

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE
MONTCLAIR CITY COUNCIL, SUCCESSOR AGENCY
AND MONTCLAIR HOUSING CORPORATION BOARDS,
AND MONTCLAIR HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION
HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014, 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 6:59 p.m. and asked that everyone please silence their electronic devices as a courtesy to others while the meeting is in session.

II. INVOCATION

Pastor Vicki Brobeck, Grace Fellowship Foursquare Church, 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 Ruh; Council Members/Directors Paulitz, Raft, and Dutrey; City Manager/Executive Director Starr; Deputy City Manager/Economic Development Executive Director Staats; Director of Community Development Lustro; Director of Public Works Hudson; Director of Finance Parker; City Attorney Robbins; Deputy City Clerk Smith

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduction of New Employee

Police Chief/Public Safety Executive Director deMoet introduced **Ms. Cynthia Blancas**, who was appointed to the position of Police Dispatcher effective February 19, 2014. He noted Dispatcher Blancas' prior employment with the **Pasadena Police Department** includes dispatch experience, and she successfully completed the **Rio Hondo POST Dispatcher** course in November 2013. He congratulated Dispatcher Blancas on her appointment.

Mayor Eaton welcomed Dispatcher Blancas to the Montclair City family and presented her with a City pin.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. **Ms. Sandra S. Rose**, 12930 Hillcrest Drive, Chino, introduced herself as President of the **Monte Vista Water District (MVWD)** along with Vice President **Tony Lopez**, Director **Manny Martinez**, Public Affairs Director **Justin Scott-Coe**, and Public Affairs Representative **Gabriela De La Cruz**. She stated that they would all like to express their appreciation for the City's assistance and support during the recent water/gas service outages. She reported that **MVWD** crew members discovered water leaking into a gas line on Central Avenue at Palo Verde Street on February 18, 2014; and water service was stopped for 23 Montclair customers who were provided with five-gallon bottles of clean safe drinking water as necessary. She thanked the City for assisting with traffic control at the site and all affected **MVWD** customers for their patience and cooperation, adding that **MVWD** staff visited them twice a day to apprise them of the status of their water service. She noted the "amazing **MVWD** staff went above and beyond the call of duty" and that the incident was the "best-case scenario for us all the way around." She stated that the cause of the leak is being investigated and that it is unknown at this point whether it was the gas or water that leaked first.

Ms. Rose invited anyone with questions to contact **MVWD** at (909) 624-0035.

Mayor Eaton thanked **Ms. Rose** for her report on the status of the utility outages.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh stated that he resides in the neighborhood near the incident and that though he travels the Palo Verde Street/Central Avenue corridors quite frequently, he easily found an alternate route. He thanked **Ms. Rose** for her comments.

Council Member Dutrey noted he appreciates everything **MVWD** and **Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas)** did to mitigate the incident on behalf of several hundred **MVWD** customers and around a thousand **SoCalGas** customers. He noted both agencies did amazingly well to restore service to their customers in a timely manner and thanked **Ms. Rose** and **MVWD** staff for their work in this incident.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the Regular Joint Council/Successor Agency Board/MHC Board/MHA Commission Meeting of February 3, 2014

The City Council, City Council acting as successor to the Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors, Montclair Housing Corporation Board of Directors, and Montclair Housing Authority Commissioners approved the minutes of the February 3, 2014 regular joint meeting.

B. Administrative Reports

1. Setting a Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 14-3022 Amending the Master User Fee Schedule

The City Council set a public hearing for Monday, March 17, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to consider adoption of Resolution No. 14-3022 amending the Master User Fee Schedule.

2. Authorization to Purchase a Mobile Command Trailer

Authorization of a \$6,454 Transfer From the Contingency Account Toward Purchase of a Mobile Command Trailer

The City Council authorized purchase of a Mobile Command Trailer from Ultra Santek and a \$6,454 transfer from the Contingency Account toward the purchase.

3. Authorization for Staff to Advertise for Bid Proposals for the Sunrise Park Block Wall Replacement Project

The City Council authorized staff to advertise for bid proposals for the Sunrise Park Block Wall Replacement Project.

4. Adoption of the City of Montclair Street Sweeping and Parking Exemption Policy

The City Council adopted the City of Montclair Street Sweeping and Parking Exemption Policy.

5. Approval of City Warrant Register and Payroll Documentations

The City Council approved the City Warrant Register dated March 3, 2014, totaling \$928,653.20; the Payroll Documentation dated January 26, 2014, amounting to \$688,761.90, with \$366,667.97 being the total cash disbursement.

C. Agreements

1. **Montclair Housing Corporation Board of Directors' Award of Contract to E. Alcantara Construction in the Amount of \$60,268**

Montclair Housing Corporation Board of Directors' Approval of *Agreement No. 14-19* With E. Alcantara Construction for the 5444 Palo Verde Street Landscape Improvement Project

Authorization of a \$6,027 Construction Contingency

The Montclair Housing Corporation Board of Directors took the following actions related to the 5444 Palo Verde Street Landscape Improvement Project:

- (a) Award of contract to E. Alcantara Construction in the amount of \$60,268.
- (b) Approval of *Agreement No. 14-19* with E. Alcantara Construction.
- (c) Authorized a \$6,027 construction contingency.

D. Resolutions

1. **Adoption of Resolution No. 14-3021 Authorizing Placement of Liens on Certain Properties for Delinquent Sewer and Trash Charges**

The City Council adoption of Resolution No. 14-3021 authorizing placement of liens on 231 accounts listed on Exhibit A to the Resolution for delinquent sewer and trash charges.

IX. PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

X. RESPONSE - None

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Attorney

1. **Closed Session Pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(1) of the Government Code Regarding Pending Litigation**

Kenneth Pollich v. Montclair

City Attorney Robbins withdrew this item from City Council consideration.

B. City Manager/Executive Director

1. City Manager/Executive Director Starr asked for confirmation from the City Council to schedule the Strategic Planning Session for Thursday, April 24, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

It was the consensus of the City Council to schedule the Strategic Planning Session for Thursday, April 24, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

C. Mayor/Chairman

1. Mayor/Chairman Eaton commented as follows:
 - (a) He noted his attendance at a **Metrolink** workshop this weekend at Lake Arrowhead at which much was accomplished. He noted the weather included just a bit of snow but mostly rain, so travel to and from the workshop was very safe.
 - (b) He noted he would not be attending the March 17, 2014 regular joint meeting.

D. City Council/Successor Agency Board/MHC Board/MHA Board

1. Council Member/Director Paulitz noted former **Mayor Larry Rhinehart** and he attended a memorial service on Saturday for former **San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor John Mikels**, who passed away on December 31, 2013, at the age of 66. He stated that prior to being elected to the **San Bernardino County** Board of Supervisors, **Mr. Mikels** was elected to the first **Rancho Cucamonga City Council** in 1977, serving as Mayor from 1982 to 1986. He noted **Mr. Mikels** served as Chairman of the **Southern California Association of Governments** Board as well as President of the **Southern California Association of Governments** Board twice, once as a Rancho Cucamonga Council Member and once as a **San Bernardino County** Supervisor. He noted he first met **Mr. Mikels** when **Mr. Mikels** was appointed as Chairman of the **South Coast Air Quality Management District**. He noted **Mr. Mikels'** former wife **Marjorie Mikels** and their three daughters spoke at the memorial service, which was very nice.
2. Council Member/Director Raft commented as follows:
 - (a) She expressed her gratitude to **MVWD** for so quickly responding to the recent water leak.

- (b) Noting 1,600 **SoCalGas** customers in Montclair were affected by the corresponding gas leak, she stated that beginning February 21, 2014, the utility company set up a temporary staging area with approximately 350 trucks on the vacant lot adjacent to her son's auto parts store on Holt Boulevard. She advised that **SoCalGas** trucks were staged along Holt Boulevard and that the operation went on 24 hours a day through Sunday, February 23, 2014. She noted being advised by a **SoCalGas** representative that many from the region were volunteering to assist with the repair effort. She stated, "Our community is very grateful to them, and I think they did a wonderful job. I do not think we could have asked for anything better."
- (c) She reported on a scam involving **MasterCard**[®] and **Visa**[®] credit cards in which callers from the supposed fraud department of either company will advise victims that fraud has been committed on their accounts in a ruse to obtain the three-digit security codes on the reverse of their cards. She noted her friend was victimized by the scam to the tune of \$400 and that, fortunately, she contacted the company and was told no such contacts are made by telephone. She noted her friend was lucky to have called because she was reimbursed the \$400. She stated, "Please be careful, and let the people you know to be careful as well."

Mayor Eaton stated, "That is good information. Thank you."

- 3. Council Member/Director Dutrey noted the City Council adopted the City of Montclair Street Sweeping and Parking Exemption Policy this evening. He noted one of the better policies adopted by the Council was to restrict parking on street sweeping days, advising his neighbors routinely park recreational and other vehicles on his street that are moved to make way for the street sweeper.
- 4. Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruh commented as follows:
 - (a) He thanked **Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez** for the two coffee breaks held in Montclair last month—one on February 20, 2014, the other on February 22, 2014—to discuss issues affecting the community. He noted he appreciates Police Chief/Public Safety Executive Director deMoet, Fire Chief Mayhew, and City staff for attending both events. He noted he also appreciates that **Assembly Member Rodriguez** reworked his schedule

and was flexible enough on February 22 to accommodate representatives from both **MVWD** and **SoCalGas** for those agencies to update residents on the important issue of the status of the water and gas leak repairs, adding that it was very much appreciated.

- (b) He noted his attendance at a **Montclair Chamber of Commerce Murder Mystery Party** on February 22, 2014, that received a very good turnout and a good number of sponsors. He noted the **Chamber** did a good job on the event and expressed his hope it will return again next year.
- (c) He noted the many comments from the City Council about the importance of the **Gold Line** at the last meeting and that the story has been well represented in the newspapers, which has not gone unnoticed by many of the policymakers. He noted the City has much support on the **Gold Line** extension to Montclair and that the City can count on our representatives, such as **Assembly Member Rodriguez, Senator Norma Torres, and U.S. Representative Gloria Negrete McLeod.**

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh noted in some meetings he has attended in his professional life over the last two weeks, he was fortunate enough to talk to many legislators' staff who, after the meetings, indicated their strong support for the **Gold Line: Assembly Member Chris Holden, Senator Carol Liu, and U.S. Representatives Judy Chiu and Gary Miller** have asked what they could do to help because it is an important issue for them for their districts that cover the Claremont-Upland corridor.

He noted his attendance at a recent **San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP)** meeting, at which **Claremont Council Member Sam Pedroza** "publicly praised Montclair for our stand on the **Gold Line** and the fact that our willingness to step up with over two million dollars to lend to the **Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority** and, although the **SGVEP** does not cover Montclair, it certainly appreciates the fact that there is a City that is willing to really 'put our money where our mouth is,' stand up for what we believe in, and really push to get the **Gold Line** through. It has got to happen, it is part of the regional transportation plan, and let us picture what Southern California will be like in 30 years if we do not have more mass transit. Thank you."

E. Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Minutes of Personnel Committee Meeting of February 18, 2014

The City Council received and filed the Personnel Committee meeting minutes of February 18, 2014, for informational purposes.

XII. ADJOURNMENT OF CITY COUNCIL, SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND MONTCLAIR HOUSING CORPORATION BOARDS OF DIRECTORS AND MONTCLAIR HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS

At 7:22 p.m., Mayor/Chairman Eaton adjourned the City Council, Successor Agency and Montclair Housing Corporation Boards of Directors, and the Montclair Housing Authority Commissioners.

Submitted for City Council/Successor Agency Board/ Montclair Housing Corporation Board/ Montclair Housing Authority Commissioners approval,

Yvonne L. Smith
Deputy City Clerk