

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 21, 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 21, 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, Wong, Real Sebastian

Council Members Absent: Liang

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Talbot, City Attorney Hensley, 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 Young, Support Services Manager Shay

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTION

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR CONSISTS OF ITEM NOS. 1 - 3

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. 1 - 3 and reading resolutions and ordinances by title only and waiving further reading thereof.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Monterey Park is to provide excellent services to enhance the quality of life for our entire community.

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

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

1. 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 – 48** of the Successor Agency (SA) to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated **August 21, 2013 totaling \$7,175.74** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. SA – 48, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SA) ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED **August 21, 2013 totaling \$7,175.74** AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

2. SUCCESSOR AGENCY INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF JULY 2013

In accordance with the City's Investment Policy, a monthly investment report is presented to the City Council disclosing types of investments, dates of maturities, amounts of deposits, rates of interest, and for securities with a maturity of more than 12 months, current market values.

Action Taken: The City Council (acting on behalf of the Successor Agency) received and filed the investment report as of July 2013 on Consent Calendar.

3. SUCCESSOR AGENCY MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from the regular meeting of June 19, 2013 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency.

Action Taken: The City Council (acting on behalf of the Successor Agency) approved the minutes from the regular meeting of June 19, 2013 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency on Consent Calendar.

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

PRESENTATIONS

None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Sarkis Antonian spoke briefly of the proposed business signage ordinance and the timely manner of council agenda items.
- Arthur Fong expressed his concerns of the City Council leadership and of the proposed city business signage requiring Modern Latin Alphabet. He also requested that staff restore the photos of military personnel at City Hall.
- Andrew Ying addressed the council opposing the proposed ordinance and spoke of an article published in the Los Angeles Times on August 4, 2013.
- Thomas Sun addressed the council as a resident recommending that the city council endorse to stop the usage of plastic water bottles in the City.
- Paul Perez spoke as a concerned resident encouraging the council to leave the proposed business signage alone .
- Andy Chen expressed his concerns as a resident recommending that the city council dismiss the proposed ordinance amending the business signage requirements.
- Rita Miller spoke briefly of her concerns on the business signage policy. She also addressed concerns received from residents on city hall parking spaces.
- Council members thanked the speakers and made brief comments. City Attorney Hensley advised the council and residents that the ordinance amending identification signs for non-residential properties reduced the requirement for all businesses to have at least one English sign to at least one sign utilizing the Modern Latin Alphabet.

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK CONSENT CALENDAR CONSISTS OF ITEMS 4 - 11

Matters listed under consent calendar are considered to be routine, ongoing business and are enacted by one motion unless specified.

Action Taken: Council Members approved and adopted Item Nos. 4 - 11, except for Item Nos. 7, 8, and 9 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 Chan, motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. 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. 11600** allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated **August 21, 2013 Totaling \$431,186.18** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 11600, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED **August 21, 2013 Totaling \$431,186.18** AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

5. INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF JULY 2013

In accordance with the City's Investment Policy, a monthly investment report is presented to the City Council disclosing types of investments, dates of maturities, amounts of deposits, rates of interest, and for securities with a maturity of more than 12 months, current market values.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the investment report as of July 2013 on Consent Calendar.

6. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from the regular meeting of June 19, 2013 and the special meetings of May 28, 2013, May 29, 2013 (adjourned special), May 29, 2013, June 5, 2013, July 3, 2013, and July 17, 2013.

Action Taken: The City Council approved the minutes from the regular meeting of June 19, 2013 and the special meetings of May 28, 2013, May 29, 2013 (adjourned special), May 29, 2013, June 5, 2013, July 3, 2013 and July 17, 2013 on Consent Calendar.

7. NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort held each September to encourage Americans to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and schools.

This item was pulled for separate discussion.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted **Resolution No. 11601** declaring September 2013 as National Preparedness Month in the City of Monterey Park as sponsored by the United States Department of Homeland Security.

Resolution No. 11601, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2013, AS "NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH" IN THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, AS SPONSORED BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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: Liang
Abstain: Council Members: None

8. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT

Staff is seeking approval of a Service Agreement with Life-Assist, Inc. to provide the Fire Department's emergency medical supplies, equipment, drugs and pharmaceuticals.

This item was pulled for separate discussion and heard with Item No. 9. Motion was taken together for Item Nos. 8 and 9.

Action Taken: The City Council waived (1) the bidding requirements pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code § 3.20.050 and authorize a contract with Life Assist, Inc.; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Life Assist, Inc. in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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

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

9. REPLACEMENT OF FIRE CHIEF'S VEHICLE

Staff submitted a request for replacement of the Fire Chief's vehicle, which was approved and included in the Approved Vehicles Purchase List for the 2013-2014 Budget.

This item was pulled for separate discussion and heard with Item No. 8. Motion was taken together for Item Nos. 8 and 9.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) waived the bidding requirements pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code § 3.20.050 and authorized the Fire Department to purchase the Fire Chief's base vehicle under the State of California Cooperative Purchase Agreement for \$40,675.65; and (2) authorized the Fire Department to expend the remaining budgeted amount and seek bids to award to a qualified vendor the

installation of command equipment, radios and necessary electronic equipment to enable this vehicle "Code III" ready for an amount not to exceed \$19,324.35.

10. DISSOLUTION OF THE WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSORTIUM

The City Council will consider adoption of a Resolution to dissolve the West San Gabriel Valley Consortium effective on August 31, 2013. The Consortium is an independent entity that was formed in 1976 by local cities and school districts through a joint powers agreement. The purpose of the organization is to obtain funds from Los Angeles County to operate job training and employment programs in this sub-region. In June of 2013, the County notified the Consortium that effective on July 1, 2013 it would no longer provide funding to the Consortium but would transition the financial resources for this sub-region to another agency. Based on this action by the County, the Consortium Executive Board adopted a Resolution on June 27, 2013, to initiate the voluntarily wind-down and dissolution of the Consortium.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted **Resolution No. 11602** rescinding and terminating the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement creating the West San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 11602, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
RESCINDING AND TERMINATING THE JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS
AGREEMENT CREATING THE WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSORTIUM

11. FILMING PERMIT PROCESS COORDINATION AGREEMENT

Film L.A. presented the City with a "film friendly" permitting process that preserves the City's requirements for applications, but relieves staff from the labor intensive process of working with the applicants to obtain all of the required documents and payments, as well as walking the application through each City department for approval.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City to execute a contract in a form approved by the City Attorney with Film L.A on Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Real Sebastian opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 7:54 p.m. with no public speakers.

12.WEED ABATEMENT CHARGE LIST

At the regular Council meeting on February 6, 2013, the City Council adopted **Resolution No. 11603** declaring that weeds growing upon and in front of certain properties in the City are a public nuisance and its intention to provide for the abatement thereof. At the regular Council Meeting on March 6, 2013, the City Council held a protest hearing and subsequently approved the weed abatement declaration list as posted by the County.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted **Resolution No. 11603** confirming the itemized weed abatement charge list of weed abatement costs and directing the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner to collect these costs through property tax billings.

Resolution No. 11603, entitled:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ITEMIZED WEED ABATEMENT CHARGE LIST OF WEED ABATEMENT COSTS AND DIRECTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER TO COLLECT THESE COSTS THROUGH PROPERTY TAX BILLINGS

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wong 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: Liang
Abstain: Council Members: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. 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.

Public Speakers:

- Nancy Arcuri spoke of her concerns opposing staff's recommendations to changing the City's investment operations.
- Sarkis Antonian spoke of his concerns of the current economy and to the City's investment policy.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) approved the recommended changes to the City's Investment Policy; (2) adopted **Resolution No. 11604** authorizing to open an investment account, as amended to the council's direction that prior council approval is needed to invest excess funds in the Los Angeles County Treasury Pool, bankers acceptances, commercial papers, and/or purchase agreements and (3) received and filed the 2012 -2013 Annual Investment Report.

Resolution No. 11604, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF CITY OF MONTEREY PARK AUTHORIZING AND REQUESTING THE INVESTMENT OF EXCESS FUNDS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TREASURY POOL

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

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

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTERS

Announcement of appointees for Commissions, Committees and Boards

Action Taken: Council Member Ing announced his appointment of appointees for Commission of Aging - Agnes Arakawa, Business Improvement District Advisory Committee - Gene Jeng, Community Participation - Charlene Tomoyasu, Design Review Board - Krystal Hamner, Economic Development Advisory Committee - Pat Reichenberger, and Environmental Commission - Courtney Lam.

Council Member Chan announced his appointment of Mimi Lim to Commission of Aging.

Mayor Real Sebastian announced her appointment of appointees for Community Participation - Carol Sullivan and Economic Development Advisory Committee - Dominic Lombardo.

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

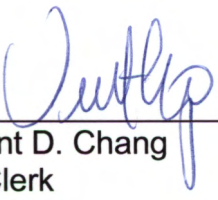
Council Member Chan directed the City Manager to agendaize potential City funding options to MERCI at the next regular council meeting on September 4, 2013 for further discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Wong informed the residents of his attendance with Council Member Chan at a dinner held by the President of Taiwan on August 20, 2013. Mayor Real Sebastian directed the City Manager to agendaize at a future council meeting to discuss the potential of City Council members to serve as City delegates at future assembly district meetings. Mayor Real Sebastian also directed that the City Manager to agendaize placing the new City buses in service at a future council meeting. Mayor Real Sebastian informed the residents of several community events: (1) the Monterey Park Police Explorers will be holding a fundraiser on September 19, 2013 at the Monterey Park Car Wash; (2) the Monterey Park Police Department's 14th Annual Youth Activities Charity Golf Tournament will be on September 26, 2013 at the San Dimas Golf Course; (3) the Civil Grand Jury is accepting interested participants to serve 30 - 40 hours per week for the amount of \$60.00 per day for a 1 year term; and (4) the next Walk With The Mayor will be on September 7, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. in memory of Marie Tang, a city resident.



Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk