MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2013

The City Council of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Meeting of the Council in the Administration G1 Building, Conference Center Room 301, located at East Los Angeles College, 1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, in the City of Monterey Park, Wednesday, November 20, 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 7:02 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:
East Los Angeles College student, Justine Valdez, 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, Controller Yaung

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTION
None.

PRESENTATIONS: Strategic Plan Update

Discussion: City Manager Talbot presented the city's strategic plan update informing the residents that the City Council, City Manager, Directors, and Facilitator, Marilyn Snider, held a strategic planning session on October 29, 2013 and on October 30, 2013 to discuss and update the city's strategic plan goals and objectives for the next six months. He summarized the city's strategic objectives and goals for the fiscal year 2011 - 2014: (1) Improve organizational and Effectiveness and Efficiency, including attracting and retaining quality employees; (2) Achieve financial stability; (3) Improve community-wide beautification, participation, and safety; and (4) Enhance economic development. Mayor Real Sebastian made brief comments and recommendations to the city's strategic plan stating: (1) the City will have only one additional community clean-up day this quarter in January 2014; (2) directed the City Manager to work with Department Directors to develop uniform staff reports for city council agendas; (3) to include completion dates for long term projects and objectives and add "work in progress through projective completion date of April 15, 2014" in the comments and (4) an incorrect spelling error on page D, objective number 16.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Nancy Arcuri addressed the council and thanked the City Engineering Department, Police Department, California Highway Patrol and Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department for their assistance to mitigate the serious speeding and safety concerns on Mooney Drive.

- Damien Orozco invited the council and residents on behalf of the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce to attend: (1) "Farm Cuisine" ribbon cutting ceremony on November 21, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.: (2) the Chamber of Commerce "Rock n Rolling into the Holidays" on December 5, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Crowne Plaza Hotel at Commerce Casino and (3) the Chamber of Commerce's "Christmas at El Encanto" Annual Holiday Mixer and Toy Drive on December 21, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at El Encanto.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR CONSISTS OF ITEM NOS. 1 - 2

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 - 2 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, 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 – 55** of the Successor Agency (SA) to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated **November 20, 2013 totaling $10,354.56** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. SA – 55, entitled:
A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SA) ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED **November 20, 2013 totaling $10,354.56** AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

2. SUCCESSOR AGENCY MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from the regular meeting of October 2, 2013 and the Special Meetings of September 25, 2013 and October 15, 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 Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency regular meeting of October 2, 2013 and the Special Meetings of September 25, 2013 and October 15, 2013 on Consent Calendar.

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

CITY OF MONTEREY PARK CONSENT CALENDAR CONSISTS OF ITEM NOS. 3 - 9

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. 3 - 9, except for Item Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, & 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 Liang, 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:	Ing abstained on Item No. 9; Wong abstained on Item No. 7; and Real Sebastian abstained on Item No. 9.

3. 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. 11614** allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated **November 20, 2013 Totaling $811,468.07** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 11614, entitled:
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED **November 20, 2013 Totaling $811,468.07** AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

4. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from the regular meeting of October 2, 2013 and the special meetings of September 25, 2013, October 2, 2013 and November 6, 2013.

Action Taken: The City Council approved the minutes from the regular meeting of October 2, 2013 and the special meetings of September 25, 2013, October 2, 2013 and November 6, 2013 on Consent Calendar.

5. PURCHASE OF A CASE SR250 SKID STEER LOADER

The 2013-2014 Motor Pool Shop Budget includes $125,000 for the purchase of a Skid Steer Loader for the Street Maintenance Division. It is used to excavate, move, lift, load and haul roadway construction debris and materials.

This item was pulled for separate discussion.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) waived the bidding requirements pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code §3.20.050 and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to purchase a 2014 Case SR250 Skid Steer Loader from Sonsray Machinery at the cost of $124,929.33.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wong and seconded by Council Member Ing, 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

6. SECOND CITY HALL EXTERIOR AND PARKING STRUCTURE PAINT WORK - ACCEPTANCE OF WORK AND FINAL PAYMENT

The project included repair and painting of exterior walls, roof panels and fixtures of the City Hall building and the parking structure. The work has been completed and inspected and approved by the Public Works Department.

This item was pulled for separate discussion.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) accepted the City Hall Exterior and Parking Structure paint work completed by AJ Fistes Corporation; (2) approved the final project cost of $75,235 including change orders in the amount of $9,335; and (3) authorized staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office and pay the final retention 35 days thereafter.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Real Sebastian 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

7. THREE-YEAR ACTION PLAN FOR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (BID)

The purpose of the Plan is to provide the City Council a broader understanding of the goals and tasks to be taken during the next three-year timeframe that would lead to the expenditure of BID funds, both the reserves and budgeted amounts.

This item was pulled for separate discussion and heard together with Item No. 10. and motions taken separately.

Action Taken: Mayor Pro Tem Wong left the dais and abstained from discussion due to a potential conflict of his interest as his business is within 500 feet of the Business Improvement District. The City Council received and filed the Business Improvement District's Three-Year Action Plan as amended to include the City Council's direction to reduce and maintain a minimum reserve balance amount of $50,000 and appropriate $25,000 to implement a marketing campaign for the Business Improvement District.

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

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

8. RECOGNITION OF MONTEREY PARK POLICE MID-MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AS THE MAJORITY RECOGNIZED EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION FOR MID-MANAGEMENT POLICE OFFICERS OF THE CITY

Pursuant to Government Code (§§3500 et. seq.) and Monterey Park Municipal Code Chapter 2.32 mid-management employees lieutenants and sergeants petitioned to have the Monterey Park Police Mid-Management Association recognized as a union for collective bargaining purposes.

This item was pulled for separate discussion.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted **Resolution No. 11615** certifying the Monterey Park Police Mid-Management Association as the recognized employee organization for Mid-Management Police Officers of the City.

Resolution No. 11615, entitled:
A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING RECOGNITION OF THE MONTEREY PARK POLICE MID-MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AS THE MAJORITY RECOGNIZED EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION FOR MID-MANAGEMENT POLICE OFFICERS OF THE CITY

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wong and seconded by Mayor Real Sebastian, 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

9. LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE GRANT FOR CASCADES WATERFALL REHABILITATION AND EDISON TRAILS PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District has funds available to the City for possible recreation facility projects to be funded through the "Cities and Specified Excess Funds Grant Program."

This item was pulled for separate discussion.

Action Taken: Council Member Ing left the dais and abstained from discussion due to a potential conflict of interest as his wife is a Southern California Edison employee. Mayor Real Sebastian left the dais and abstained due to a potential conflict of interest as her residence is within 500 feet of Edison Trails Park. The City Council (1) adopted **Resolution No. 11616** approving the applications for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Grant Program. The $480,000 grant will be used to rehabilitate the Cascades Waterfall and make improvements at Edison Trails Park and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute any documents needed to obtain the grant funds as amended to include the City Attorney's recommendation to include in the Resolution, Section 1 Recital E, to state "The City understands that, if it obtains the District's grant funds amount of $480,000, the City must operate and maintain the Project in perpetuity."

Resolution No. 11616, entitled:
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT CITIES EXCESS FUNDS GRANT PROGRAM FOR FUNDS FOR THE CASCADES WATERFALL REHABILITATION AND EDISON TRAILS PARK REHABILITATION

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Real Sebastian opened the public hearing at 8:13 p.m. and closed the public hearing at 8:30 p.m.

10. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (BID) ANNUAL REPORT AND THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2014

On November 6, 2013, the City Council set the date for a public hearing regarding the assessment of businesses within the Business Improvement District No. 1. BID Assessment revenues will fund promotional activities and special events to benefit downtown businesses.

This item was heard together with Item No. 7 and motions taken separately.

Public Speakers:

- Dave Barron spoke as a Business Improvement District Advisory Committee (BIDAC) member stating his support for the levy of assessments and recommended that the City continue to educate and outreach with business owners and property management to ensure responsibility and implement a active marketing program to strengthen economic development and beautification.

- City Clerk Chang reported and read aloud a written communication letter received from Lisa Lau with a petition attached signed by 13 BIDAC members opposing the proposed levy increase of assessments for the Business Improvement District No. 1, that was received, distributed and filed.

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 opened and closed the public hearing, received both written and oral comments and (2) adopted **Resolution No. 11617** confirming the 2013 Annual Report and the levy of assessments for Business Improvement District No. 1 for Program Year 2014 as amended to include the City Council's direction to reduce and maintain a minimum reserve balance amount of $50,000 and appropriate $25,000 to implement a marketing campaign for the Business Improvement District.

Resolution No. 11617, entitled:
A RESOLUTION LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2014 IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE § 36624

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

11. SIEMENS ENERGY SERVICES AND FACILITIES MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

Siemens conducted a preliminary survey of City facilities to identify potential upgrades that would reduce energy consumption. Siemens is requesting a letter of intent to commit the City to the energy program.

Action Taken: Council Member Ing left the dais and abstained from discussion due to a potential conflict of interest as his wife is a Southern California Edison employee. The City Council authorized the City Manager to sign a letter of intent in a form that is approved by the City Attorney as amended by the City Council's recommendations to: (1) push back the target completion dates 30 days on the Letter of Intent; (2) Siemens will financially compensate Southern California Edison the amount of $10,000 (3) the investment grade audit must be cost-neutral; (4) the City agrees to pay Siemens a termination fee of $150,000 if Siemens presents an agreement that Phase 1 is cost-neutral and meets the proposed objectives and the City does not proceed with Phase 2; and (5) directed Siemens to submit to the City Council the total net savings of other California municipalities proven track record as presented in the power point.

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

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

The City Council recessed at 10:15 p.m. and reconvened with all council members present at 10:25 p.m.

12. MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4) PERMIT LEGAL AUTHORITY

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Separate Storm Systems (MS4) permit requires jurisdictions to establish and maintain legal authority to control pollutants. After reviewing the City's existing regulations, staff recommends updates to the Monterey Park Municipal Code regarding MS4.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) Introduced and waived the **Ordinance - 1st Reading** and (2) scheduled the second reading and adoption at the next regular council meeting on December 4, 2013.

Ordinance - 1st Reading, entitled:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 6.30, ENTITLED "STORMWATER AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION PREVENTION CONTROLS," IN ITS ENTIRETY

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wong and seconded by Council Member Liang, 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

EXTENSION OF COUNCIL MEETING

Action Taken: The City Council extended the meeting to 11:30 p.m.

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:	Liang, Wong
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None

13. FIVE CITIES SHARED FIRE SERVICES

The Cities of Alhambra, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, San Marino and South Pasadena operate their own fire departments within their own boundaries. All cities are members of automatic and mutual aid agreements, Unified Response, Verdugo Communications, and California State Disaster Management Area resulting in assistance in emergency response and shared opportunities. Staff from the five cities have been meeting to discuss other beneficial mutual opportunities.

Public Speakers:

- Nancy Arcuri spoke of her concerns opposing the proposed recommendation to sharing the City's fire services. She encouraged the City Council to hold a public forum for residents for further discussion.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) received and filed the staff report regarding ongoing discussion and (2) authorized a request for qualifications for a consultant that would provide a report on the advisability and feasibility of combining resources.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Wong and seconded by Council Member Liang, 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

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 for Business Improvement District Advisory Committee - Ivan Ho. Council Member Liang announced his appointment for Traffic Commission - Ben Jong; Commission on Aging - Virginia Gutierrez; Design Review Board - Wally Tsui, and Environmental Commission - Karl Wong.

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

Mayor Real Sebastian informed the residents that the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library will be open seven days a week beginning February 1, 2014 and announced a E-Waste Collection that will be held at East Los Angeles College on Saturday, November 23, 2013. Council Member Liang invited the residents to attend the Langley Senior Center holiday luncheon on Thursday, November 21, 2013. The City Council wished the residents a happy and safe Happy Thanksgiving.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk

Approved on December 18, 2013 at the Regular City Council Meeting