MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2013

The City Council of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Meeting of the Council in the Council Chambers, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes include items considered by the City Council acting on behalf of the Successor Agency of the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency, which dissolved February 1, 2012. Successor Agency matters will include the notation of "SA" next to the Agenda Item Number.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Real Sebastian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:
The Monterey Park Fire Explorers led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:
City Clerk Chang called the roll:
Council Members Present: Ing, Chan, Liang, Wong, Real Sebastian
Council Members Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Talbot, Assistant City Attorney Berger, City Treasurer Leon, Fire Chief Birrell, Police Chief Smith, Human Resources Director Cody, Recreation and Community Services Director Costley, City Librarian Arvizu, Interim Director of Public Works/Community Development Alfonso, Controller Yaung, Support Services Manager Shay, Recreation Superintendent Aguirre

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTION

> **Discussion**: City Manager Talbot informed the council that two items from Council Communications will be continued to a future council meeting: (1) discussion on placing new buses into service as (requested by Mayor Real Sebastian) and (2) discussion on Towne Centre Project as (requested by Council Member Ing).

<u>SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR CONSISTS OF ITEM NOS. 1A - 1B</u>
Matters listed under consent calendar are considered to be routine, ongoing business and are enacted by one motion unless specified.

> **Action Taken:** The City Council acting on behalf of the Successor Agency of the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency approved and adopted Item Nos. 1A - 1B and reading resolutions and ordinances by title only and waiving further reading thereof.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Chan and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wong, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Ing, Chan, Liang, Wong, Real Sebastian
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None

1. SUCCESSOR AGENCY

A. SUCCESSOR AGENCY RESOLUTIONS, DEMANDS, PROGRESS PAYMENTS AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS

It is required that the City Council (acting on behalf of the Successor Agency) approve all disbursements.

Action Taken: The City Council approved the payment of warrants and adopted **Resolution No. SA – 46** of the Successor Agency (SA) to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated **August 7, 2013 totaling $6,325.00** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. SA – 46, entitled:
A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SA) ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED **August 7, 2013 totaling $6,325.00** AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

B. APPROVAL OF THE LONG RANGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Staff is requesting that the City Council acting on behalf of the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency adopt a resolution recommending approval of a Long Range Property Management Plan to the Oversight Board pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 34191.5.

Action Taken: The City Council (acting on behalf of the Successor Agency) (1) Adopted **Resolution No. SA - 47** approving the Long Range Property Management Plan for the Successor Agency of the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency in accordance with Health and Safety Code § 34191.5 and recommending approval by the Oversight Board and (2) authorized the City Manager to transmit the Long Range Property Management Plan to the Oversight Board and Department of Finance for approval on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. SA - 47, entitled:
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE LONG RANGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE MONTEREY PARK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE § 34191.5 AND RECOMMENDING APPROVAL BY THE OVERSIGHT BOARD.

This is the end of Successor Agency (SA) items.

PRESENTATIONS
None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Sarkis Antonian spoke of his concerns to the council regarding library resources for residents and students. He also recognized several residents on their infamous success.

- Nancy Arcuri spoke of comments made by the council at the last council meeting on July 17, 2013 regarding staff's recommendations to the Spirit Bus contract.

- Mary Brown, President of the Los Angeles Astronomical Society addressed the council requesting the City's assistance to complete necessary dome restorations at the Garvey Ranch Park Observatory.

- Geovanni Somoza extended his appreciation to the Los Angeles Astronomical Society and Garvey Ranch Park Observatory for their support in fostering a program for residents to enjoy. He expressed his concerns to the condition of the dome at Garvey Ranch Park Observatory and encouraged the council to assist in completing necessary repairs.

- Rita Miller addressed the council requesting the Fire Chief and staff on information to purchase smoke detectors for her residence. She also spoke of her concerns regarding the city employees and city parking lot.

- Tom Ohno spoke briefly as a concerned resident requesting the council to table the proposed ordinance amending identification signs for all city businesses.

<u>CITY OF MONTEREY PARK CONSENT CALENDAR CONSISTS OF ITEMS 2 - 7</u>
Matters listed under consent calendar are considered to be routine, ongoing business and are enacted by one motion unless specified.

Action Taken: Mayor Pro Tem Wong abstained on Item No. 4 due to a potential conflict of interest as his business is within 500 feet of the BIDAC area. Council Members approved and adopted Item Nos. 2 - 7 except for Item Nos. 3 and 4 which was pulled and reading resolutions and ordinances by title only and waiving further reading thereof.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wong and seconded by Council Member Liang, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Ing, Chan, Wong, Real Sebastian
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	Wong on Item No. 4

2. RESOLUTIONS, DEMANDS, PROGRESS PAYMENTS AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS

It is required that the City Council approve all disbursements.

Action Taken: The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted **Resolution No. 11599** allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated **August 7, 2013 Totaling $3,256,003.07** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 11599, entitled:
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED **August 7, 2013 Totaling $3,256,003.07** AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

3. 2nd READING ORDINANCE --IDENTIFICATION SIGNS FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

On May 1, 2013, the City Council adopted the comprehensive Title 21 Zoning Code Amendment. On July 17, 2013, the City Council held a Public Hearing and introduced and waived first reading of an ordinance that would require at least one sign on commercial properties use requested regulations relating to the use of English in signage. The Ordinance would require all businesses to have at least one sign utilizing the Modern Latin Alphabet for copy.

This item was pulled for separate discussion.

Public Speakers:

- Sarkis Antonian spoke of his concerns against the proposed ordinance.

- Thomas Ono spoke of his concerns against the proposed ordinance encouraging the council to dismiss the proposed ordinance and no further action be taken to prevent unnecessary controversy between the city, residents, and business owners.

- Rita Valuenzuela spoke as a former Mayor of Monterey Park recommending that the council approve the amended ordinance requiring Modern Latin on all business signs.

- Margaret Leung spoke as a resident supporting the proposed ordinance stating that the city needs to work together to build a foundation for future generations and to embrace those changes.

- John Man spoke as the President of the Chamber of Commerce and city business owner encouraging the city council to educate and promote business outreach with city business owners. He invited the council to attend the Chamber's Board Meeting on August 8, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed ordinance with city business owners and encouraged businesses to contact the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce to address any questions and concerns.

- Paul Perez spoke as a resident stating his support of the proposed ordinance as a Monterey Park Citizens Patrol and C.E.R.T member due to safety concerns. He also recommended that the council require a business identification on the back of buildings.

- Gary Lau spoke of his support to the proposed ordinance stating that requiring English language will promote the merchant business, promote safety, and is the primary language for the United States.

- Julie Pang-Cortez expressed her support to the proposed ordinance stating that as a resident and teacher will assist residents to identify a business and promote business sales.

- Deputy City Attorney Berger advised the council and residents that the proposed ordinance was recommended by the City Attorney's office following the adoption of the City's Title 21 Zoning Code Amendment to require all businesses to have at least one sign utilizing a writing system that is widely recongnizable by the public.

Action Taken: The City Council approved to continue this item to the Regular Council Meeting on October 2, 2013 as amended to include the council's directions that: (1) the Planning Department will maintain a record of all requests not utilizing the Modern Latin alphabet; (2) staff will encourage business outreach to the proposed amendments for public safety; (3) directed the City Manager to outreach with Asian Pacific Legal Center, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and that the City Attorney's office review the identified community organizations recommendations and prepare a staff report for the council meeting on October 2, 2013; and (4) Fire Chief Birrell and Police Chief Smith prepare a staff report of any signage issues at the council meeting.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Liang and seconded by Council Member Ing, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Ing, Chan, Wong, Real Sebastian
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None

The City Council recessed at 9:30 p.m. and reconvened with all council members present at 9:40 p.m.

4. 2014 LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH WORLD JOURNAL LA, LLC

Monterey Park will be celebrating its 16th Annual Lunar New Year Festival from January 25-26, 2014. The production team would consist of World Journal, the Business Improvement District Advisory Committee and the City.

This item was pulled for separate discussion.

Action Taken: Mayor Pro Tem Wong left the dais and abstained from discussion due to a potential conflict of interest as his business is within 500 feet of the Business Improvement District. The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with World Journal LA, LLC, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Real Sebastian and seconded by Council Member Ing, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Ing, Chan, Real Sebastian
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	Wong
Abstain:	Council Members:	None

5. EXTENSION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR LABORATORY SERVICES

The Water Utility Division collects water samples from City wells, treatment plants, reservoirs and the water distribution system for testing at a State of California, Department of Public Health certified laboratory. Clinical Laboratories has proven to meet all State and Federal certification requirements as well as the City's required sampling needs for testing services.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Clinical Laboratories in an amount not to exceed $347,000 for Fiscal year 2013-2014 on Consent Calendar.

6. CONFIRM CARBON CHANGE OUT OF THE DUAL BARRIER VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS TREATMENT PLANT

Staff is seeking confirmation from the City Council for the purchase of 120,000 pounds of granular activated carbon to replace the carbon filters in six vessels of the Dual Barrier Treatment Plant.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) confirmed the purchase of Granular Activated Carbon for six vessels from Prominent Systems and (2) authorized a payment from the Treatment Fund in an amount not to exceed $145,257.28 per Monterey Park Municipal Code Section 3.20.050(1) on Consent Calendar.

7. PARK MAINTENANCE CREW LEADER SALARY ADJUSTMENT

On July 10, 2013, the Personnel Board considered and recommended approval of a slight change to the salary schedule for Crew Leader and Park Maintenance Crew Leader. Both classifications are similar in duties except for the possible operation of heavier equipment.

Action Taken: The City Council approved a slight change in the salary schedule for the Parks Maintenance Crew Leader to equal the salary schedule of a Crew Leader on Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC HEARING
None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS

8. 2012-2013 ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT

The City's Investment Policy requires an annual investment report and a statement of investment policy to be submitted to the City Council for review within 60 days of the fiscal year-end. The attached annual report shows that all investment activities during 2012-13 were conducted according to the City's Investment Policy.

Action Taken: The City Council approved to continue this item to a future council meeting and directed staff to present additional information to the Council on the Los Angeles County Treasury Pool for further discussion and review.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Chan and seconded by Mayor Real Sebastian, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Ing, Chan, Wong, Real Sebastian
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTERS

Announcement of appointees for Commissions, Committees and Boards

Action Taken: Mayor Real Sebastian announced her appointment of appointees for Commission on Aging - Steve Shieh; Business Improvement District Advisory Committee - Johnny Thompson; Design Review Board - Roy Furuto; Planning Commission - Michael Hamner; and Recreation and Parks Commission - Joe Salaices.

Mayor Pro Tem Wong announced his appointment of appointees for Commission on Aging - Betty Ping Cheng and Orchid Dong; Business Improvement District Advisory

Committee - Maggie Lam; Community Participation Commission - Delario Robinson and Grace Ge; Design Review Board - Jack Chiang; Economic Development Advisory Commission - Siu Pui Chao; Environmental Commission - Doris Tsai; Planning Commission - Stephen Lam; Recreation and Parks Commission - Steve Shahin; and Traffic Commission - Daisy Ma.

Council Member Liang announced his appointment of appointees for Commission on Aging - Sam Park; Business Improvement District Advisory Committee - Richard Kwok; Community Participation Commission - Paul Perez; Economic Development Advisory Commission - Theresa Amador; Environmental Commission - Arthur Fong; Planning Commission - Ricky Choi; Recreation and Parks Commission - Elizabeth Yang and Traffic Commission - Patricia Reichenberger.

Council Member Chan announced his appointment of appointees for Commission on Aging- Beryl Shieh and Sam Park; Business Improvement District Advisory Committee - Richard Kwok; Community Participation Commission - Victoria Chavez-Calderon and Paul Perez; Design Review Board - George Chiang; Economic Development Advisory Committee - Theresa Amador; Environmental Commission - Elizabeth Yang; Planning Commission - Rodrigo Garcia; Recreation and Parks Commission - Walter Beaumont; and Traffic Commission - Arthur Fong.

Council Member Ing announced his appointment of Larry Sullivan to the Planning Commission.

Discussion on placing new buses into service. (requested by Mayor Real Sebastian)

Action Taken: None. This item was continued to a future council meeting.

Discussion on Towne Centre Project. (requested by Council Member Ing)

Action Taken: None. This item was continued to a future council meeting.

Council communications and committee reports from Council Representatives of specific organizations.

Mayor Pro Tem Wong informed the residents of his attendance with the council at the City's National Night Out event at City Hall on August 6, 2013. Council Member Liang congratulated the police department on the successful event celebrating National Night Out and extended his appreciation to Fire Chief Birrell and the Monterey Park Fire Department for their timely assistance to a call at his residence. Council Member Chan directed the City Manager to agendize for discussion the potential of stricter code enforcement regulations on residential hotels in the city at a future council meeting. Council Member Ing spoke of the City's National Night Out event and spoke of residential safety tips. Mayor Real Sebastian informed the residents of her attendance with other regional mayors from Los Angeles held by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti on August 5, 2013 discussing motivating work force after budget cuts, public safety and gun reduction, jobs and economic development and regional transportation issues and opportunities.

CLOSED SESSION
None.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk