MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2009, AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM, 5111 BENITO STREET, MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA



I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Committee Member Eaton called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., noting Council Member Raft was substituting for Council Member/Committee Chair Paulitz.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Chairman Paulitz: Mayor/Committee Member Eaton; Acting Police Chief Jones; City Engineer Hudson; Public Works Superintendent Orioli

Absent:

Director of Redevelopment/Public Works Staats (vacation); Community Development Director Steve Lustro (meeting conflict)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of Regular Public Works Committee of July 16, 2009

The Public Works Committee approved the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of May 21, 2009.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

V. TRAFFIC SAFETY/CIRCULATION ISSUES

A. Ontario-Montclair School District Issues

There was nothing new to report. No OMSD representative was present.

B. Red Light Camera Enforcement

1. Red Light Camera Violations and Citations

Acting Police Chief Jones reported that 114 violations occurred in June 2009, with a total of 66 citations issued.

2. Discussion of Nestor Automated Red Light Enforcement Contract Termination

City Engineer Hudson reported that he had turned off power to the Nestor Traffic Systems, Inc., equipment on June 30, 2009, at the request of Nestor Traffic Systems, Inc. The contract between the City and Nestor Traffic Systems, Inc., has expired and the City has informed Nestor Traffic Systems, Inc., that it will not be renewed. Acting Police Chief Jones informed the Committee that all Nestor Traffic Systems, Inc., has retrieved all its equipment from the Police Department, and has removed some of its equipment from the intersections of Holt Boulevard/Central Avenue and Moreno Street/Central Avenue. Staff will write Nestor Traffic Systems, Inc., to request the removal of the remaining equipment at these two locations as quickly as possible.

C. Amherst Avenue Parking

City Engineer Hudson reported that City Manager McDougal had asked him to discuss a perceived parking problem on Amherst Avenue between Holt Boulevard and Kingsley Street. A request had been made to consider residential parking permits. City Engineer Hudson and Public Works Superintendent Orioli explained that the City's typical method for establishing a residential parking district and issuing permits was to determine if there was a parking problem caused by non residential traffic (around a school or car dealership), whether regulating parking by permits would increase the number of parking spaces available to local residents, how many parking spaces were available for each residential unit, and how many vehicles were registered at a particular address. As an example, if a residential unit has a one-car garage off an alley, no driveway for vehicle storage, and three vehicles registered to that address, two permits would be issued. (It is assumed that that one vehicle can park in the garage and two would need permits.) City Engineer Hudson reported that applying our normal criteria would not reduce the number of vehicles parking on Amherst Avenue, primarily because all of the cars parking on Amherst Avenue belong to residents living in the area. There are no "outside interests" competing for parking spaces.

The Committee asked City Engineer Hudson to report back to the Committee as to how many residential units were on that segment of Amherst Avenue, how many cars were registered to addresses along Amherst Avenue, and how many parking spaces were available. In the meeting City Engineer Hudson asked Acting Police Chief Jones if it would be possible to get a list of vehicles registered to addresses on Amherst Avenue. Acting Police Chief Jones reported that it would be difficult.