

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE
MONTCLAIR CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY AND MONTCLAIR HOUSING CORPORATION
BOARDS HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2005,
AT 7:03 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
5111 BENITO STREET, MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairman Eaton called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and reminded everyone to please silence their cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices as a courtesy to others while the meeting is in session.

II. INVOCATION

Mayor/Chairman Eaton gave the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

IV. ROLL CALL

For the record, City Clerk/Agency Secretary Jackson noted Council Member/Director Raft is not in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Present: Mayor/Chairman Eaton; Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey; Council Members/Directors Paulitz and Ruh; Acting City Manager/Executive Director Clark; Director of Redevelopment/Public Works Staats; Director of Administrative Services Starr; City/Agency Engineer Hudson; City Attorney/Agency Counsel Robbins; City Clerk/Agency Secretary Jackson

Absent: Council Member/Director Raft (excused); City Manager/Executive Director McDougal (excused)

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of 2005 Holiday Home Decoration Contest Winners

Mayor Eaton announced that the Montclair Community Action Committee (CAC) has once again sponsored the Holiday Home Decoration Contest as part of the City's ongoing efforts to

encourage community pride and spirit. He introduced CAC Chairperson Darleen Hartman.

CAC Chairperson Hartman announced the following ninth annual Holiday Home Decoration Contest 2005 winners as they were each presented with a framed *Award of Excellence* certificate by Mayor Eaton and a **Montclair Plaza** gift card by CAC Member Mary Fondario:

<i>Category</i>	<i>Winner(s)</i>
A World of Fantasy:	Mr. David Moose , 10037 Fremont Avenue
Unique:	Pat and Randy Endricks , 5635 Cambridge Street
Lights, Lights and More Lights:	David and Corazón Armstrong , 10169 Lehigh Avenue
Children's Fantasy:	James and Patricia Elliott , 5439 Princeton Street
Whimsical:	Herb and Lorrie Riggle , 4458 San Bernardino Court
Traditional:	Ed and Shelly Degner , 4780 Howard Street

Rueben and Yesenia Rodriguez's tastefully lighted and decorated manger scene on display at their home at 4564 Olive Street won in the Religious category.

Chairperson Hartman congratulated all winners and thanked them for sharing their creativity with the community. She encouraged everyone to visit these beautifully decorated homes to share in the joy and spirit of Christmas, noting copies of the list of winners are available in the Council Chambers this evening and at City Hall.

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Eaton thanked CAC Chairperson Hartman and CAC Members for their efforts to organize and facilitate this event. He further thanked all residents who have contributed to the holiday cheer through the festive decoration of their homes. He likewise encouraged everyone to visit the homes honored this evening and wished all a "Merry Christmas."

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Adoption of Resolution No. 05-09, a Resolution of the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency Approving and Authorizing Execution of Agreement No. 05-143, a Lease Agreement by and Between the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency and**

Ontario Nissan, Inc., Concerning Property Located on the Southwest Corner of Monte Vista Avenue and Richton Street

Mayor/Chairman Eaton declared it the time and place set for public hearing for the Redevelopment Agency Board to consider Resolution No. 05-09 approving and authorizing *Agreement No. 05-143*, a *Lease Agreement* by and between the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency and Ontario Nissan, Inc., concerning the property located on the southwest corner of Monte Vista Avenue and Richton Street, for the City Council to consent to the Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors' adoption of Resolution No. 05-09, and for the Redevelopment Agency Board's authorization of a \$500,000 appropriation from the Redevelopment Project Area No. III 1998 Taxable Tax Allocation Bond Issue for construction of a vehicle storage facility and invited comments from the public.

There being no one in the audience wishing to speak, Mayor/Chairman Eaton closed the public hearing and returned the matter to the City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board for their consideration.

Council Member/Director Paulitz asked when the Redevelopment Agency would break even on this venture.

Director of Redevelopment/Public Works Staats answered, "Twelve to thirteen years."

Council Member/Director Paulitz expressed his concern that there is no guarantee structured into the proposed Agreement that the Agency will recoup its investment in the project.

Mayor/Chairman Eaton expressed his understanding that Ontario Nissan, Inc., is rated No. 7 in sales in the United States.

Council Member/Director Ruh inquired as follows:

1. Considering Monte Vista Water District's interest in building a water well adjacent to the subject site, has that agency approved of proposed *Agreement No. 05-143*?

Director of Redevelopment/Public Works Staats advised that the proposed action does not impact the site being considered by MVWD. She noted the Agency is responsible for maintaining the access road at the site.

2. Who is responsible for providing liability insurance for the proposed vehicle storage facility?

Director of Redevelopment/Public Works Staats responded that Ontario Nissan, Inc., would be responsible for providing liability insurance for the new vehicle storage facility.

2. What would be the disposition of the two expensive vehicles to be provided by Ontario Nissan, Inc., pursuant to the Agreement?

Acting City Manager/Executive Director Clark responded that they would be used as staff vehicles, adding that the dollar limit has been set to protect the Agency's interest in the transaction.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey noted the discussions that took place several years ago between the Real Estate Committee and Ontario Nissan, Inc., concerning the dealership's need for additional vehicle storage related to its expansion of vehicle models to be offered for sale. He noted the proposed site represents the most cost-effective solution to the dealership's parking dilemma, adding that the City stands to realize a huge sales tax return on the Redevelopment Agency's parking lot-improvement investment in this venture.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey and seconded by Council Member/Director Paulitz that the following actions be taken:

1. That Resolution No. 05-09, entitled "**A Resolution of the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency Approving and Authorizing Execution of Agreement No. 05-143, a Lease Agreement by and Between the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency and Ontario Nissan, Inc., Concerning Property Located on the Southwest Corner of Monte Vista Avenue and Richton Street,**" be read by number and title only, further reading be waived, and it be declared adopted.
2. That the City Council consents to the Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors' adoption of Resolution No. 05-09.
3. That the Agency Board of Directors authorize transfer of \$500,000 from the Redevelopment Project Area No. III 1998 Taxable Tax Allocation Bond Issue for construction of a vehicle storage facility pursuant to *Agreement No. 05-143*.

The City Council waived the reading of the Resolution.

Resolution No. 05-09 was adopted, the City Council consented to the Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors' adoption of Resolution No. 05-09, and the Agency Board authorized transfer of \$500,000 from the Redevelopment Project Area No. III Taxable Tax Allocation Bond Issue for construction of a vehicle storage facility pursuant to *Agreement No. 05-143* by the following vote:

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

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey requested that Item C-6 be removed from the Consent Calendar for comment.

Council Member Ruh requested that Item B-4 be removed from the Consent Calendar for comment.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey, seconded by Council Member/Director Ruh, and carried to approve the following Consent Items as presented:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of Regular Joint Council/Agency/Montclair Housing Corporation Meeting of December 5, 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 December 5, 2005.

B. Administrative Reports

1. Acceptance of Grant Deed No. 1636, an Easement Deed for Drainage and Ingress, Egress, and All Other Uses Incident Thereto, In, Over, Under, and Across Property Located in Wilderness Park Belonging to Chino Basin Water Conservation District

Authorization for Recordation of Grant Deed No. 1636 by the Office of the San Bernardino County Recorder

The City Council took the following actions:

- (a) Accepted Grant Deed No. 1636, an Easement Deed for drainage and ingress, egress and all uses incident thereto, in, over, under, upon, and across property located in Wilderness Park belonging to Chino Basin Water Conservation District.
- (b) Authorized the deed's recordation by the Office of the San Bernardino County Recorder.

2. Authorization to Solicit Proposals for Real Estate Appraisal Services Regarding the City-Owned Property Located on the Northwest Corner of Highland Street and Helena Avenue (Mini Park #2)

The City Council authorized staff to solicit proposals for real estate appraisal services regarding the City-owned property located on the northwest corner of Highland Street and Helena Avenue (Mini Park #2).

3. Authorization of a \$9,889 Appropriation From the SB 509 Public Safety Fund for Purchase of Bedspreads From Nettle Creek Shop

The City Council authorized a \$9,889 appropriation from the SB 509 Public Safety Fund for purchase of bedspreads from Nettle Creek Shop for use by Fire Department suppression personnel working 24-hour shifts.

5. Declaring an Obsolete and Unused City Property Item as Surplus and Authorizing Its Trade for Needed Supplies

The City Council declared an obsolete and unused Police Department RACAL P-3 Logging Recorder as surplus and authorized its trade for 47 leather digital recorder holsters.

6. Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors' Authorization to Advertise for Bid Proposals for the Modifications to the West Edison Non-Reclaimable Wastewater Line Project and Authorize Executive Director to Award a Construction Contract to the Lowest Responsible, Responsive Bidder

The Redevelopment Agency Board authorized the following:

- (a) Staff to advertise for bid proposals for the Modifications to the West Edison Non-Reclaimable Wastewater Line Project.
- (b) The Executive Director to award a construction contract to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder.

7. 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 Olive Street Construction West of Del Mar Avenue Project

The City Council approved the following actions related to completion of the Olive Street Construction West of Del Mar Avenue 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.

8. Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors' Authorization to Advertise for Bid Proposals for the Flooring Replacement at the Kids Station Day Care Project

The Redevelopment Agency Board authorized staff to advertise for bid proposals for the Flooring Replacement at the Kids Station Day Care Project.

9. City Council's Authorization to Advertise for Bid Proposals for the Kingsley Street Rehabilitation Project

The City Council authorized staff to advertise for bid proposals for the Kingsley Street Rehabilitation Project.

10. Receiving and Filing of City Treasurer's Report

The City Council received and filed the City Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 30, 2005.

11. Approval of City Warrant Register and Payroll Documentation

The City Council approved the Warrant Register dated December 19, 2005, totaling \$927,288.35 and the Payroll Documentation dated November 13, 2005, amounting to \$577,335.58, with \$389,742.72 being the total cash disbursement.

12. 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 November 30, 2005.

13. Approval of Agency Warrant Register

The Redevelopment Agency Board approved the Redevelopment Agency Warrant Register dated 11/01/05-11/30/05 in the amounts of \$740.73 for Project I; \$178.03 for Project II; \$212,451.22 for Project III; \$141,876.84 for Project IV; and \$50,244.85 for Project V.

14. 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 November 30, 2005.

15. Approval of MHC Warrant Register

The MHC approved the MHC Warrant Register dated 11/01/05-11/30/05 in the amount of \$10,437.62.

C. Agreements

1. Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors' Award of Contract to Laird Construction, Inc., in the Amount of \$413,452

Approval of *Agreement No. 05-151* With Laird Construction, Inc., for Construction of the Richton Street Parking Lot Project

Authorization of a \$40,000 Construction Contingency

The Redevelopment Agency Board took the following actions related to the Richton Street Parking Lot Project:

- (a) Awarded a contract to Laird Construction, Inc., as the apparent low bidder on the project.
- (b) Approved *Agreement No. 05-151* with Laird Construction, Inc.
- (c) Authorized a \$40,000 construction contingency.

2. Approval of *Agreement No. 05-154* With the City of West Covina for Data Processing Equipment Software and Service of Computer-Aided Dispatch and Records Management System Programs

The City Council approved *Agreement No. 05-154* with the City of West Covina for data processing equipment, software, and service of Computer-Aided Dispatch and Records Management System programs.

3. Approval of *Supplemental Settlement Agreement No. 05-155* With San Bernardino County Related to Payment of Booking Fees and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Necessary Documents on Behalf of the City

The City Council approved *Supplemental Settlement Agreement No. 05-155* with San Bernardino County related to payment of booking fees and authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the City.

4. Approval of Agreement No. 05-156 With Dekra-Lite for Printing and Installing 70 Custom Banners for the City of Montclair's 50th Anniversary Celebration

The City Council approved *Agreement No. 05-156* with Dekra-Lite for printing and installing 70 custom banners for the City of Montclair's 50th Anniversary celebration.

5. Approval of Agreement No. 05-157 With Ontario-Montclair School District to Provide Literacy Services Through the William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy Grant

The City Council approved *Agreement No. 05-157* with the Ontario-Montclair School District to provide literacy services through the William F. Goodling Even Start Family Literacy grant.

D. Resolutions - None

IX. PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

B. Administrative Reports

4. Authorization to Purchase Five 2005 Ford Taurus Sedans Recommended for Purchase in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Budget From Bob Wondries Ford at Fleet Discount Prices at a Total Cost of Approximately \$74,560

Authorization to Purchase Two 2005 Ford Taurus Sedans From Bob Wondries Ford Using Savings Generated From Purchase of Five Vehicles Purchased at Fleet Discount Prices at a Total Cost of Approximately \$29,824

Authorization of a \$44,750 Allocation From the Equipment Replacement Fund to Purchase Three 2005 Ford Taurus Sedans From Bob Wondries Ford

Council Member Ruh asked if the Police Department's switch to exclusively Ford vehicles would initially create a problem in stocking parts for the remaining Chevrolet fleet vehicles.

Mayor Eaton expressed his opinion that it would not.

Moved by Council Member Ruh, seconded by Council Member Paulitz, and carried that the City Council authorizes the following:

- (a) Purchase of five 2005 Ford Taurus sedans recommended for acquisition in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Budget from Bob Wondries Ford at fleet discount prices at a total cost of approximately \$74,560.
- (b) Purchase of two 2005 Ford Taurus sedans from Bob Wondries Ford using savings generated from acquisition of five vehicles purchased at fleet discount prices at a total cost of approximately \$29,824.
- (c) A \$44,750 allocation from the Equipment Replacement Fund to purchase three 2005 Ford Taurus sedans from Bob Wondries Ford.

C. Agreements

6. Approval of *Agreement No. 05-158 With California Landscape and Design, Inc., for Montclair Skate Park Maintenance Services*

Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey indicated he is pleased with the successful operation and use of the City's skate park since it opened a little over a year ago. He credited the Police Department on its effective enforcement of safety gear use by skateboarders. He noted the park is being widely used by skateboarders of all ages and their families.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey and seconded by Council Member Ruh to approve *Agreement No. 05-158* with California Landscape and Design, Inc., for Montclair Skate Park maintenance services.*

Council Member Ruh further commented on the success of the Montclair Skate Park. He noted he strongly advocated for a number of years for a skate park to be built in Montclair despite the fears expressed by community members and pointed out that the park's success has largely dispelled those fears. Noting the Montclair Skate Park serves as a model for other communities, he expressed his opinion that involving community youth in the design of the park owes much to its success over the past year. He thanked all who contributed to the Montclair Skate Park project.

*Motion carried as follows:

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

X. RESPONSE - None

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Attorney/Agency Counsel

1. Closed Session Pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code Regarding Real Property Negotiations

<i>Properties:</i>	<i>Assessor's Parcel Nos.</i>	<i>Address</i>
	1012-111-02	4790 Mission Boulevard, Montclair
<i>Negotiating Parties:</i>	City of Montclair and Robert D. and Waneta G. Kessler-Trustees	
	1012-111-05	Northwest Corner of Monte Vista Avenue and Mission Boulevard, Montclair
<i>Negotiating Parties</i>	City of Montclair and Chalmers-Monte Vista, LLC	
	1012-111-04	10788 Monte Vista Avenue, Montclair
<i>Negotiating Parties:</i>	City of Montclair and Willoughby Family LP	
	1012-111-03	4871 State Street, Montclair
<i>Negotiating Parties:</i>	City of Montclair and Miguel and Maribel Barco	
	1011-301-02	10777 - 10787 Monte Vista Avenue, Montclair
<i>Negotiating Parties:</i>	City of Montclair and Dempsey & Sons Concrete Pumping	
	1011-301-01	10807 Monte Vista Avenue, Montclair
<i>Negotiating Parties:</i>	City of Montclair and Tim and Shelly J. McDaniel	
	1011-301-24	10763 Monte Vista Avenue, Montclair
<i>Negotiating Parties:</i>	City of Montclair and Harold W. McCoy, et al.	
	1011-301-11	10632 Monte Vista Avenue, Montclair

Negotiating Parties: City of Montclair and Lloyd Wells Gift Trust
1011-301-04 10745 Monte Vista Avenue, Montclair
1011-301-05 " "

Negotiating Parties: City of Montclair and Keith A. Ealy
1011-301-06 Southeast Corner of Monte Vista Avenue
1011-301-07 and State Street, Montclair

Negotiating Parties: City of Montclair and Eric and Rosalina Medina
1011-012-03 10635 Monte Vista Avenue, Montclair

Negotiating Parties: City of Montclair and Moore Family Declaration Trust
1011-012-04 10625 Monte Vista Avenue, Montclair

Negotiating Parties: City of Montclair and Delbert D. Foreman
1012-101-15 Northwest Corner Monte Vista Avenue and
1012-101-16 Brooks Street, Montclair

Negotiating Parties: City of Montclair and Patrick J. and Margaret A. Kelly
1011-011-03 4949 Holt Boulevard, Montclair

Negotiating Parties: City of Montclair and Nathan and Joyce Nahmias, Trustees
1012-101-07 4889 Holt Boulevard, Montclair

Negotiating Parties: City of Montclair and Haserjian Brothers Realty
1011-311-13 4918 Mission Boulevard, Montclair

Negotiating Parties: City of Montclair and Kao Family Trust

Negotiators: Director of Redevelopment/Public Works Staats and City Engineer Hudson

*Under Recommendations Regarding Acquisition of Easements
Negotiation: on Subject Properties in Conjunction With the Ramona
Avenue/Union Pacific Grade Separation Project*

City Attorney Robbins requested a Closed Session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code regarding real property negotiations on the above matter.

B. Acting City Manager/Executive Director

1. Acting City Manager/Executive Director Clark wished the Council a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

C. Mayor/Chairman

1. Mayor/Chairman Eaton commented as follows:
 - (a) He noted his recent attendance at the worthwhile **82nd Annual Congress of Cities and Exposition** in Charlotte, North Carolina, adding there were almost four thousand mayors and council members in attendance from all over the United States.
 - (b) He noted he enjoyed attending the Montclair Fire Fighters Association's (MFFA's) annual Christmas party on December 13, 2005.
 - (c) He noted his attendance last Wednesday at **El Camino Elementary School's** 50th anniversary celebration and that the school's first principal was in attendance. He noted his children and grandchildren all attended the school.
 - (d) He noted his attendance at recent City committee meetings as well as at **San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)** and **Omnitrans** Board meetings.

D. City Council/Agency Board

1. Council Member/Director Paulitz commented as follows:
 - (a) He likewise noted he enjoyed attending the MFFA annual Christmas party.
 - (b) He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

2. Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey commented as follows:
 - (a) He noted his attendance at the December 20, 2005 **SANBAG** Board meeting at which **Mr. Mark A. "Tony" Grasso** was appointed as the transportation agency's new Executive Director, replacing long-time Executive Director **Norm King**, who is retiring this month.
 - (b) He noted a topic of discussion at the **SANBAG** Board meeting was to fill the gap in **Proposition 42** transportation funding. He suggested a meeting be scheduled with legislative consultant **Charles Bader, CWB Consulting**, and representatives of the cities of **San Bernardino** and **Ontario** regarding forming a lobbying contingent that would lobby our legislators and the leaders of both houses regarding the urgent need for **Proposition 42** to be fully funded in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 state budget.
 - (c) He noted his wife, **Anne**, returned from active duty in Kuwait after serving for 12 months. He noted he is very happy that his wife has served this country for the past 15 months as an inactive Reserve and that she was fortunate not to have to serve in combat. He noted the ultimate sacrifice is made by soldiers who put their lives on the line serving in combat in a foreign land. He urged everyone to thank the soldiers they come in contact with who have returned from the war in Iraq for the ultimate sacrifices they made. Noting he recently watched a news report about an East Coast Reservist who perished in a Sunni Arab insurgent bombing in May 2005, he asked everyone to think about the families who have lost loved ones to the ultimate sacrifice.
 - (d) He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and expressed his hope that 2006 will be a great year for the City of Montclair.
3. Council Member/Director Ruh commented as follows:
 - (a) He likewise noted attending the MFFA's annual Christmas party at which Fire Chief Turner was recognized for his many years of service to the Montclair Fire Department. He wished Chief Turner a happy retirement.
 - (b) He noted his attendance at the recent **Chaffey College Foundation** Christmas event at which staff and community volunteers were recognized.

- (c) He discussed the debate over the last few weeks over the correct terminology for an appropriate greeting at this time of year. He expressed his opinion that the greetings "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Holidays" are both correct because Christmas is a contraction of "Christ's mass," the celebration of the birth of Christ, and "holiday" is a contraction of "holy day," a collection of the feast and holy days, including Christ's mass, the Feast of Advent, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Feast of the Nativity, the Feast of the Holy Family, and the Feast of the Epiphany. He offered the following for those who want to keep the "Christ" in "Christmas":

Venture under a bridge, find the homeless person, take him in, give him a good meal, a place to stay, help him find a job, and enroll him in a community college so he can gain new skills and can again become a productive member of society.

Go to our apartment neighborhoods and adopt a family for the next year. Let them know that they, too, are an important member of this community. Make a difference in the economics of their lives with a hand up and words of encouragement and praise.

Agree to sponsor for citizenship an immigrant newly arrived from Mexico, El Salvador, Pakistan, or some other country so that they, too, may know the privilege of the greatest democracy in the world.

Take the teenager nobody wants, enroll him in school, help him with his homework, help him with life skills—let him know that somebody cares.

Change ordinances, regulations, and development codes which are geared towards attracting the affluent to instead attract the entry level so that they, too, may get a foothold on the first rung upward in our society.

Pay for the tuition for low-income college students so that the struggle for a higher education may be made a bit easier.

Purchase medical insurance for someone working at a grueling job at low wages so that they, too, may have access to safe and decent medical care.

Partner an at-risk youth with our senior citizens; see the magic when unbounded enthusiasm meets wisdom.

Offer a job to a military veteran, not just those who served on the back lines in Qatar and Bahrain, but those who served on the front lines facing a hail of bullets. Demonstrate your appreciation to them.

Welcome and befriend the stranger seeking a better life in our country. Remember the Holy Family and their flight into Egypt.

Don't look down on your neighbor or create problems for them because their home needs painting, their fence has holes in it, or there is now dirt where lawn once grew. Offer to help them any way you can without having to be asked.

Don't expect to find it In the terminology used to describe an evergreen decorated with candles and baubles, don't expect it in the verbiage used by the retail emporium dedicated to making money, don't expect it in the mechanized vocalizations of people you meet on street or in the workplace, don't expect it in a street corner promotion or in a newspaper advertisement; for if you want to keep the Christ in Christmas, expect it in the spirit of true peace, goodwill to all men.

Simply open your mind and heart and retain in it always the redemption, faith, and hope born anew two thousand years ago if you truly want to keep the "Christ" in "Christmas."

Council Member Ruh wished everyone "a very peaceful and wonderful Christmas and Hanukah and may 2006 bring you and your family much peace and joy."

E. Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Minutes of Personnel Committee Meeting of December 5, 2005

The City Council received and filed the Personnel Committee meeting minutes of December 5, 2005, for informational purposes.

XII. COUNCIL/AGENCY WORKSHOP

A. Update on 50th Anniversary Celebration

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey, seconded by Council Member/Director Ruh, and carried to continue this item to an adjourned joint meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. at the **Hurst** property, 5326 San Bernardino Street, Montclair, California, the original site of Montclair City Hall.

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

At 7:42 p.m., Chairman Eaton adjourned the Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors to Tuesday, January 3, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. at the **Hurst** property, 5326 San Bernardino Street.

At 7:42 p.m., Chairman Eaton adjourned the Montclair Housing Corporation Board of Directors.

At 7:42 p.m., the City Council went into Closed Session regarding real property negotiations pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8.

Mayor Eaton wished everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a Happy New Year.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

At 7:58 p.m., the City Council returned from Closed Session. Mayor Eaton announced the City Council met in Closed Session regarding real property negotiations, information was received and direction given to staff, and no further announcements would be made at this time.

XV. ADJOURNMENT OF CITY COUNCIL

At 7:59 p.m., Mayor Eaton adjourned the City Council to Tuesday, January 3, 2005, at 5:30 p.m. at the **Hurst** property, 5326 San Bernardino Street.

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

Yvonne L. Smith
Deputy City Clerk