

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE
MONTCLAIR CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY AND MONTCLAIR HOUSING CORPORATION
BOARDS HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2006,
AT 6:57 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 6:57 p.m. and asked that everyone please silence their cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices as a courtesy to others while the meeting is in session. He announced that the regular joint meetings are now available in audio format on the City's website and can be accessed the day following the meeting after 10:00 a.m.

II. INVOCATION

Mayor/Chairman Eaton gave the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Eaton advised all attending students to write today's date and the time Council Members will be signing their attendance forms before presenting them for signature at the end of the meeting.

IV. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor/Chairman Eaton; 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

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduction of New Employees

Mayor Eaton introduced **Ms. Luz Martinez**, who was appointed to the position of Police Services Specialist on September 25, 2006.

Mayor Eaton welcomed Police Services Specialist Martinez to the Montclair City family and presented her with a City pin.

Mayor Eaton introduced **Mr. José Galindo** who was appointed to the position of Police Officer effective today. He noted Officer Galindo began his employment with the Montclair Police Department as a Police Officer Trainee on April 17, 2006, and graduated from the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Academy** on September 21, 2006. He noted prior to his career in law enforcement, Officer Galindo taught elementary school for six years for the **Ontario-Montclair School District**.

Mayor Eaton welcomed Officer Galindo to the Montclair City family and presented him with a City pin.

Mayor Eaton introduced **Ms. Guille (Ghia) Patton**, who was appointed to the position of Police Officer effective today. He noted Officer Patton likewise began her employment with the

Montclair Police Department as a Police Officer Trainee on April 17, 2006, and graduated from the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Academy** on September 21, 2006.

Mayor Eaton welcomed Officer Patton to the Montclair City family and presented her with a City pin.

Mayor Eaton introduced **Mr. Jesse Bajenaru**, who was appointed to the position of Police Officer effective today. He noted Officer Bajenaru also began his employment with the Montclair Police Department as a Police Officer Trainee on April 17, 2006, and graduated from the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Academy** on September 21, 2006.

Mayor Eaton welcomed Officer Bajenaru to the Montclair City family and presented him with a City pin.

Mayor Eaton introduced **Ms. Katrina Caballero**, who was appointed to the position of Receptionist/Office Specialist on September 18, 2006. He noted Receptionist/Office Specialist Caballero grew up in Pomona and Montclair and has lived in Montclair for the past seven years.

Mayor Eaton welcomed Receptionist/Office Specialist Caballero to the Montclair City family and presented her with a City pin.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Eaton advised 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. Fire Chief Dan Tapia invited the Council, staff, and the community to the Fire Department's Annual Open House/Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, October 14, 2006, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Fire Station No. 1.
- B. **Ms. Mary Ann Melleby**, Public Affairs Manager, **Monte Vista Water District**, 10575 Central Avenue, Montclair, cordially invited the Council and public to **Water Fair 2006** on Saturday, October 14, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to be held on the lower level main entrance of the **Montclair Plaza**. She noted a number of free raffle prizes and gift giveaways for event participants.
- C. **Mr. Ray Spangler**, **Hacienda Mobile Home Estates**, 4361 East Mission Boulevard, Space 60, Montclair, invited the Council and staff to tour the new park improvements at a grand opening party on Saturday, October 21, 2006, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. He expressed park residents' appreciation of the improvements made at the park as well as to Mission Boulevard.

Mayor Eaton reminded residents that the City's *Fall Cleanup* is underway through the end of the week and that **Burrtec Waste Industries** will collect free of charge all unwanted items (except tires; construction debris; and hazardous, electronic, and universal waste such as fluorescent light tubes and bulbs) on residents' regular collection days. He suggested residents call Accounting Supervisor Roxaynn Robinson at 625-9414 for disposal of these items.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of Regular Joint Council/Agency/Montclair Housing Corporation Meeting of September 18, 2006

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 September 18, 2006.

B. Administrative Reports

1. Approval of City Warrant Register and Payroll Documentation

The City Council approved the City Warrant Register dated October 2, 2006, totaling \$2,075,979.46 and the Payroll Documentation dated August 6, 2006, amounting to \$590,567.53, with \$409,811.36 being the total cash disbursement.

C. Agreements

1. Approval of Agreement No. 06-142-I-75, an Irrevocable Annexation Agreement With Ms. Emma Soto for 4192 Grand Avenue

The City Council approved *Agreement No. 06-142-I-75*, an *Irrevocable Annexation Agreement* with Ms. Emma Soto for emergency connection of her property at 4192 Grand Avenue to the City Sewer System.

2. Approval of Agreement No. 06-151 Amending Agreement Nos. 02-34 and 04-78 With the County of San Bernardino for Improvements on Mission Boulevard

The City Council approved *Agreement No. 06-151* amending Agreement Nos. 02-34 and 04-78 with the County of San Bernardino to provide construction management for pavement rehabilitation improvements on Mission Boulevard.

3. Approval of Agreement No. 06-152 With the Ontario-Montclair School District to Provide After-School Programs

The City Council approved *Agreement No. 06-152* with the Ontario-Montclair School District to provide California Department of Education After-School Education and Safety Program grant funding for after-school programs at Kingsley, Mission, Lehigh, and Monte Vista Elementary Schools and Serrano Middle School.

D. Resolutions

1. Adoption of Resolution No. 06-2667 Authorizing Placement of Liens on Certain Properties for Delinquent Sewer and Trash Accounts

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 06-2667 authorizing placement of liens for delinquent sewer and trash charges on the 91 properties listed on Exhibit A to Resolution No. 06-2667.

2. Adoption of Resolution No. 06-2668 Declaring the City's Intent to Vacate an Unused Portion of Arrow Highway West of Benson Avenue

Setting a Public Hearing to Consider the Vacation of an Unused Portion of Arrow Highway West of Benson Avenue

The City Council took the following actions:

- (a) Adopted Resolution No. 06-2668 declaring the City's intent to vacate an unused portion of Arrow Highway west of Benson Avenue.
- (b) Set a public hearing for Monday, November 6, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to consider vacation of an unused portion of Arrow Highway west of Benson Avenue.

IX. PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

X. RESPONSE - None

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Attorney/Agency Counsel - No comments

B. City Manager/Executive Director - No comments

C. Mayor/Chairman

1. Mayor/Chairman Eaton commented as follows:

- (a) He noted his attendance at recent **San Bernardino Associated Governments** and **Metrolink** Board meetings.
- (b) He noted his participation in the **C.A.U.T.I.O.N.** cleanup on September 23, 2006, in the 9300 and 9400 blocks of Mills, Pradera, and Ramona Avenues. He noted the large turnout of residents at the cleanup who removed a great deal of trash and graffiti and painted fire hydrants, red curbs, mailboxes, and trash bins and enclosures. He thanked residents and staff who worked hard to make this cleanup a success.
- (c) He noted Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey, City Manager McDougal, Director of Community Development Clark, and he met with **Nordstrom** executives in Seattle to address remodeling and improving the **Montclair Plaza**. He noted feeling positive about the future of the mall at the conclusion of the meeting.
- (d) He noted **Mrs. Eaton** and he attended a fundraiser Saturday evening for **Inland Pacific Ballet**, a nationally known company based in Montclair, that was also attended by **Senator Soto** and Council Member Ruh. He encouraged the community's support of **Inland Pacific Ballet**.

D. City Council/Agency Board

1. Council Member/Director Paulitz commented as follows:

- (a) He noted his attendance at the new Police facility groundbreaking on Thursday, September 28, 2006.
- (b) He noted he enjoyed attending the senior birthday party last Wednesday and thanked staff for organizing the event each month.

- (c) He asked the Police Department to check the traffic congestion on Benito Street and Vernon Avenue when school lets out at **Montclair High School** and **Vernon Middle School**.
2. Council Member/Director Raft commented on the good turnout at the new Police facility groundbreaking ceremony held last Thursday and that she is looking forward to construction beginning on the project.
 3. Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey commented as follows:
 - (a) He noted the **California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)** has finally initiated a major cleanup of the Montclair Transcenter in view of the ongoing landscape-maintenance issue at the facility. He asked if **Caltrans** will conduct a routine maintenance program at the Transcenter.

City Manager McDougal responded that the site is not high on **Caltrans'** maintenance priority list. He noted **Caltrans** ignored repeated requests from the City over the years to maintain the Transcenter grounds, though staff has now emphasized the need to do so. If not, he stated he feels confident that **Caltrans** will respond quicker to the City's requests for maintenance.

Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey noted that maintenance has been an issue at the Transcenter since the **Metrolink** commuter rail system began operating in Montclair in 1993. He emphasized the importance of having a well-maintained transit center for residents and patrons and expressed his hope that **Caltrans** will focus more attention on the facility.

- (b) He noted the Transactions and Use Tax Oversight Committee would be meeting in the near future.
 - (c) He remarked that the new Police facility groundbreaking ceremony last Thursday was "very well done" and represents the first step in the future of the North Montclair Downtown Specific Plan.
 - (d) He discussed the workshop presentation given earlier this evening to introduce the Police Department's new Crime Suppression Unit (CSU), a special task force that will focus on eradicating graffiti in the City. He emphasized the antigraffiti message the CSU's presence in the City will be sending to graffiti violators.
4. Council Member/Director Ruh commented as follows:
 - (a) He noted he was unable to attend the new Police facility groundbreaking because of a professional commitment. He stated that the new Police station and youth and senior centers will be wonderful additions that will provide opportunities within our community.
 - (b) He noted his attendance Saturday evening at the very successful sixth annual Gala Evening fundraiser for **Inland Pacific Ballet** at **Bridges Auditorium**, Claremont. He noted **Senator Soto** attended to show her support and thanked **Mr. Bob Cruz**, Public Affairs Manager, **The Gas Company**, for **The Gas Company's** support of **Inland Pacific Ballet** and for its continued support of community youth programs.

- (c) He noted his attendance at the **Ontario-Montclair School District** Alternative Governing Board's first meeting of the year. He advised that the Board will be focusing on the lower performing schools in the **District** to find ways to improve their test scores, including exploring cultural and language barriers that may exist, so that all students receive the education they need to move on to high school and college or vocational school.
- (d) He noted he will attend the **Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center 2006 Legacy Awards** ceremony this Thursday at which former Assistant Human Services Director **Sue Yoakum** will be honored. He noted **Mrs. Yoakum's** 25-year tenure with the City and her continued commitment to the community and to the region.
- (e) He noted he agrees with the editorial entitled "Region needs united front on traffic, pollution" in today's **Inland Valley Daily Bulletin (IVDB)** written in response to an article entitled "2 counties join hands on goods traffic" in the September 28, 2006 edition of the **IVDB**. Noting Mayor Eaton serves on the **Alameda Corridor-East (ACE)** Authority as an alternate, not a voting member, he stated that San Bernardino County transportation officials had the opportunity many years ago to partner with the **ACE** Authority to enable Montclair to have a vote. He noted the importance of San Bernardino County officials realizing that the county is part of a larger entity in Southern California when considering the ever-increasing goods-movement traffic through the region as the shipping industry continues to grow. He added that the editorial correctly pointed out the need for a coordinated effort to bring attention and needed funding to the Inland Empire to reduce the negative impacts of truck and train traffic and pollution.

E. Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Minutes of Public Works Committee Meeting of June 15, 2006

The City Council received and filed the Public Works Committee meeting minutes of June 15, 2006, for informational purposes.

2. Minutes of Public Works Committee Meeting of August 17, 2006

The City Council received and filed the Public Works Committee meeting minutes of August 17, 2006, for informational purposes.

3. Minutes of Code Enforcement Committee Meeting of September 18, 2006

The City Council received and filed the Code Enforcement Committee meeting minutes of September 18, 2006, for informational purposes.

4. Minutes of Personnel Committee Meeting of September 18, 2006

The City Council received and filed the Personnel Committee meeting minutes of September 18, 2006, for informational purposes.

At this time, Mayor Eaton invited **Mr. Loren Martens** to come forward to speak.

Mr. Martens, 4285 Benito Street, Montclair, commended Council Member Paulitz for his concern about the traffic congestion on Benito Street at **Montclair High School (MHS)**. He suggested **MHS** grant a right-of-way easement to the City to increase the width of Benito Street in front of the school to allow a passenger loading zone lane to be built.

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

At 7:25 p.m., Mayor/Chairman Eaton adjourned the City Council and Redevelopment Agency and Montclair Housing Corporation Boards of Directors.

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

Donna M. Jackson
City Clerk