# MINUTES
# MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
# SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
# REGULAR MEETING
# NOVEMBER 6, 2013

The City Council of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, November 6, 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, City Attorney Hensley, City Treasurer Leon, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Bow, Fire Chief Birrell, Police Chief Smith, Human Resources Director Cody, Community and Economic Development Director Huntley, Recreation and Community Services Director Costley, City Librarian Arvizu, Controller Yaung, Support Services Manager Shay, Interim Building Official Traw

**AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTION**

**Discussion:** City Manager Talbot reported corrections to Agenda Item No. 10 stating that "California Consulting has assisted the City with grant writing from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012." He also informed the council of a correction to Item No. 15 stating that the agendized item council is considering tonight is for a "Resolution of Intent to Set a Public Hearing for the 2014 BID Assessments." City Attorney Hensley reported that council Member Ing is abstaining on Item Nos. 12 & 14 due to a potential conflict of interest as his wife is a Southern California Edison employee; Mayor Pro Tem Wong is abstaining on Item No. 15 due to a potential conflict of interest as his business is within 500 feet of the Business Improvement District; and Mayor Real Sebastian is abstaining on Item Nos. 14 & 19 due to a potential conflict of interest as her residence is within 500 feet of La Loma Park.

**PRESENTATIONS: San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Annual Directors Presentation, Bob Morales and Thomas Wong**

## ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Jaime Hernandez spoke as a city homeowner expressing his appreciation to Mayor Pro Tem Wong, Police Chief Smith, and Police Officer Danny Salazar for their support and time in responding to his concerns and ensuring the safety and well-being of residents.

- Larry Sullivan spoke as the Vice Chair of the City of Monterey Park Planning Commission requesting the status of the City's Health and Sustainability and Environmental Impact Report and the City's Spirit Bus contract. He also addressed the council of his concerns regarding comments made at the City's Recreation and Parks Commission meeting discussing the proposal of a second location for a city dog park. Lastly, he thanked his supporters on a successful fundraising event supporting Breast Cancer Awareness in October.

- Nancy Arcuri addressed the council and encouraged the City to adopt a ordinance requiring Modern Latin alphabet on all city business signage.

- Michael Schlegel spoke of his concerns of the storage boxes surrounding the Police Department office. He also extended his appreciation to the city's staff and Public Works and Water Department for their quick response to a water main break within the proximity of his residence during closed hours.

- Wally Tsui spoke as a resident homeowner in opposition of the City's Design Review Board building code requirements for projects over 2000 square feet. He stated that the building code requirements have caused unnecessary delays and financial hardship to his home improvement project.

- John Man spoke as a resident and realtor expressing his concerns regarding the city's building code requirements. He recommended that the city council reconsider amending the City's Design Review Board building code requirements for projects over 2000 square feet to support resident homeowners and encourage city beautification projects.

- Damien Orozco spoke on behalf of the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce and invited residents and business owners to several upcoming Chamber of Commerce community events: (1) a public forum on November 7, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Affordable Care Act at El Encanto; (2) "Farm Cuisine" ribbon cutting ceremony on November 21, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; and (3) the Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Mixer on December 21, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at El Encanto. He also extended his appreciation to all of the sponsors and attendees at the "Monterey Park State of the City's Address."

- Mayor Teresa Real Sebastian spoke of the City's Beautification Event at Barnes Park held on October 26, 2013. She extended her appreciation to the city staff and volunteer participants for their time and assistance.

- Mayor Real Sebastian thanked the speakers and made brief comments. City Manager Talbot updated the council and residents, that staff is preparing a report to discuss the City's Health and Sustainability and Environmental Impact Study at a future council meeting next year.

**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.

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

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|---|---|---|
| Ayes: | Council Members: | Ing, Chan, Liang, Wong, Real Sebastian |
| Noes: | Council Members: | None |
| Absent: | Council Members: | None |
| 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 – 54** of the Successor Agency (SA) to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated **October 16, 2013 and November 6, 2013 totaling $4,980.12** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

**Resolution No. SA – 54,** entitled:
A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SA) ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED **October 16, 2013 and November 6, 2013 totaling $4,980.12** AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

**2. SUCCESSOR AGENCY INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 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 September 2013 on Consent Calendar.

### 3. SUCCESSOR AGENCY INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 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 October 2013 on Consent Calendar.

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

## CITY OF MONTEREY PARK CONSENT CALENDAR CONSISTS OF ITEM NOS. 4 - 17

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 - 17, except for Item Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, & 17 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:

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|---|---|---|
| Ayes: | Council Members: | Ing, Chan, Liang, Wong, Real Sebastian |
| Noes: | Council Members: | None |
| Absent: | Council Members: | None |
| Abstain: | Council Members: | Ing abstained on Item Nos. 12 & 14; Wong abstained on Item No. 15; and Real Sebastian abstained on Item No. 14. |

### 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. 11609** allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated **October 16, 2013 and November 6, 2013 totaling $1,834,306.77** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

**Resolution No. 11609,** entitled:
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED **October 16, 2013 and November 6, 2013 totaling $1,834,306.77** AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

## 5. INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 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 September 2013 on Consent Calendar on Consent Calendar.

## 6. INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 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 October 2013 on Consent Calendar.

## 7. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 16 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

On October 2, 2013, the City Council introduced an ordinance that will repeal regulations for Commercial Property Reports and Residential Property Reports before real property sales.

This item was pulled for separate discussion.

**Action Taken:** The City Council waived the second reading and adopted **Ordinance No. 2099**.

**Ordinance No. 2099,** entitled:
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 16.34 ENTITLED "PROPERTY REPORTS."

**Motion:** Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wong and seconded by Mayor Real Sebastian, motion carried by the following vote:

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

## 8. CITY OF LOS ANGELES ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (EWMP)

At the June 5, 2013 Council Meeting, the City Manager was authorized to sign a letter of intent to commit the City's participation in the City of Los Angeles Enhanced Watershed

Management Program. The City of Los Angeles requires participating cities to execute a Memorandum of Understanding no later than December 28, 2013 in order to meet the compliance schedule as set forth by the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) permit.

This item was pulled for separate discussion.

**Action Taken:** The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding to participate in the City of Los Angeles Enhanced Watershed Management Program and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program in collaboration with the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed Group.

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

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

**9. TITLE VI -- ANTI DISCRIMINATION PROGRAM**

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs that receive federal funding. The Federal Transportation Administration requires agencies that receive their grant funds to demonstrate compliance with Title VI by submitting an update every three years.

This item was pulled for separate discussion.

**Action Taken:** The City Council (1) approved the Title VI Program update and (2) authorized the City Manager to submit the document to the Federal Transportation Administration as amended by the City Council to delete the statement stating "City Council selects members to sit on the Planning Commission based on their knowledge of zone changes, specific plan revisions, subdivision maps, and zone variances and conditional use permits"; delete the statement stating "Criteria for the selection of members of the Environmental Commission include knowledge of environmental issues to include water and air quality, natural resources and sustainability" and correct the statement stating "One of the criteria in the hiring of employees who are responsible for interacting directly with the public is proficient in Spanish and Chinese language skills" to state "One of the criteria in the hiring of employees who are responsible for interacting directly with the public is proficient in Spanish and/or Chinese language skills."

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

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

**10. GRANT WRITING CONTRACT RENEWAL TO CALIFORNIA CONSULTING**

California Consulting has assisted the City with grant writing since October 1, 2011. It has been successful in securing a $250,000 grant from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and have several grants pending approval.

This item was pulled for separate discussion.

**Action Taken:** Director of Public Works/Assistant City Manager Bow reported a staff report correction stating that "California Consulting has assisted the City with grant writing from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012." The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with California Consulting, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to be paid from the General Fund.

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

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

**11. AWARD OF CONTRACT -- ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

The project involves the preparation of construction plans, technical specifications, and engineer's estimate for water system improvements such as the replacement and upgrade of old water main lines, house service laterals, water meters, fire hydrants, and other appurtenances.

This item was pulled for separate discussion.

**Action Taken:** The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a professional services contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Elie Farah Inc. in the amount of $165,820 to provide engineering design services for water system improvements at various locations.

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

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

## 12. EDISON POOL PUMP VFD REBATE PROGRAM

Staff is requesting that City Council award a contract to Sea Clear Pools, Inc. to retrofit the pool pumps at the City's two pools and to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Edison to participate in its rebate and on-bill financing program.

**Action Taken:** Council Member Ing stated that he is abstaining due to a potential conflict of interest as his wife is a Southern California Edison employee. The City Council (1) Adopted **Resolution No. 11610** to waive competitive bidding requirements as set forth in the Public Contracts Code; (2) awarded the contract to Sea Clear Pools, Inc. in the amount of $33,665 for the installation of VFD equipment at Barnes Pool and Elder Pool and authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Sea Clear Pools, Inc.; (3) authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Edison, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to receive the incentive rebates; and (4) authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Edison, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to participate in the online bill financing program on Consent Calendar.

**Resolution No. 11610,** entitled:
A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO APPROVE INSTALLATION OF VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVE EQUIPMENT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 830.6 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SEA CLEAR POOLS, INC. WITHOUT THE NEED FOR CALIFORNIA PUBLIC CONTRACTS CODE BIDDING AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE.

## 13. ELDER POOL RE-PLASTERING -- AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS

As described in the Park Master Plan Capital Improvement Program, the Elder Pool is scheduled for re-plastering. In addition, repairs to the tile depth markers and concrete cracks on the deck will addressed as well as resealing the joints and other related tasks.

**Action Taken:** The City Council authorized the City Manager, or designee, to solicit bids for the re-plastering of the Elder Park Pool and any additional work as noted on Consent Calendar.

## 14. EDISON TRAILS PARK LICENSE AGREEMENT

The land licensed for Edison Trails Park is owned by Southern California Edison and the current license agreement expires November 30, 2013. Staff is requesting authorization to enter into a five year license agreement for $8,979.14.

**Action Taken:** Council Member Ing stated that he is abstaining due to a potential conflict of interest as his wife is an Southern California Edison employee. Mayor Real Sebastian also stated that she is abstaining due to a potential conflict of interest as her residence is within 500 feet of Edison Trails. The City Council authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute a license agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Southern California Edison for five years for use of Edison Trails Park on Consent Calendar.

**15. CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (BID) ANNUAL REPORT AND RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE TO CONSIDER THE 2014 ASSESSMENTS**

California law requires the BID to file an annual report with the City Clerk summarizing its activities and expenditures for the past year and proposing its budget for the upcoming year. The law also requires the BID assessments to be renewed annually after conducting a Public Hearing. A public hearing is recommended for November 20, 2013.

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 (1) received and filed the 2013 Annual Report with the City Clerk and (2) adopted **Resolution No. 11611** and set the Public Hearing for November 20, 2013 for consideration for the 2014 BID Assessments as amended by the City Council's direction to: (1) correct the statement in the proposed *Resolution, Section 2*, to reflect the scheduled Public Hearing is to be held on November 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at East Los Angeles College, 1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park, California, 91754; (2) directed staff to present additional information to the council for further discussion and clarification at the scheduled Public Hearing on November 20, 2013 on the 2014 BID Program's goal to implement the 3-Year Action Plan and wireless business application for smart phones ("AP") and to discuss the 2014 New BID Assessment Fee Schedule.

**Resolution No. 11611,** entitled:
A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK'S INTENT TO LEVY AND COLLECT INCREASED ASSESSMENTS WITHIN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.1 FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2014 AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

**16. APPROVAL OF THE CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)**

HUD requires the City to submit annual reports to document the City's progress in its efforts to encourage affordable housing, creating a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunity.

This item was pulled for separate discussion.

**Action Taken:** The City Council approved the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 and authorized the City Manager to make technical changes, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to the CAPER and submit it to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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

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

**17. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS "MOVEMBER" TO RAISE AWARENESS OF PROSTATE AND OTHER MALE CANCERS (Requested by Mayor Real Sebastian)**

This item was pulled for separate discussion.

**Action Taken:** The City Council adopted **Resolution No. 11612** declaring the month of November as "Movember."

**Resolution No. 11612,** entitled:
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK DECLARING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS "MOVEMBER," AN ANNUAL EVENT INVOLVING MEN GROWING MOUSTACHES DURING THE MONTH TO RAISE AWARENESS OF PROSTATE CANCER AND OTHER MALE CANCER AND ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

**Motion:** Moved by Mayor Real Sebastian and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wong, motion carried by the following vote:

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

## PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Real Sebastian opened the public hearing at 9:15 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 9:48 p.m. with no registered speakers.

### 18. DRAFT 2014-2021 HOUSING ELEMENT AND INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The purpose of the Housing Element is to plan for the City's housing needs for all income levels during the next five years. It also serves as a working document that supports the State's goal to provide decent and suitable housing.

**Action Taken:** The City Council (1) opened the public hearing, considered evidence submitted during the public hearing and closed the public hearing and (2) adopted **Resolution No. 11613** certifying a mitigated negative declaration and approved the 2014-2021 Monterey Park Housing Element as amended to include the city council's direction to: (1) amend Table H-2 on page 9 to include Macy's Intermediate School in the paragraph stating "School enrollment data provide insight into the age distribution of the population in Monterey Park between 2000 and 2010. Eight public elementary schools are located in Monterey Park: Brightwood, Monterey Highlands, Repetto, and Ynez within the Alhambra Unified School District; Hillcrest and Monterey Vista in Garvey Elementary School District; Robert Hill Lane in Los Angeles Unified School District; and Bella Vista in Montebello Unified School District."; (2) amend Table H-3 on page 10 to state "School Enrollment for Public Elementary Schools located in Monterey Park: 2000 and 2011"; (3) exclude "Monterey Park Towne Centre" from the General Plan Land Use Element on page 43 stating "Examples of completed mixed-use development over the past few years include Atlantic Times Square, Monterey Park Towne Centre, and Villa Garfield."; (4) directed staff to track the City's Assisted Housing Inventory and Affordability Covenants Housing Units for future updates and review; (5) amend the Building Codes and Enforcement paragraph on page 56 to include the newly adopted ordinance that would eliminate the requirements for residential property sales inspections; and (6) directed staff to provide a current copy of the City's Planning Application Process to be attached to the 2014-2021 Housing Element Draft.

**Resolution No. 11613,** entitled:
A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ADOPTING THE 2014-2021 MONTEREY PARK HOUSING ELEMENT

**Motion:** Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wong and seconded by Mayor Real Sebastian, motion carried by the following vote:

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

## NEW BUSINESS

None.

**19. PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND PICNIC SHELTERS**

June 2013, the City Council approved the Park Master Plan Capital Improvement Plan as part of the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year budget. The installation of the new playgrounds and picnic shelters is projected to take place by June 2014.

**Action Taken:** Mayor Real Sebastian left the dais and abstained from discussion due to a potential conflict of interest as her residence is within 500 feet of La Loma Park. The City Council (1) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to purchase playground equipment for Elder Park, Pine Tree Park, La Loma Park, and Sunnyslopes Park through the Cooperative Purchasing Network from Sun Country Systems/Burke BCI for $339,712 pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code § 3.20050(3) and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to purchase picnic shelters for Barnes Park, Elder Park, and Highlands Park through the National Joint Purchasing Authority, pursuant to joint purchase per Monterey Park Municipal Code § 3.20.050(3) at a cost of $277,173.

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

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

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None.

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTERS

**Announcement of appointees for Commissions, Committees, and Boards.**

**Action Taken:** Council Member Chan announced his appointment of applicant for Business Improvement District Advisory Committee - Ivan Ho and his appointment of applicant for Community Participation Commission - Tiffany Truong. City Clerk Chang announced the current list of appointment of appointees to the City's Commissions, Committees, and Boards and informed the council of the current vacant positions to the Commission on Aging, Community Participation Commission, Design Review Board, Environmental Commission, and the Library Board of Trustees.

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

Mayor Real Sebastian invited the residents to attend the next Regular Meeting of the City Council on November 20, 2013 at East Los Angeles College at 7:00 p.m. She also informed the residents of her attendance at the East Los Angeles College Veteran's Day Ceremony on November 6, 2013; the San Gabriel Valley Public Affairs Network presenting legislative effort updates; the East Los Angeles YMCA 9th Annual Heart of the Family honoring the "Year of the Woman"; and the MTA and CalTrans Event at East Los Angeles College discussing the 710 North Study. Mayor Pro Tem Wong announced his attendance to the State of the City Address with the council; the Los Angeles Chinatown Lions Club Halloween festival; the Monterey Vista Elementary School Veteran's Day tribute with Council Member Chan; and spoke of his attendance with the council in the City's Strategic Planning Retreat on October 29, 2013 at City Hall. Council Member Liang informed the residents of his attendance with the council to the Guangdong Chinese Art Show on October 25, 2013. Council Member Chan encouraged the residents to attend the City of Monterey Park and American Legion Post 397 Veteran's Day Ceremony on Monday, November 11, 2013 at the City Hall's Front Lawn at 11:00 a.m. Council Member Ing invited the residents to attend the Mark Keppel High School's "Honoring Our Veteran's" Concert on Friday, November 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aztec Auditorium.

**CLOSED SESSION**
None.

**ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk