

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING
OF THE MONTCLAIR CITY COUNCIL AND
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND MONTCLAIR
HOUSING CORPORATION BOARDS HELD ON
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008, AT 7:00 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 7:00 p.m. and asked that cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices be silenced 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 Raft led those assembled in the Pledge.

IV. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Council Member/Director Paulitz (excused)

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduction of New Employees

Fire Chief Ament introduced **Mr. David Torrez**, who was appointed to the position of Firefighter effective May 19, 2008. He noted Firefighter Torrez began his employment with the Fire Department as a Fire Technician in October 2006 and left in August 2007 to pursue his education. He noted Firefighter Torrez received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and Human Resources from **California Polytechnic University, Pomona**, in 2006, and his Associate of Science degree in Fire Technology from

Mt. San Antonio College in 2007, during which time he also completed the Fire Academy at the college.

Chief Ament welcomed Firefighter Torrez to the Montclair City Family and Mayor Eaton presented him with a City pin.

Chief Ament introduced **Mr. Carlos Becerril**, who was appointed to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic effective May 19, 2008. He noted Firefighter/Paramedic Becerril, who was raised in the **City of Chino**, became a Fire Explorer with the **Chino Valley Independent Fire Protection District** when he was 16 and an Explorer with the **Ontario Fire Department** when he turned 18, after which he was hired as a Staff Advisor for the Explorer post—all before he graduated from **Don Antonio Lugo High School** in June 2001. In 2003, he graduated from **Mt. San Antonio College Fire Academy** on a sponsorship from the Fire Department and worked for over four years as an Emergency Medical Technician for **American Medical Response**; in January 2007, he graduated from the **Mt. San Antonio College** Paramedic Program.

Chief Ament noted Firefighter/Paramedic Becerril is dedicating his fire service career to his grandmother, **Irene Vega**, who sadly passed away from cancer in late 2006.

Chief Ament welcomed Firefighter/Paramedic Becerril to the Montclair City Family and Mayor Eaton presented him with a City pin.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. **Mr. Loren Martens**, 4285 Benito Street, Montclair, expressed his concern regarding approximately ten or twelve deteriorated and abandoned power/telephone poles in Montclair and asked if the City could encourage **Southern California Edison** and/or **Verizon California** to remove them.

Mayor Eaton suggested **Mr. Martens** give City Engineer Hudson a list of the subject power/telephone poles.

Mr. Martens indicated he would do so.

Mayor Eaton stated, "That would be most helpful. Thank you."

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. **Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 08-02, a Resolution of the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency Approving Agreement No. 08-32, a Disposition and Development Agreement by and Between the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency and Montclair Senior Housing Partners, L.P. (National Community Renaissance of California) Concerning the Property Located at 10355 Mills Avenue**

Consider Resolution No. 08-2730, a Resolution of the City of Montclair Consenting to Approval of *Agreement No. 08-32, a Disposition and Development Agreement by and Between the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency and Montclair Senior Housing Partners, L.P.* (National Community Renaissance of California) Concerning the Property Located at 10355 Mills Avenue

Mayor/Chairman Eaton declared it the time and place set for public hearing to consider adoption of Redevelopment Agency Resolution No. 08-02 approving *Agreement No. 08-32, a Disposition and Development Agreement by and Between the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency and Montclair Senior Housing Partners, L.P.* (National Community Renaissance of California), and City Council Resolution No. 08-2730 consenting to approval of *Agreement No. 08-32* 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/Redevelopment Agency Board for their consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey inquired as follows:

1. Has National Community Renaissance of California (CORE) received approval from the State of California to use the 4 Percent Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program for a portion of the construction financing and for permanent financing?

Mr. Alfredo R. Izmajtovich, Director of Acquisitions, National CORE, answered, "Yes. We've secured all our financing. We have our commitments from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program as well as the tax credits and the bonds."

2. When will the project begin construction?

Mr. Izmajtovich answered, "Next month," assuming this item is approved.

3. Has National CORE closed escrow on the parcel at the southeast corner of Mills Avenue and Kingsley Street?

Mr. Izmajtovich answered, "We have acquired that site as well. That will be Phase 3 of the project."

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey expressed his understanding that Phase 3 would be built in 2010.

Mr. Izmajtovich answered, "That's right. That one's still in entitlements and planning. Once we go through that process, we'll go out and secure the financing for that phase as well."

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey thanked **Mr. Izmajtovich**.

Council Member/Director Ruh inquired as follows:

1. How is the rental amount calculated?

Mr. Izmajtovich answered, "We were very lucky actually in this particular case. We were successful in securing a Section 202 grant from HUD; and under that program, rent is based on individuals' incomes." He noted those seniors meeting the income parameters would only pay 30 percent of their incomes toward rent.

2. What is the entry age of seniors to rent the proposed units?

Mr. Izmajtovich answered, "Fifty-five and above."

Council Member/Director Ruh stated, "That's good because I know there are many people struggling right now, especially in this economy."

3. Could priority be given to Montclair senior residents?

Mr. Izmajtovich advised that National CORE typically advertises locally by first posting a sign with an information telephone number, inviting interested residents to inquire about the project and place their names on a waiting list. He noted senior Montclair residents have already called and signed up to rent a unit and that "we probably already have approximately 1,500 to 2,000 applicants for these 85 units." He advised that the vast majority of renters would be current Montclair residents.

Council Member/Director Ruh noted the importance of renting to Montclair residents because they have already established close ties to the community. He noted he wants to ensure that we are first benefiting our residents before the public, particularly our senior residents "who already have that stability in their lives. It's a great opportunity for them to be able to stay right here in Montclair."

Mr. Izmajtovich expressed his opinion that "as soon as we break ground next month, there's going to be an avalanche of people who are going to be telling their neighbors that there's a new development coming on board. I encourage

everyone here to let residents know about the project, which will be a fantastic asset to the community."

Council Member/Director Ruh thanked **Mr. Izmajtovich**.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey thanked National CORE for its senior project proposal. He noted the success of the first project (San Antonio Vista Apartments) and the affordable senior housing the proposed second project would provide. He noted the future third project would revitalize a blighted strip center at that corner and transform the parcel into "a very beautiful housing project to, again, revitalize the area."

Moved by Vice Chairman Dutrey and seconded by Director Raft that Resolution No. 08-02, entitled, "**A Resolution of the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency Approving Agreement No. 08-32, a Disposition and Development Agreement by and Between the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency and Montclair Housing Partners, L.P. (National Community Renaissance of California) and Making Certain Findings in Connection Therewith,**" be read by number and title only, further reading be waived, and it be declared adopted.

The Redevelopment Agency Board waived the reading of the Resolution.

Resolution No. 08-02 was adopted by the following vote:

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

Mayor/Chairman Eaton noted the Council/Agency Board has reviewed the plans for the proposed project and "is very excited about it."

Mr. Izmajtovich stated, "We are, too. It's going to be a fantastic development. Thank you very much."

Mayor/Chairman Eaton thanked **Mr. Izmajtovich**.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey and seconded by Council Member Ruh that Resolution No. 08-2730, entitled, "**A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Montclair Consenting to the Approval of Agreement No. 08-32, a Disposition and Development Agreement by and Between the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency and Montclair Housing Partners, L.P. (National Community Renaissance of California) and Making Certain Findings in Connection Therewith,**" be read by number

and title only, further reading be waived, and it be declared adopted.

The City Council waived the reading of the Resolution.

Resolution No. 08-2730 was adopted by the following vote:

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

B. First Reading – Adoption of Ordinance No. 08-902 Establishing Fees for State Franchise Video Service Providers

Mayor Eaton declared it the time and place set for public hearing to consider the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-902 establishing fees for state franchise video service providers and invited comments from the public.

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

Council Member Ruh noted the importance of televising these meetings for the benefit of residents and the public who are unable to attend. He suggested the City could solicit volunteers from **Montclair High School's** and **Chaffey College's** video programs to run the video transmission equipment.

City Manager McDougal advised that staff is negotiating with **Chaffey College** to provide volunteers for that purpose.

Moved by Council Member Ruh and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey that Ordinance No. 08-902, entitled, "**An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Montclair Establishing Fees for State Franchise Video Service Providers,**" be read by number and title only, further reading be waived, and this be declared its first reading.

First Reading of Ordinance No. 08-902 was adopted by the following vote:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey noted it seems likely the telecasts of the meetings will continue.

City Manager McDougal advised that staff is exploring the cost to continue televising meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey asked how the cities of Upland and Ontario will be video recording their meetings.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Administrative Services Starr replied that the City of Ontario will be televising its meetings and the City of Upland is moving in that direction.

Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey noted that last winter, both Time Warner Cable and Verizon FiOS TV televised the City of Ontario's meetings. He spoke in favor of the City's continuing to televise these meetings, expressing the importance of doing so for the benefit of the public. He expressed his appreciation of staff's efforts to continue televising these meetings, noting he looks forward to considering future proposals to that effect.

City Manager McDougal expressed his understanding that the pay-access channel would be exclusive to Montclair, meaning the meetings would only be available to Montclair households, should the proposed Ordinance be adopted.

Deputy City Manager/Director of Administrative Services Starr concurred that the pay channel will be exclusively under the City's control.

Council Member Raft concurred on the importance of continuing to televise the meetings for the benefit of the public. She noted hearing from a number of residents during her election campaign who told her they enjoyed the convenience of watching the meetings at home.

C. First Reading – Adoption of Ordinance No. 08-903 Amending Section 9.20.440, *Et Seq.*, of the Montclair Municipal Code Related to Exhibit J of the Regional Sewage Service Contract as Amended March 2, 2005, by the Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Mayor Eaton declared it the time and place set for public hearing to consider the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-903 amending Section 9.20.440, *et seq.*, of the Montclair Municipal Code related to Exhibit J of the Regional Sewage Service Contract as amended March 2, 2005, by the Inland Empire Utilities Agency and invited comments from the public.

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

Council Member Ruh noted use of high-efficiency appliances should be encouraged "to reduce our dependence on water" and "decrease the effluent entering the sewer system." He noted there are incentives from manufacturers and private agencies for purchase of high-efficiency lower water use washers for residential or commercial use.

Moved by Council Member Ruh and seconded by Council Member Raft that Ordinance No. 08-903, entitled, "**An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Montclair Amending Sections 9.20.440, *Et Seq.*, of the Montclair Municipal Code Related to Exhibit J of the Regional Sewage Service Contract as Amended March 2, 2005, by Inland Empire Utilities Agency,**" be read by number and title only, further reading be waived, and this be declared its first reading.

First Reading of Ordinance No. 08-903 was adopted by the following vote:

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

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Adjourned Joint Council/Agency Meeting of April 7, 2008

The City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board approved the minutes of the Adjourned Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board meeting of April 7, 2008.

2. Approval of Adjourned Joint Council/Agency Meeting of May 5, 2008

The City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board approved the minutes of the Adjourned Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board meeting of May 5, 2008.

3. Approval of Regular Joint Council/Agency/Montclair Housing Corporation Meeting of May 5, 2008

The City Council and Redevelopment Agency/Montclair Housing Corporation Boards approved the minutes of the Regular

Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board/Montclair Housing Corporation Board meeting of May 5, 2008.

B. Administrative Reports

1. Receiving and Filing of City Treasurer's Report

The City Council received and filed the City Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2008.

2. Receiving and Filing of City Treasurer's Report

The City Council received and filed the City Treasurer's Report for the month ending April 30, 2008.

3. Approval of City Warrant Registers and Payroll Documentations

The City Council approved the City Warrant Register dated May 19, 2008, totaling \$1,054,896.93 and the Payroll Documentation dated March 16, 2008, amounting to \$637,068.70, with \$477,000.02 being the total cash disbursement.

The City Council approved the City Warrant Register dated June 2, 2008, totaling \$900,530.94 and the Payroll Documentation dated March 30, 2008, amounting to \$611,646.19, with \$474,611.78 being the total cash disbursement.

4. 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 April 30, 2008.

5. Approval of Agency Warrant Register

The Redevelopment Agency Board approved the Redevelopment Agency Warrant Register dated 04.01.08-04.30.08 in the amounts of \$29,477.03 for Project I; \$1,887.00 for Project II; \$1,350,603.78 for Project III; \$423,800.06 for Project IV; \$1,157,772.04 for Project V, and \$28,872.30 for the Mission Boulevard Joint Redevelopment Project.

6. 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 April 30, 2008.

7. Approval of MHC Warrant Register

The MHC Board approved the MHC Warrant Register dated 4.01.08-04.30.08 in the amount of \$81,848.77.

8. Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors' Authorization of a \$4.2 Million Appropriation from the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency Redevelopment Project Area No. III 2007A Tax Allocation Bond Issue to Finance Costs Associated With Construction of the Police Facility Project

City Council Authorization of a \$4.2 Million Reallocation of City 2005 Lease Revenue Bond Proceeds to the Youth and Senior Center Projects Or Other Projects That May Be Designated by the City Council

The Redevelopment Agency Board authorized a \$4.2 million appropriation from the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency Redevelopment Project Area No. III 2007A Tax Allocation Bond Issue to finance costs Associated with construction of the Police Facility Project.

The City Council authorized a \$4.2 million reallocation of City 2005 Lease Revenue Bond proceeds or other City funds from the Police Facility Project to the youth and senior center projects or other projects that may be designated by the City Council.

9. Authorization to Purchase and Install a Microwave Radio Link and Power System

The City Council authorized the purchase and installation of a microwave radio link and power system at the Police Department.

10. Authorization of a \$2,700 Donation to Pomona Valley Workshop as a One-Time Rebate for Grading Plan Check Fees

The City Council authorized a \$2,700 donation to Pomona Valley Workshop as a one-time rebate for grading plan check fees.

11. Approval of Parcel Merger No. 2007-3 for Two Parcels Located West of Amherst Avenue at 4232-38 Holt Boulevard

The City Council approved Parcel Merger No. 2007-3 for two parcels located west of Amherst Avenue at 4232-38 Holt Boulevard.

12. Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors' Granting of an Easement for Utility Purposes to Verizon California Inc.

The Redevelopment Agency Board granted an easement for utility purposes to Verizon California Inc. to accommodate development of an undercrossing at the Montclair Transcenter.

13. Acceptance of Grant Deed No. 1650, an Easement for Constructing, Maintaining, and Use of Public Sanitary Sewer Facilities and Appurtenances

The City Council accepted Grant Deed No. 1650, an easement for constructing, maintaining, and use of public sanitary sewer facilities and appurtenances at 4685 Huntington Drive.

14. Receive and File Status Report on Emergency Contracting Procedures Related to Certain Park Repairs at Kingsley and Saratoga Parks and Determine There Is a Need to Continue the Action

The City Council took the following actions related to the Musco lighting system and security system at Kingsley Park and certain other repairs at Saratoga Park:

- (a) Received and filed the status report.
- (b) Determined there is a need to continue repairs/improvements at the parks.

C. Agreements

1. Approval of *Agreement No. 08-33* Between the City of Montclair and Thomas Choi, Owner of a Commercial Laundromat Facility Located at 4234 Holt Boulevard, for Partial Reimbursement of Sewer Connection Fees

The City Council approved *Agreement No. 08-33* between the City of Montclair and Thomas Choi, owner of a commercial laundromat facility located at 4234 Holt Boulevard, for partial reimbursement of sewer connection fees.

2. Approval of *Agreement No. 08-35, a Purchase and Sale Agreement* With Harold W. McCoy and Peggy C. McCoy and Carl L. McCoy for Property Located at the East Side of Monte Vista Avenue South of State Street in the City of Montclair

The City Council approved *Agreement No. 08-35, a Purchase and Sale Agreement* with Harold W. McCoy and Peggy C. McCoy and Carl L. McCoy for property located at the east side

of Monte Vista Avenue south of State Street in the City of Montclair.

3. Approval of Agreement No. 08-36 With the California Council for the Humanities to Provide Supplemental Enrichment for Children in the After-School Program

The City Council approved *Agreement No. 08-36* with the California Council for the Humanities to provide supplemental enrichment for children in the after-school program.

4. Approval of Agreement No. 08-37 With the San Bernardino County Department of Aging and Adult Services to Provide a Senior Citizen Nutrition Program

The City Council approved *Agreement No. 07-37* with the San Bernardino County Department of Aging and Adult Services to provide a Senior Citizen Nutrition Program.

D. Resolutions

1. Adoption of Resolution No. 08-2731 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Three-Year Agreement With the County of San Bernardino Regarding Participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Years 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 08-2731 authorizing Mayor Eaton to execute a three-year Agreement with the County of San Bernardino regarding participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12.

2. Adoption of Resolution No. 08-2735 Authorizing Placement of Liens on Certain Properties for Delinquent Sewer and Trash Charges

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 08-2735 authorizing placement of liens on certain properties for delinquent sewer and trash charges.

3. Adoption of Resolution No. 08-2736 Adjusting the Equivalent Dwelling Unit Monthly Fee for Sewer Service

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 08-2736 adjusting the equivalent dwelling unit monthly fee for sewer service.

IX. PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

X. RESPONSE - None

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Attorney/Agency Counsel – No comments

B. City Manager/Executive Director

1. City Manager/Executive Director McDougal clarified the following meeting dates and times:

- ✓ Fiscal Year 2008-09 Preliminary Budget Review – Monday, June 16, 2008, 5:30 p.m., City Council Chambers
- ✓ Strategic Planning Session – Thursday, June 26, 2008, 12:00 p.m., Conference Room South
- ✓ City Manager/Executive Director's Performance Evaluation – Thursday, June 26, 2008, City Hall Conference Room (immediately following the Strategic Planning Session)

City Manager McDougal noted the Council would be given a memorandum on the revised meeting schedule.

C. Mayor/Chairman

1. Mayor/Chairman Eaton commented as follows:

- (a) He noted his attendance at recent **Omnitrans**, **San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)**, and **Metrolink** meetings.
- (b) He noted Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey's and his attendance at the **International Conference of Shopping Centers (ICSC)** RECon trade show held May 18 through 21, 2008, at the **Las Vegas Convention Center**. He noted the City's booth was very busy and that he was "very proud" of staff's attentiveness to those interested in developing in Montclair.
- (c) He noted his attendance last week at the *Montclair Police Officers and Employees' Appreciation & Recognition Luncheon* honoring Officer of the Year Brian Blyther and Annual Achievement Award recipient Captain Keith Jones.
- (d) He noted he has a conflict with the Strategic Planning Session scheduled on June 26, 2008, but that he would reschedule his other meeting.
- (e) He stated that he would like to adjourn tonight's meeting in memory of **Mr. Ramiro Lopez**, a long-time

resident of Azusa who recently moved with his family to Montclair, who passed away early last month. He noted **Mr. Lopez** was a Vietnam War veteran who frequently volunteered at local **Veterans Administration** hospitals and **Veterans of Foreign War** posts. He added that **Mr. Lopez's** wife, **Alma**, advised that **Mr. Lopez** "was a very good husband and a very good father."

D. City Council/Agency Board

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

- (a) He welcomed Mayor Eaton back to his public life after undergoing surgery last month.
- (b) He noted his attendance on May 17, 2008, at the *Bicycle and Safety Fair* sponsored by **Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus Council No. 7412** in collaboration with the **Montclair Kiwanis, California Highway Patrol, American Medical Response**, and Montclair Police and Fire Departments. He thanked Police and Fire Department personnel for participating in the event.
- (c) He also noted Mayor Eaton's and his attendance a few weeks ago at the **ICSC RECon** trade show in Las Vegas and reported that staff "made some very important contacts there." He added that Mayor Eaton met and exchanged ideas with **General Growth Properties** Chairman of the Board/Chief Executive Officer **John Bucksbaum**.
- (d) He thanked the Community Action Committee and staff for the excellent 2008 Memorial Day Program. He noted a plaque was placed on the City's Memorial Wall in honor of **Mrs. Doris W. Lenhart**, wife of Planning Commission Vice Chairman Maynard Lenhart, for her service in the **United States Army** during **World War II**.
- (e) He also noted his attendance last Thursday at the *Montclair Police Officers and Employees' Appreciation & Recognition Luncheon* honoring Officer of the Year Blyther and Annual Achievement Award recipient Captain Jones. He thanked the **Montclair Chamber of Commerce** for sponsoring the "very well done" event.
- (f) He noted Mayor Eaton and another **SANBAG** Board Member are candidates for the office of Vice Chair of the **SANBAG** Board of Directors at its election on Wednesday. He wished Mayor Eaton the best of luck, expressing his confidence that Mayor Eaton would most certainly win.

2. Council Member/Director Ruh commented as follows:
 - (a) He also noted his attendance at the Memorial Day event, which featured a dedication of the new rose garden in addition to new Memorial Wall plaques. He noted the garden contains two distinctive hybrid roses appropriately named "Memorial Day" and "Veterans' Pride" and invited the public to visit and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.
 - (b) He noted he was pleased to represent the City and present **Assembly Member Nell Soto** with a *Certificate of Appreciation* last Friday evening at a tribute for her many years of service on the State Legislature. He noted the event was "very touching" in its recognition of **Assembly Member Nell Soto's** over thirty years of public service at the local and state levels, which is quite something to honor and recognize.
 - (c) He also noted his attendance last Thursday at the *Montclair Police Officers and Employees' Appreciation & Recognition Luncheon* and recognized the **Montclair Chamber of Commerce** for its hard work to sponsor the "very well done" event.
 - (d) He encouraged everyone to vote in the Statewide Primary Election tomorrow and noted the importance of all Americans uniting, voting, and working together during these very difficult economic times.

Mayor Eaton thanked Council Member Ruh for his comments.

E. Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Minutes of Personnel Committee Meeting of May 5, 2008

The City Council received and filed the Personnel Committee meeting minutes of May 5, 2008, for informational purposes.

XII. COUNCIL/AGENCY WORKSHOP

A. Review of City of Montclair Fiscal Year 2008-09 Preliminary Budget, Redevelopment Agency Fiscal Year 2008-09 Preliminary Budget, and Montclair Housing Corporation Fiscal Year 2008-09 Preliminary Budget

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey, seconded by Council Member/Director Raft, and carried to continue this item to an adjourned joint meeting on Monday, June 16, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Mayor Eaton announced that the City received four applications for the three Community Action Committee (CAC) vacancies; interviews have been scheduled for June 10, 2008, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.; and an announcement regarding appointments to the CAC would be made at the June 16, 2008 regular joint meeting.

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

At 7:42 p.m., Mayor/Chairman Eaton adjourned the City Council and Redevelopment Agency and Montclair Housing Corporation Boards to Monday, June 16, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in memory of **Mr. Ramiro Lopez**.

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

Yvonne L. Smith
Transcribing Secretary