection days.

(f) He wished his wife **Anne,** currently on active duty in the **United States Army** in **Kuwait,** a very happy birthday.

2. Council Member/Director Paulitz commented as follows:

(a) He noted his attendance at the **Montclair Little League** opening ceremonies on March 12. He noted his disappointment in **Mr. Benjamin Lopez** being introduced at the event as an activist and City Council candidate and that he would win in the next General Municipal Election with the support of the **Montclair Little League.** He expressed his opinion that this public endorsement at the event was quite inappropriate. In response to **Mr. Lopez's** comment at the event that when **Council Member Paulitz** passes away, much of Montclair's history goes with him, he stated, "I don't intend to pass away for awhile, thank you very much."

(b) He discussed a recent ***Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*** *Letter to the Editor* recounting an individual's receipt of a traffic citation through the City's Red Light Camera Enforcement Program and his grievance about the costs involved in attending traffic school. Noting the writer's complaint that he was cited for being only .59 seconds over the limit line when the signal changed and his conclusion that the program must be a money-making scheme for the City, Council Member Paulitz reiterated that the City is losing money on the program and that it was implemented for safety reasons, emphasizing that all types of accidents caused by motorists running red lights have been significantly curtailed since the program's inception. Besides, he added, if motorists are .59 seconds over the limit line at the time traffic signals turn red, then they deserve to be cited.

(c) He noted he is very pleased with the overall improved appearance of City neighborhoods in the last 20 years observed during his daily walks, including new concrete driveways and roofs and improved landscaping. He spoke of the synergistic effect of either improvements or blight on a neighborhood. He expressed his opinion that Code Enforcement has done much to improve the appearance of the City.

3. Council Member/Director Raft commented as follows:

    (a) She concurred with Council Member Paulitz on the City's improved appearance, which she particularly noticed during her last reelection campaign.

    (b) She expressed her regrets that an illness prevented her from attending the **Montclair Little League** opening ceremonies and the MFFA pancake breakfast fundraiser.

    (c) She wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

4. Council Member/Director Ruh commented as follows:

    (a) He noted his attendance at the **National League of Cities 2005 Congressional City Conference** in Washington, D.C., March 10-15, 2005. He noted he addressed the Alameda Corridor-East grade separation-funding issue with several members of Congress, all of whom reiterated their personal support of this major issue, particularly as it relates to the Ramona and Monte Vista Avenue grade separation projects in Montclair.

    (b) He noted he was unable to attend the **Montclair Little League** opening ceremonies because he was in Washington D.C., and the MFFA pancake breakfast fundraiser because of his attendance at a work-related meeting in Sacramento.

    (c) He announced the City's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. at Alma Hofman Park.

    (d) Noting the **President** is proposing not to fund the **Community Development Block Grant** Program in the 2006 budget, effectively eliminating the 30-year-old program, he urged everyone to request their representatives to oppose the **President's** proposal.

    (e) He wished everyone a very Happy Easter—a time of reflection, hope, and renewal.

E. Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Minutes of Personnel Committee Meeting of March 7, 2005

The City Council received and filed the Personnel Committee meeting minutes of March 7, 2005, for informational purposes.

XII. COUNCIL/AGENCY WORKSHOP

A. Update on North Montclair Downtown Plan

Moved by Council Member/Director Paulitz, seconded by Council Member/Director Ruh, and carried to continue this item to an adjourned joint meeting on Monday, April 4, 2004, at 5:45 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT OF CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND MONTCLAIR HOUSING CORPORATION BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

At 7:50 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey adjourned the City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors to Monday, April 4, 2004, at 5:45 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

At 7:50 p.m., Vice Chairman Dutrey adjourned the Montclair Housing Corporation Board of Directors.

Submitted for City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board/Montclair Housing Corporation Board approval,

Yvonne L. Smith
Recording Secretary