

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 17, 2014, AT 7:00 P.M. IN
THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5111 BENITO STREET,
MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruh called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Josh Matlock, Bethany Baptist Church, gave the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Raft led those assembled in the Pledge.

IV. ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Smith noted for the record Mayor/Chairman Eaton is not in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Present: 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

Absent: Mayor/Chairman Eaton (excused)

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. **Presentation of *Certificate of Recognition* to Montclair Resident Shelby De Graff**

Police Chief/Public Safety Executive Director deMoet read a tribute to Montclair resident **Ms. Shelby De Graff** summarizing her apprehension in front of her home of a suspect wanted in the theft of a tractor-trailer from a business in Fontana on February 19, 2014.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh presented **Ms. De Graff** with a Montclair Police Department *Certificate of Recognition* on behalf of the City Council, City Manager Starr, staff, and all Montclair residents and business owners for her heroism and unselfish action in the face of danger to prevent injury to others and her efforts that resulted in the capture of a wanted criminal. He congratulated her and asked her if she has considered a career in law enforcement.

Ms. De Graff accepted the certificate, thanked Mayor Pro Tem Ruh, and indicated that she has been considering it.

Fontana Police Lieutenant **Robert Moore** stated that he was the on-duty watch commander the day of the pursuit and noted **Ms. De Graff** appears quite different than the female Montclair resident he pictured as being capable of tackling the suspect. He congratulated **Ms. De Graff** and presented her with a *Certificate of Recognition* on behalf Police Chief **Rodney Jones** and all the members of the **Fontana Police Department** for her assistance that day. He stated, "We thank you very much."

Ms. De Graff thanked "the brave Police Officers who do their jobs every day. Honestly, if it were not for them being right on him, it could have turned out a lot worse than it did. Thank you so much for everything you do every day for our cities and country. You guys do the great battle out there. Thank you very much for all of your help in preventing him from getting into my home."

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh stated, "I do believe our country is in good hands with young people like **Shelby**. It gives us tremendous hope. Thank you."

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh allowed a few minutes for **Ms. De Graff** and her entourage to leave, stating, "I am glad to see her family and friends are here for this occasion as well."

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruh announced that this section is intended to provide members of the public with an opportunity to address the Council on any subject that does not appear on tonight's agenda. He stated that each speaker will be afforded five minutes to address the City Council, the Redevelopment Agency and Montclair Housing Corporation Boards of Directors, and the Montclair Housing Authority Commissioners.

- A. **Mr. Robert J. "Bob" Cruz**, Public Affairs Manager, **The Gas Company**, 196 East 3rd Street, Pomona, noted **The Gas Company** recently went through a realignment and he has been assigned four cities in the **City of Industry** area. He introduced Public Affairs Manager **Kristine D. Scott** who would be taking over a portion of

his service area including Montclair and Ontario. He expressed his hope he will continue to be invited to the State of the City Address each year because he "really loves the event."

Mr. Cruz stated that he feels like an honorary resident of Montclair after working 14-hour days in the **Costco** parking lot related to public relations concerning the recent gas leak on Central Avenue. He noted the resiliency and patience of the residents affected by the gas leak and stated that he worked well with City staff to ameliorate the issue.

Ms. Scott noted she caught a glimpse of public relations with the City and residents while working with **Mr. Cruz** during the recent incident. She added that she looks forward to continuing the partnership between **The Gas Company** and the City of Montclair.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh thanked **Ms. Scott** for her comments. He stated, "**Bob**, on a personal note, we have known each other for probably close to twenty years or so. You have done a fantastic job representing **The Gas Company**, and I know you will continue to do so. I look forward to seeing you in my professional life at our many different events with the San Gabriel Valley groups at which we see each other.

"For the rest of my colleagues, most of you may know **Mr. Cruz** is also our elected official. He does a great job serving as the **Charter Oaks Unified School District** Governing Board Vice President and understands what it is like to be on this side of the dais.

"**Ms. Scott**, we look forward to working with you."

Ms. Scott provided the City Council with her business card.

Council Member Dutrey told **Mr. Cruz** he appreciates his services to Montclair and noted **Mr. Cruz** has always responded quickly to his concerns. He stated, "We are going to miss you. I hope to see you at the State of the City Address. We will keep in touch."

Mr. Cruz thanked Council Member Dutrey, noting he looks forward to it.

Council Member Paulitz stated, "I want to say the same thing, **Bob**. I have known you for a long time, and you have been a great representative for **The Gas Company**. I really appreciate all your good work."

Mr. Cruz stated, "**Leonard**, thank you. That means a lot. And, again, I will probably return and meet with **Paul** because I have known him a long time as well. But this has been a great City to work for; again, you have a great staff, you have a great City

Manager, Police Chief, and Fire Chief. We always get along. It seems we have a great partnership, and that will continue. Thank you."

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh thanked **Mr. Cruz** for his comments.

- B. Mr. Fabian Gonzalez**, Field Representative, **Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez's District Office**, 13160 7th Street, Chino, provided the City Council and staff with a summary of **Assembly Member Rodriguez's** 2014 legislative package received last week from the Assembly Member's state capitol office. He noted audience members are also welcome to the information and asked that he be contacted at (909) 902-9606 with any questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh stated, "Thank you, and I want to thank **Assembly Member Rodriguez** for his continued interest in the **Gold Line** as it comes through to Montclair. His continued support means a lot to this community. Please extend our thanks to him. We may be reaching out to you and the Assembly Member during the next few weeks as we try to coordinate some efforts on that. But we really appreciate **Assembly Member Rodriguez** and his interest in the City of Montclair. He also held two town halls here in the City of Montclair, and we are appreciative of them. Thank you."

Mr. Gonzalez stated, "Thank you very much. I want to thank the City for hosting one of our town halls here as well as Police Chief deMoet for opening the Police Department's doors to us as well. Thank you so much."

- C. Mr. Luis A Dena**, 4277 Clair Street, Montclair, wished everyone a "Happy **St. Patrick's Day**." He noted he lives in South Montclair behind Essex Park in an area in desperate need of more Police protection because of the large number of recent burglaries in his neighborhood—three in the last week alone. He emphasized that his neighbor's home was burglarized last Friday and asked for the Police Department's assistance in doing whatever it can to squelch the crime spree before it gets any worse, expressing his fear of injury to neighboring families. He suggested the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department** could assist with added protection because of his neighborhood's location.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh asked **Mr. Dena** to share his request with Police Chief/Public Safety Executive Director deMoet who is available in the gallery this evening, advising that the City Council is always vigilant about making sure our neighborhoods are protected.

Mr. Dena stated that he rarely sees patrol vehicles in his neighborhood and that he and his neighbors are in desperate need of increased patrol. He thanked Mayor Pro Tem Ruh and indicated he would speak with Police Chief deMoet.

Council Member Dutrey suggested Police Chief deMoet ask Lieutenant Ventura to organize a meeting with **Mr. Dena's** neighbors to address crime and safety measures.

Mr. Dena concurred that a meeting is a great idea. He thanked the City Council for its support.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh expressed his support of a neighborhood meeting and thanked **Mr. Dena** for his comments.

- D. Mrs. Judy De Vries**, 925 East Monticello Court, Ontario, generally spoke in opposition to elective abortion and the relocation of **Family Planning Associates Medical Group, Inc. (FPA)** to another location in Montclair, which she noted has some maintenance issues, and discussed her assistance to young women according to her Christian values. She concluded her comments by appealing to the City Council to "please keep **FPA** out of Montclair."

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh thanked **Ms. De Vries** for her comments.

- E. Ms. Lauren Handy**, P.O. Box 52708, Riverside, generally spoke in opposition to elective abortion and the relocation of **FPA** to 5050 Palo Verde Street. She noted there are resources available to women regarding family planning choices and likewise appealed to the City Council to somehow prohibit **FPA's** relocation elsewhere in Montclair. She provided the City Council with information on **FPA**.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh thanked **Ms. Handy** for her comments.

- F. Mr. Benjamin Lopez**, 4853 San Bernardino Street, Montclair, read a statement in opposition to elective abortion and the relocation of **FPA** next to the car dealerships on Palo Verde Street. He spoke in support of the City Council's pro-life convictions and discussed code violations at the proposed new location of **FPA**. He asked the City Council to consider stricter medical and public health regulations for abortion facilities including prohibiting techniques beyond the stage of viability for the unborn. He concluded his comments with the following **Thomas Jefferson** quotation:

The care of human life and happiness and not their destruction is the first and legitimate object of government.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh thanked **Mr. Lopez** for his comments.

- G. Ms. Kristina Garza**, P.O. Box 52708, Riverside, provided the City Council with information on **FPA**, spoke in opposition to elective

abortion, and strongly appealed to the City Council to prohibit **FPA's** relocation to 5050 Palo Verde Street. She expressed her opinion that **FPA** has a racist agenda that she finds offensive and stated that abortion is against her Christian faith. She asked that the City introduce "legislation to not only impose limits on facilities like **FPA** but to just meet surgical standards," adding that she will share model legislation with the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh thanked **Ms. Garza** for her comments.

H. Mr. David Grigolid, 9596 Benson Avenue, Montclair, commented as follows:

1. Noting his attendance at this meeting is in response to his wife's being given a "graphic, inflammatory, extremely one-sided, and highly offensive" flier in front of **Stater Bros.**, Montclair, recently, he asked previous speakers to consider whether or not this meeting is the forum for a debate on abortion rights "because we do have separation of church and state. The City Council here, the people we voted for, have an extremely difficult job to do with ever-shrinking resources; and they are doing more and more with them. I, for one, do not want to see the City drawn into a lawsuit trying to prohibit someone from engaging in a constitutional protected activity—however repugnant, however unpleasant, and however immoral it is."
2. He advised that it would be difficult to argue that family planning is bad business, though as a member of a local church, he is not a defender of it. He, instead, suggested their efforts should be made in the community and in the church.
3. As a family law and probate attorney, he stated that he sees the results of divorce and unwanted children and advised that the answer is not to stop abortion, however unpleasant it is.
4. He concluded his comments by asking that the speakers "carefully consider what they are asking the City to do."

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh thanked **Mr. Grigolid** for his comments.

- I. Ms. Sonia Mir**, 637 Fairfield Court, Ontario, spoke as a representative of **Cities of Life**, a faith-based organization that provides resources to pregnant women in need of support and assistance. She expressed her opinion that children are our precious resources and the future of the country and spoke of the intervention she does to help troubled young women. She appealed to the City Council to do what is best for the community by not allowing **FPA** to continue operating in Montclair.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh thanked **Ms. Mir** for her comments.

Council Member Paulitz asked that staff provide the City Council with a report on **FPA** at the April 7, 2014 regular joint meeting, noting the facility should at least have sanitary conditions and a legitimate occupancy permit.

Council Member Dutrey stated that the City Council is precluded from outlawing abortion in Montclair because the procedure is legal in the country and in California, though the City does have land use authority. He asked that the report include information regarding uses allowed at 5050 Palo Verde Street.

City Manager Starr stated that staff could certainly examine **FPA's** plans to relocate to the subject site, though it might take longer than the three-week period suggested by Council Member Paulitz. He noted it is staff's understanding that the organization is applying for a business license for an administrative office and would not be engaging in any medical procedures, except for a potential to administer abortifacient prescription medications, which is something staff would have to explore with the City Attorney to determine if doing so violates zoning laws. He emphasized that "it may take longer than two weeks to explore fully all the ramifications of what might be developing at the subject location."

Council Member Paulitz asked if the report could be available by the second meeting in April.

City Manager Starr stated he would do his best to present the report to the City Council at the April 21, 2014 regular joint meeting.

J. Ms. Marisol Guerra, Field Representative, **Senator Norma Torres's District Office**, 11780 Central Avenue, Suite 205, Chino, announced the following events:

1. *Capitol in Your Corner* – Thursday, March 20, 2014, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., **Lewis Library and Technology Center**, Conference Room 108AB, 8437 Sierra Avenue, Fontana.
2. Free income tax preparation services through the *Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program* for residents earning \$51,567 or less – Saturday, March 22, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the **Fontana Veterans Resource Center**, 16779 Spring Street, Fontana.

Ms. Guerra left business cards and informational fliers on the podium for the public.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh thanked **Ms. Guerra** for her announcements.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Adoption of Resolution No. 14-3022 Amending the Master User Fee Schedule

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh declared it the time and place for a public hearing related to adoption of Resolution No. 14-3022 amending the Master User Fee Schedule and invited comments from the public.

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

Council Member Paulitz noted Table 1 indicates the residential Emergency Medical Services Subscription Program fee is being increased from \$24 to \$48, which would create some fiscal impact.

City Manager Starr apologized for not addressing the fee and thanked Council Member Paulitz for doing so. He noted when the City Council adopted Resolution No. 13-2994, it included increasing the fee from \$24 to \$48; however, staff did not implement the fee adjustment, deciding, instead, to address the adjustment at a Council workshop. He noted a workshop would be scheduled on this item later this year, at which time the City Council will consider adjusting the fee. He indicated that tonight staff is recommending the fee be rolled back from \$48 to \$24.

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh noted Table I does reflect staff's recommendation.

Moved by Council Member Dutrey and seconded by Council Member Raft that Resolution No. 14-3022, entitled, "**A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Montclair Amending the Master User Fee Schedule,**" 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. 14-3022 was adopted by the following vote:

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

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Council Member/Director Dutrey, seconded by Council Member/Director Paulitz, and carried 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 18, 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 18, 2014 regular joint meeting.

2. Minutes of the Regular Joint Council/Successor Agency Board/MHC Board/MHA Commission Meeting of March 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 March 3, 2014 regular joint meeting.

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 February 28, 2014.

2. Approval of City Warrant Register and Payroll Documentation

The City Council approved the City Warrant Register dated March 17, 2014, totaling \$1,364,534.17 and the Payroll Documentation dated February 9, 2014, amounting to \$563,355.15 gross, with \$393,930.31 net being the total cash disbursement.

3. Receiving and Filing of Successor Agency Treasurer's Report

The City Council acting as successor to the Redevelopment Agency Board received and filed the Successor to the Redevelopment Agency Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2014.

4. Approval of Successor Agency Warrant Register

The City Council acting as successor to the Redevelopment Agency Board approved the Successor to the Redevelopment Agency Warrant Register dated 02.01.14-02.28.14 in the amounts of \$119.00 for the Combined Operating Fund; \$3,689,928.00 for the Redevelopment Obligation Retirement Funds; \$0.00 from the Tax-Exempt Bond Proceeds; and \$0.00 from the Taxable Bond Proceeds.

5. Receiving and Filing of MHC Treasurer's Report

The MHC Board received and filed the MHC Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2014.

6. Approval of MHC Warrant Register

The MHC Board approved the MHC Warrant Register dated 02.01.14-02.28.14 in the amount of \$83,995.98.

7. Receiving and Filing of MHA Treasurer's Report

The MHA Commissioners received and filed the MHA Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2014.

8. Approval of MHA Warrant Register

The MHA Commissioners approved the MHA Warrant Register dated 02.01.14-02.28.14 in the amount of \$0.00.

9. Adoption of Purchasing Policies and Procedures as Encompassed in the "City of Montclair Purchasing Manual," March 2014 Revised Edition, for Use by City Personnel in the Procurement of Goods and Services

The City Council adopted purchasing policies and procedures as encompassed in the "City of Montclair Purchasing Manual," March 2014 Revised Edition, for use by City personnel in the procurement of goods and services.

10. Acceptance of a Grant From the Community Clinic Association of San Bernardino County in the Amount of \$5,208.31 for Purchase of Medical Equipment and Supplies for the Montclair Medical Clinic

The City Council accepted a grant from the Community Clinic Association of San Bernardino County in the amount of \$5,208.31 for purchase of medical equipment and supplies for the Montclair Medical Clinic.

C. Agreements

1. Award of Contract to Southern California Landscape, Inc., in the Amount of \$11,000 Per Year

Approval of *Agreement No. 14-20* With Southern California Landscape, Inc., for Monthly Landscape Maintenance of Paseos Park

Authorization of a \$3,500 Maintenance Contingency

The City Council took the following actions related to monthly landscape maintenance of Paseos Park:

- (a) Award of contract to Southern California Landscape, Inc., in the amount of \$11,000 per year.
- (b) Approval of *Agreement No. 14-20* with Southern California Landscape, Inc.
- (c) Authorized a \$3,500 maintenance contingency.

D. Resolutions

1. Adoption of Resolution No. 14-3023 Supporting California Senate Bill 1262 (Correa) Medical Marijuana Regulation

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 14-3023 supporting California Senate Bill 1262 (Correa) Medical Marijuana Regulation.

2. Adoption of Resolution No. 14-3024 Authorizing Staff to Submit an Application for Grant Funding for Traffic Signal Coordination Along Mission Boulevard

Amending the 2013-18 Capital Improvement Program Adding the Traffic Signal Coordination Along Mission Boulevard Project

Authorization of a \$52,000 Appropriation From the Fund 1740-Local Transportation Development Impact Fund as Matching Funds for a \$156,000 MSRC Grant for the Traffic Signal Coordination Along Mission Boulevard Project

The City Council took the following actions regarding the Traffic Signal Coordination Along Mission Boulevard Project:

- (a) Adopted Resolution No. 14-3024 authorizing staff to submit an application for grant funding for traffic signal coordination along Mission Boulevard.

- (b) Amended the 2013-18 Capital Improvement Program to add the project.
- (c) Authorized a \$52,000 appropriation from the Fund 1730-Local Transportation Development Impact Fund as matching funds for a \$156,000 MSRC grant for the project.

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 requested the City Council meet in Closed Session regarding the above matter.

B. City Manager/Executive Director

- 1. City Manager/Executive Director Starr commented as follows:
 - (a) He noted the passing of Police Officer Scott Jones' father last week. He extended condolences to the **Jones** family on behalf of the City Council, City employees, and himself.
 - (b) He noted everyone is aware of the hit-and-run incident in the community last week that, unfortunately, resulted in the loss of an adult female and injury to a 14-year-old minor. He recognized the extreme efforts put forth by the Montclair Police Department in identifying and apprehending the suspect/perpetrator within a matter of hours and the Fire Department in attending to the victims of the unfortunate incident. He added that the Police Department was instrumental in raising the bail to \$250,000 to ensure the suspect remains in jail until his court hearing.
 - (c) He congratulated Police Officer John Minook who recently joined the Detective Bureau because of his excellent investigative work.

- (d) He welcomed Police Officer Kristopher Kelley back from military service, noting he will resume his Police duties in April 2014.
- (e) He recognized Building Maintenance Technician John Conley who is retiring after 15 years of service to the community. He stated, "We are sorry to see him go, but we certainly wish him well in retirement."
- (f) He stated, "Extension of the **Gold Line** through Montclair has been an issue in our community throughout the last few months, and the City Council has done everything it could to make certain the **Gold Line** does come to Montclair. We continue to run into obstacles in relation to achieving that goal, but I do want to announce that **Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez** has agreed to author legislation that would extend the **Gold Line** from Montclair to Ontario. We think that the process would put additional pressure on the **San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)** to work cooperatively with Montclair as we try to bring the Gold Line to our community. There are still a number of steps that have to be followed, a number of obstacles and hurdles that have to be overcome, but I think that every time we turn a corner and add one more supporter to our objective to bring the **Gold Line** to Montclair, it is in the interest not only of our community but of our entire county of San Bernardino because it does allow us to tap into a whole new region as far as transit services are concerned—in this case, the San Gabriel Valley—to bring residents in that area to our community as well as to our county. If the **Gold Line** is extended to **LA/Ontario International Airport**, then it provides another opportunity for more people to come into this community as they take advantage of the only direct transit service to a regional airport in Southern California.

"We want to thank **Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez** for carrying this legislation forward."

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh asked Field Representative **Gonzalez** to please relay the City's thanks for **Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez's** efforts.

- (g) Noting **Gas Company** Public Affairs Manager Cruz is leaving the Montclair service area, he stated, "**The Gas Company** did an absolutely tremendous job during the recent water/gas leak incident on Central Avenue. **The Gas Company** for a period of almost one week had over 300 people in Montclair on a daily basis installing over

1,900 new advanced meters to residences in this community. The monumental task of procuring and installing over 1,900 new advanced meters took a Herculean effort. **Mr. Cruz** and other members of **The Gas Company** undertook that Herculean effort, and within five to six days they had replaced nearly 2,000 damaged meters with new advanced meters. **The Gas Company's** and certainly **Mr. Cruz's** efforts certainly need to be applauded."

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh recognized Fire Chief Mayhew in the gallery this evening and thanked him for his efforts along with Police Chief/Public Safety Executive Director deMoet's in working with **The Gas Company** and **Monte Vista Water District** on repair of the recent gas/water leaks. He stated, "I think it shows that when we all have a common goal, we can achieve a lot. Thank you both for your efforts."

C. Mayor/Chairman - Absent

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

1. Council Member/Director Raft commented as follows:

- (a) She reiterated that **The Gas Company** did a wonderful job working 24/7 on repairs.
- (b) She congratulated the Police Officers who worked on the hit-and-run case and expressed her relief that the suspect, a recidivist, is in custody and will remain in jail.
- (c) She congratulated **Ms. De Graff** for doing such a wonderful job in nabbing the tractor-trailer thief.

2. Council Member/Director Dutrey commented as follows:

- (a) He recognized the Police Department for closing the hit-and-run case in such a short time.
- (b) He welcomed Officer Kelley back to the Police Department. He stated, "As the spouse of a wife who was deployed overseas to Iraq, it is nice to see that we have people in the Montclair family serving our nation."
- (c) He noted he enjoyed participating on February 28, 2014, in the **National Education Association's (NEA's) Read Across America** at **El Camino Elementary School**, Ontario, and that he read to two classes.
- (d) He noted his participation at the **Montclair Little League** opening ceremonies on March 8, 2014, at Kingsley Park.

He stated that well-known **Major League Baseball** left-fielder **Herman Thomas "Tommy" Davis Jr.**, formerly with the **Brooklyn** and **Los Angeles Dodgers**, was the guest speaker at the ceremonies.

- (e) He noted the Code Enforcement Committee asked staff at a meeting earlier this evening to coordinate a workshop with the **Monte Vista Water District** to address water rates, the megadrought, and drought-tolerant landscape incentive programs.

3. Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruh commented as follows:

- (a) He noted he likewise participated in the **NEA's *Read Across America*** at **El Camino Elementary School**, the school he and his brothers and sisters attended, and that he read to two classes that were combined into one because of the rain. He stated that he had fun visiting his old elementary school and that he enjoyed catching up after all these years with two of his classmates with whom he attended **El Camino Elementary** from kindergarten through 6th grade, Mayor Eaton's daughter **Paulette Eaton** and school librarian **Hope Kaufman**. He noted his friends all still live locally within a mile of the school, stating, "Good people remain in our area."
- (b) He reiterated that he enjoyed attending the **Soroptimist International Montclair/Inland Valley Casino Night** fundraiser on February 8, 2014, which was also attended by Mayor Eaton, Council Member Raft, and Director of Human Services Richter and was successful in raising money for the organization's programs to empower women in our community. He thanked **Ms. Laurie Milhiser** and **Ms. Denise Carrington** for their help in organizing the fun evening.
- (c) Concerning the **Gold Line**, he stated, "I do echo what **Mr. Starr** has said. We are fortunate that we do have the support of those who represent our community: in **Congress, U.S. Representative Gloria McLeod**; in the **California Senate, Senator Norma Torres**; and in the **California Assembly, Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez**. Also, in the surrounding areas, we have **U.S. Representative Judy Chu, Senator Carol Liu, and Assembly Member Chris Holden** representing Upland; **U.S. Representative Grace Napolitano** representing the San Gabriel Valley; and almost unanimously every member of the California delegation regardless of party.

"We need to overcome the perception, though, of many in our own county that this is something that benefits Los Angeles County. It does not; it benefits our own people right here. By getting the **Gold Line** from Claremont to Montclair, we can be environmentally correct because we are getting cars off of our highways. Many people no longer want to drive; with gasoline at \$4 a gallon and going higher, the **Gold Line** will be a very good alternative.

"We must also consider that we have a multimodal station right here in Montclair—our transit center. Many people were unaware when we met with them that it serves not just San Bernardino County: We have **Foothill Transit** that serves there and goes into the San Gabriel Valley; **Riverside Transit** that serves Riverside; and, of course, **Omnitrans** that serves here. I certainly believe it is one of the largest multimodal stations along the line and will do a tremendous amount of business. We already know the **Gold Line** will be at capacity the day it opens.

"This is the future of Southern California—really, back to the future if you look at the history of California. The **Pacific Electric Red Car** system, the largest electric railway system in the world in the 1920s, ran along most of those same lines. I do not think there is anybody here who remembers those days—you need to read the history of California. We need to go back to that. It is the future of our region, and we are going to begin to enlist the aid of everybody here and every resident in our region to put pressure on **SANBAG** to make sure we get the funding for the **Gold Line**. It is the future not just of our City: It is the future of Southern California. We are setting it right here.

- (d) He congratulated Council Member Raft who will be celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary. He stated, "In an era when we see so many people who do not even take a simple driver license contract as legal fact, we have somebody who really has stepped up and shown what it is to be a family. Fifty years of marriage, fifty years of building a business together—we congratulate you, Carolyn."

Council Member Raft thanked Mayor Pro Tem Ruh and stated that it takes "a lot of work."

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh stated, "Congratulations on another fifty years."

- (e) He noted today is **St. Patrick's Day** and those who are not Irish are part of the FBI: "Foreign Born Irish" because today, everybody is Irish. He related the following two inspirational Irish sayings:

*May those who love us, love us.
And those that don't love us
May God turn their hearts.
And if He doesn't turn their hearts
May He turn their ankles, so we
will know them by their limping.*

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
And the rains fall softly upon your fields.
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.*

Mayor Pro Tem Ruh wished everyone a goodnight and a happy **St. Patrick's Day**.

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 SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND MONTCLAIR HOUSING CORPORATION BOARDS OF DIRECTORS AND MONTCLAIR HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS

At 8:15 p.m., Vice Chairman Ruh adjourned the Successor Agency and Montclair Housing Corporation Boards of Directors and the Montclair Housing Authority Commissioners.

At 8:15 p.m., the City Council went into Closed Session regarding pending litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1).

XIII. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

At 8:31 p.m., the City Council returned from Closed Session. Mayor Pro Tem Ruh announced the City Council met in Closed Session regarding pending litigation, information was received and direction given to staff, and no further announcements would be made at this time.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:32 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Ruh adjourned the City Council.

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

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Deputy City Clerk