

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADBURY
HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022
AT THE BRADBURY CIVIC CENTER
600 WINSTON AVENUE, BRADBURY, CA 91008**

**CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 54953(e)(1):**

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953(e)(1), the City is allowing Councilmembers, Staff and the public to participate in this meeting by means of a Zoom video or telephone call. Participants will be able to hear the entire proceedings and be able to speak during Public Comment, Public Hearing, and other authorized times. Members of the public must maintain silence and mute their microphones and telephones except during those times.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bradbury was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Barakat at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Lathrop (remote), Mayor Pro-Tem Barakat, Councilmembers Hale and Lewis

ABSENT: Councilmember Bruny

STAFF: City Manager Kearney, City Attorney Reisman, City Engineer Gilbertson, City Clerk Saldana and Diane Jensen

COUNCILMEMBER BRUNY EXCUSED:

Councilmember Hale made a motion to excuse Councilmember Bruny from the meeting. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilmember Hale stated that agenda item #2 (Bradbury Road Widening Project) is not ready for approval tonight and would like to have to be postpone it to the December meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Barakat stated that the City Council can still take public input for this project, but would be legally prohibited from responding. With that, Councilmember Hale made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, without the project, to proceed with City business. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**DISCLOSURE OF ITEMS REQUIRED BY
GOV. CODE SECTION 1090 & 81000 ET
SEQ,:**

In compliance with the California Political Reform Act, each City Councilmember has the responsibility to disclose direct or indirect potential for a personal financial impact as a result of participation in the decision-making process concerning agenda items.

City Attorney Reisman stated that there were no disclosures.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING
BRADBURY ROAD WIDENING PROJECT:**

As the discussion regarding Approval of Costs, Contract Specification and Environmental Documents for the Bradbury Road Widening Project was postponed to the December meeting, the City Council invited the public to share their concerns during Public Comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
(IN PERSON:**

Jessy Li, 28 Dovetail Lane, Bradbury
Susan Pilcher, 1034 Wildrose Avenue, Monrovia
Leann Costanza, 309 Woodacre Lane, Monrovia
Ted Lubeshkoff, 952 Buena Vista, Duarte
Ann Absey, 44 Woodlyn Lane, Bradbury
Serena Burnett, 44 Woodlyn Lane, Bradbury
Susana Rangel, 1038 Wildrose Avenue, Monrovia
Karen Hollinhurst, 318 Parkrose Avenue, Monrovia
Rosemary Gavidia (via Zoom)

**COMMENTS RECEIVED
BY EMAIL:**

Dylan Feik, Monrovia City Manager
Rosemary Gavidia, Monrovia
Meredith Jung, 506 Bradbury Road, Monrovia
Holly Coates, Monrovia
Dale Baum, Monrovia
Sandi Thomas, Monrovia
Linda Gill, Monrovia
Emma Humphrey, Monrovia
Nina Curone, 613 Ranchito Road, Monrovia

The written comments are hereto attached to the Minutes as part of the public record.

**CONCERNS REGARDING
THE PROPOSED PROJECT:**

Except for the email from the Monrovia City Manager, all comments received were in opposition of the Bradbury Road Widening Project.

**BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION
BY CITY ENGINEER:**

Susan Pilcher, 1034 Wildrose Avenue, Monrovia, stated that she was disappointed that there would be no presentation of the project tonight. City Attorney Reisman stated that it would be acceptable for the City Engineer to give a very brief description of the project.

City Engineer David Gilbertson (RKA Consulting Group) gave a brief description of the Bradbury Road Widening Project.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

All items on the Consent Calendar are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a Councilmember requests otherwise, in which case the item will be removed and considered by separate action. All Resolutions and Ordinances for Second Reading on the Consent Calendar are deemed to "waive further reading and adopt."

- A. Minutes: Regular Meeting of October 18, 2022
- B. Resolution No. 22-26: Demands & Warrants for November 2022
- C. Monthly Investment Report for the month of October 2022
- D. Property Tax Transfer Resolution – City of Bradbury Annexation No. 2021-10
- E. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 384:
CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BRADBURY AMENDING THE BRADBURY
MUNICIPAL CODE DESIGNATING CITY HOLIDAYS

**MOTION TO APPROVE
CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Councilmember Lewis made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilmember Hale seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote:

APPROVED:

AYES: Mayor Lathrop, Mayor Pro-Tem Barakat, Councilmembers Hale and Lewis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Bruny

Motion passed 4:0

**DISCUSSION OF AN ANNUAL
APPRECIATION EVENT:**

City Manager Kearney stated that at the February 2020 meeting, the City Council selected 38 Degrees as the desired venue to host the next Annual Appreciation Event. The City Council budgeted \$4,000 for the event this year. The preliminary guest list has approximately 50-60 persons, including significant others. Staff has prepared a list of potential dates in January, February and March 2023 for Council to choose from.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council provide Staff with direction on how to move forward with coordinating the date and time for the event.

ACTION TAKEN:

Following discussion, the City Council decided to hold the Appreciation Event on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. at 38 Degrees in Monrovia.

MATTERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

City Manager Kearney inquired if the City Council was interested in meeting with Supervisor Barger. The answer was yes. City Manager Kearney will contact the Supervisor's office to schedule a breakfast meeting at City Hall early next year.

City Manager Kearney asked the City Council if they would to discuss the Lemon Trail Project at the December or January meeting. The City Council stated that they would like to postpone the Lemon Trail discussion to the January meeting.

City Manager Kearney stated that the December City Council meeting is on December 20, which is very close to Christmas, and proposed to adjourn the meeting to December 13 instead. The City Council unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting to December 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

MATTERS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

City Attorney Reisman presented handouts for the City Council pertaining to amended rules regarding Conflicts of Interest and Campaign Contributions through 12/31/2022 (SB 1439), Teleconferencing and New Covid Accommodations, effective January 1, 2023.

MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:

MAYOR LATHROP:

Nothing to report

MAYOR PRO-TEM BARAKAT:

Nothing to report

COUNCILMEMBER HALE: Nothing to report
COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS: Nothing to report
COUNCILMEMBER BRUNY: Not present
ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: Bradbury Road Widening Project (December)
Discussion of Lemon Avenue Trail Plans (January)

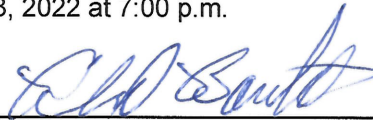
CLOSED SESSION

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: The City Council adjourned to a Closed Session to discuss:

A. Appointment of Public Employee
Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)
Title: City Clerk

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney Reisman reported that the City Council met in Closed Session to discuss Appointment of Public Employee. The discussion was informative only. No formal votes were taken.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:08 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Barakat adjourned the meeting to an adjourned regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.



MAYOR PRO-TEM – CITY OF BRADBURY

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK – CITY OF BRADBURY

Kevin Kearney

From: Dylan Feik <dfeik@ci.monrovia.ca.us>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 9:06 AM
To: Kevin Kearney
Subject: Bradbury Road Widening Project - City of Monrovia, Ca.

Good morning Kevin,

Thank you for allowing me to comment on the Bradbury Road Widening Project MND which will soon be considered by the Bradbury City Council. I understand this project is important to your community and serves an important public safety purpose.

In June 2022 when you and I originally spoke about the project, I shared my concerns that I believed would arise for Monrovians. Those concerns included: traffic impacts; the loss of heritage oak and native trees, and; the installation of a large retaining wall that would unsettle the character of the narrow calm roadway. As Bradbury is the Lead Agency for the environmental study, I also shared that Monrovians would like to be included in the communication and engagement process. I did offer a suggestion that IF there was any way Monrovia could help mitigate environmental impacts on The Project, such as utilizing available right-of-way within the City of Monrovia to minimize the loss of trees, the City of Monrovia would welcome such a dialogue. The City of Monrovia also did review The Project's Draft MND and did not opine or object during the public comment period.

Over the past week, many residents have reached out to City of Monrovia officials and shared their concerns about The Project and its impact on the neighborhood. We have directed them to speak with City of Bradbury officials directly. I write to restate the City of Monrovia's position that if there is a way to further mitigate the concerns raised by residents, which includes collaboration between the City of Monrovia and Bradbury, I would welcome the opportunity.

Sincerely,
Dylan

Dylan Feik
City Manager
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Monrovia, CA 91016
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Kevin Kearney

From: rosemary gavidia <rosemary@growmonrovia.org>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 5:24 AM
To: Kevin Kearney
Cc: Bruce Lathrop; Rick Barakat; Dick Hale; Monte Lewis; Elizabeth Bruny; Dylan Feik; Becky Shevlin; lspicer@ci.monrovia.ca.us; gloria@crudg.com; tkelly@ci.monrovia.ca.us; sjimenez@ci.monrovia.ca.us; Serena Burnett
Subject: Bradbury Street Widening Project

Mr. Kearney,

The Bradbury Street Widening Project will affect the Monrovia side of the street, as well as residents from both Bradbury and Monrovia - those of us that walk under the canopy you are proposing to remove.

Monrovia residents have not been informed. I certainly was not, and I live 2 blocks from the proposed project site and use this street daily.

Could our local residents be informed about this proposed project, the impact to residents and how the City of Bradbury proposes to mitigate the impact to residents for both cities before a decision is made?

Removing these trees will impact both - Bradbury and Monrovia - in many aspects, including home values, walkability and environmental impact.

Monrovia residents don't want to be negatively impacted by another Bradbury Estates Development. The trees that used to be along the sawpit wash path were removed by a Bradbury Estates developer with a plan to replace these trees over 10 years ago, which has yet to be done. This once shaded path was frequently used by Monrovia residents. Removing trees and greenery impacts more than the people's ability to walk these paths, it also affects soil erosion, something especially important during our rains. Just last week we had multiple emergency evacuations and flash flood warnings in our areas. Following rain events, LA County blocks the path to the sawpit wash to fix the erosion and brings in equipment to level out the soil. The tree stumps were also left along the path creating an additional hazard that has yet to be fixed.

The Bradbury Street Widening Project should be reassessed with the City of Monrovia and the City of Bradbury. All of our residents need to be made aware about this project, not just the few houses across from the project. What does this project entail? How will it affect both cities and all of our residents? What equipment will be allowed to travel these roads and what impact will it have, environmentally and otherwise?

Please hold off on making a decision until both the City of Monrovia and the City of Bradbury inform all of its residents about this project and are able to give feedback as we, the citizens, are most impacted by this project.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Rosemary Gavidia

Kevin Kearney

From: Meredith Jung <meredith.jung@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 11:22 AM
To: Kevin Kearney
Subject: Concerns with Widening Bradbury Rd

Dear Mr. Kearney

I was concerned to learn this weekend from a neighbor that Bradbury is voting unilaterally this Tuesday at their city council meeting on widening Bradbury Rd without input or review from the residents of Monrovia--most especially those of the Bradoaks neighborhood.

As someone who lives on Bradbury Rd, I have already been concerned by the number of trucks that use our road as a thoroughfare even though Mountain is just blocks away and much better suited to this traffic. Many people and families (including my own) run and walk on this street, which only has a sidewalk on one side. This activity is already somewhat dangerous with the existing traffic. With the additional traffic that would come from widening Bradbury Rd, I anticipate that it may become so dangerous that we and our neighbors can no longer safely walk or run on our street and in our neighborhood. This will not only impact the quality of our lives, but also the value of our properties

Please reconsider the proposal and leave Bradbury Rd. as is.

Thank you,

Meredith Jung
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Kevin Kearney

From: Holly Coates <hccoates@ucdavis.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 6:02 PM
To: Kevin Kearney
Subject: Bradbury Rd widening complaint

I am writing concerning the Bradbury Road widening. I am strongly opposed, mostly because I am a wildlife biologist focused on habitat restoration, but also because I am a lifelong north Monrovia resident and know what a significant impact this will have on the local Monrovia community. For something that's just going to add a little bit of convenience to Bradbury but drastically negatively affect the day-to-day lives and property values of the local Monrovians, I ask you to reconsider.

First off—"Less than significant impact on the scenic vista"(section a)? In neighborhoods such as this, where homeowners chose to live in a recessed area that is nestled into a hillside, the view IS the trees. Removing the trees quite simply has a dramatically significant impact on the aesthetics of the neighborhood, and stating it has no real impacts in environmental checklist report like this is simply wrong. The street has a character of being a patch of nature, bucolic, family-oriented, walker-friendly. You want to make a bizarre thoroughfare through it? As far as visual changes (section c), they would NOT be minor—oak trees take decades to grow to any significant size, so their removal would inexorably change the character of the neighborhood for DECADES. Unless you're following the "restore the tree by replanting a tree of equal size, significance, and prominence" clause? Because something about the "as feasible" in the paperwork suggests otherwise.

From my biologist background perspective, I'm really angry about the blatant disregard for oak tree protection laws. Why do we have these laws in both towns if they're never enforced? We just lost unimaginable amounts of wildlife habitat in the Bobcat fire, can we stop needlessly removing mature oaks on a whim? Trees are unquestionably beneficial (to quote your website: "trees contribute to the environment by modifying temperatures and winds, replenishing oxygen, controlling soil erosion, and providing a wildlife habitat. Trees are also an aesthetic benefit, which provide scale, color, aroma, visual buffers between land uses, and increase property value").

Tree canopy cover (ie mature trees, not little new twigs that have no real canopy) is shown to be correlated with affluent communities. Why would you want to diminish the natural beauty of the local area—it's not like those interested in living in Bradbury won't see the newly industrialized street and find it ugly.

It just seems like a needlessly short-sighted move on Bradbury's part. Please just leave this family-friendly quiet windy road be.

Sincerely,
Holly Coates

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hccoates@ucdavis.edu

Kevin Kearney

From: Dale <dale.d.baum@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 6:25 PM
To: Kevin Kearney
Subject: Bradbury Road Project

Please find a way to intervene in this project. We are losing too much of the planet to commercial interests. That is a gorgeous setting to walk, bike, and drive. It would be a shame to lose it.

Dale Baum

Monrovia

Sent from Mail for Windows

Kevin Kearney

From: Sandi Thomas <sthomas1a@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 9:23 PM
To: Kevin Kearney
Subject: Street Widening

I live very close to this area and am against this!

This is a beautiful area and that is becoming very far and few between now adays. There is no real reason for making these changes when there is alternative streets to take to get wherever you are going.

Please do not ruin this area and kill wonderful trees just because can.

I am not able to attend the meeting but I definitely vote NO!

Property owner in Monrovia

Sandi Thomas

Sent from my iPhone

Kevin Kearney

From: noreply@revize.com@turbo-smtp.info on behalf of noreply@revize.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 9:31 AM
To: Kevin Kearney
Subject: Contact Form

Point-of-Contact = kkearney@cityofbradbury.org

first_name = Linda

text-1622739225867 = Gill

email = linrgill@hotmail.com

phone =

message = Please do not destroy the natural terrain that joins Bradbury to Monrovia. We residents need slower traffic flow, sensible load/vehicle weight limits, and focused enforcement. We do not need to make it easier for drivers to go faster or for the noise and detrimental effects of heavy trucks and equipment. Thank you for your consideration in this matter of quality of life for our neighborhood.

preferred_contact = email

Client IP = 47.152.145.223

Kevin Kearney

From: Emma Humphrey <emmaghumphrey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 1:06 PM
To: dfeik@ci.monrovia.ca.us; beckyshevin@gmail.com; lspicer@ci.monrovia.ca.us;
gcrudgington@ci.monrovia.ca.us; tkelly@ci.monrovia.ca.us; sjimenez@ci.monrovia.ca.us;
Kevin Kearney
Subject: Bradbury Road Widening Project

Mr Kearney & Monrovia City Council,

I am writing in regards to the proposed Bradbury Road widening project.

I am a resident of East Monrovia, and often walk my dogs, or cycle the stretch of road in question. It is a particularly quiet and beautiful stretch, offering safe and serene access to the Royal Oaks Trail. Removing the mature oaks, and widening the road would be an absolute eyesore, and would have a massive impact on the Monrovia homeowners along Bradbury Rd, along with the surrounding community. It is unnecessary, and unfair. It serves only the ultra rich of Bradbury, at the expense of Monrovia neighbors.

The loss of the oak trees would be devastating, not to mention the environmental impact of heavy trucks and emissions.

Please delay reaching a decision on this matter, until public input on all sides can be heard and considered.

Emma Humphrey

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323.804.0646 cell

November 15, 2022

To those who hold power in the city of Bradbury:

I am writing to you in opposition to the proposed destruction of habitat at the entrance to Bradbury at the border of Monrovia on Bradoaks and Wildrose Lanes.

This is a beautiful area on the border of Monrovia and Bradbury. I have been a Monrovia resident for 30 years. I have driven past the area for many years as I take my children to school. We were so happy to see a mama bear with twin cubs crossing the street there one afternoon. The sound of birds singing in the native oaks is a pleasing respite to the noise of living in the already overly-congested area of the San Gabriel Valley.

However, we have already experienced the noise and pollution of the change that is occurring in Bradbury. We have experienced the heavy, noisy, polluting diesel trucks coming in and out of this entrance in the past. We have experienced mud pouring out of this entrance whenever it rained while construction was occurring in our neighboring city of Bradbury. Now you are planning on doing more of the same to your neighbors. Plus you are planning on removing the lovely native, mature trees at this entrance. These trees affect more than the developers who are planning on building mansions in your community. It affects all the wildlife that depend on these trees. It affects everyone who will have to drive, walk and live in the area to see an ugly 13 -foot wall rather than the beautiful trees. These trees provide oxygen and, very importantly, carbon dioxide cleaning ability. These trees hold moisture in our community during the worst drought in recorded history for our area. They provide shade for cooling the entire neighboring community. I also question the stability of the hillside behind a 13-foot wall. There are homes up on that hill. How will that construction affect those homes? The wall will add more heat to a world already suffering from global warming. Your decision must take these factors into consideration.

Now while Bradbury has been planning on this great development, why has your neighboring city of Monrovia not been informed prior to the vote on this decision to widen this entrance to Bradbury? Your decision will have detrimental effects for residents of Monrovia, and it must be brought up through proper channels. The heavy trucks driving through our neighborhoods will have detrimental effects on our streets and, even possibly, our homes subjected to the heavy rumblings of the constant traffic of these heavy trucks. Our air quality will certainly be impacted by the harmful emissions from these heavy trucks.

I have a compromise to this problem. New, wide gates were constructed to Bradbury on the north side of Lemon Ave, between the Monrovia streets of Ranchito and Terrado. Why is this entrance not in use? It was built, and it sits there, unused. Now using this entrance does nothing to mitigate the pollution and the wear and tear of Monrovia's streets and homes from heavy work trucks; however, it would

save the habitat of native, mature oaks at the entrance on the Wildrose/ Bradoaks entrance.

I also have a suggestion of a good book for you to read. As a teacher of 35 years, I always read this book to my students on Earth Day. I must say this author was a man before his time. This book was written in 1961; however, it is more pertinent now than it ever was. That book is The Lorax written by Dr. Suess.

I appreciate your time in reading this letter and taking all into consideration as you make an important decision that will affect the communities of Bradbury and Monrovia indefinitely.

Most Sincerely,

Nina Curone

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