

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2014**

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, January 15, 2014 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:

The Monterey Park Police 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, Police Chief Smith, Human Resources Director Cody, Community and Economic Development Director Huntley, Recreation and Community Services Director Costley, City Librarian Arvizu, Interim Fire Chief Birrell, Controller Yaung

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTION

Discussion: City Manager Talbot informed the council on Item No. 7, the Resolution was omitted from the staff report and a copy submitted to the City Council at this time. He informed the council of a typographical error to the agenda on Item No. 8 stating the sentence "The City has participated in a joint agreement with 42 agencies (40 municipalities, CalTrans, and County unincorporated areas) since 2009 for monitoring various contaminants" should be omitted and reported a typographical error in the agenda on Item No. 9 stating the sentence "The City has participated in a joint agreement with 42 agencies (40 municipalities, CalTrans and County unincorporated areas) since 2009 for monitoring various contaminants" was omitted from the agenda however the reports are correct.

PRESENTATIONS: Strategic Plan Update

Discussion: None. This item was not heard.

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.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Nancy Arcuri wished the council and residents a Happy New Year and announced on behalf of Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley to come enjoy dinner and music by Big Band Theory on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Langley Senior Center from 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Proceeds from the fundraising event will provide food, housing, and employment assistance to homeless families.
- Sarkis Antonian spoke as a concerned resident opposing the proposed project development of additional housing on Portero Grande. He also spoke of his recommendations to increase sales tax revenue in the city.
- Rita Miller spoke as a resident in support of the city's development towards restoring the Observatory dome at Garvey Ranch Park. She also spoke of her concerns and recommendations to see future city-wide park improvements and additional public access to transportation.
- Pastor Sheldon Hess spoke on behalf of St Paul Lutheran Church informing the council as one of the Family Promise of San Gabriel Valley participants, the congregation provides food, shelter and professional leadership to homeless families. He invited the council and residents to attend the Big Band Theory fundraising event to enjoy dinner and great music on January 25, 2014 at Langley Senior Center from 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- John Man, President of the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce invited the council and residents to attend: (1) a educational seminar to "Get Fit for the Year" to discuss healthy lifestyles on January 22, 2014 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at El Encanto and (2) the Chamber of Commerce Annual Chinese New Year dinner will be held at NBC Restaurant on February 2, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Tickets are available for \$45.00 for members and \$55.00 for non-members. Reservations made before January 31, 2014 will receive a \$5.00 discount. He thanked the City Council for their continued support and wished the residents a Happy Lunar New Year.

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 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

1. WARRANT REGISTER FOR SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF JANUARY 2, 2014 AND JANUARY 15, 2014

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 – 58** of the Successor Agency (SA) to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated **January 15, 2014 totaling \$6,245.76** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. SA – 58, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SA) ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED **January 15, 2014 totaling \$6,245.76** AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

2. SUCCESSOR AGENCY MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 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 December 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. 7 & 8 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, Liang, Wong, Real Sebastian
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None

3. WARRANT REGISTER FOR THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK OF JANUARY 2, 2014 AND JANUARY 15, 2014

It is required that the City Council approve all disbursements.

Action Taken: The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted **Resolution No. 11624** allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated **January 15, 2014 totaling \$1,629,436.41** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 11624, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED **January 15, 2014 totaling \$1,629,436.41** AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

4. INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 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 December 2013 on Consent Calendar.

5. FACILITY AGREEMENT - WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

This is a proposed extension of an agreement between the City and the West San Gabriel Valley Boys and Girls Club to utilize parking spaces for a fee.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to license the West San Gabriel Valley Boys and Girls Club to utilize up to nine City of Monterey Park Civic Center parking spaces for a period of two years, at the fee of \$100 per year on Consent Calendar.

6. LEASE A PORTION OF THE SERVICE CLUB TO THE LIONS CLUB/WHITE CANE DAY INC.

The is a proposed additional extension of an agreement with the Lions Club/White Cane Days Inc. to lease a portion of the Service Club.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to extend the current lease rate of \$160 per month for two years, beginning February 1, 2014 between the City of Monterey Park and the Lions Club of Monterey Park along with White Cane Day, Inc. on Consent Calendar.

7. REPLACEMENT OF THE OBSERVATORY DOME AT GARVEY RANCH PARK

The Los Angeles Astronomical Society has secured a grant from Metabolic Studio to replace the Observatory dome at Garvey Ranch Park. Staff is recommending that the City Council take action to solicit bids for removing the old dome and installing a new one.

This item was pulled for separate discussion.

Action Taken: City Manager Talbot reported that the proposed resolution to be approved by council tonight was not attached to the staff report and a copy has been provided to the council stating "A resolution approving the solicitation of bids to purchase and install a new observatory dome at Garvey Ranch Park Pursuant to Government codes § 830.6 and establishing a project payment account." The City Council adopted **Resolution No. 11625** to solicit bids for the removal of the old dome and installation of the new dome at Garvey Ranch Park.

Resolution No. 11625, entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS TO PURCHASE & INSTALL A NEW OBSERVATORY DOME AT GARVEY RANCH PARK PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 830.6 AND ESTABLISHING A PROJECT PAYMENT ACCOUNT

Motion: Moved by Council Member Liang 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

8. 2012 - 2013 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Each year the City prepares a comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) to provide the information of the City's financial activities for that year. The City has participated in a joint agreement with 42 agencies (40 municipalities, Caltrans and County unincorporated areas) since 2009 for monitoring various contaminants. The Monterey Park Municipal Code requires an audited annual financial report be submitted to the City Council for review and consideration.

This item was pulled for separate discussion.

Action Taken: City Manager Talbot reported a typographical error to the agenda stating the sentence "The City has participated in a joint agreement with 42 agencies (40 municipalities, CalTrans, and County unincorporated areas) since 2009 for monitoring various contaminants" should be omitted. The City Council received and filed the City's 2012-2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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

9. EXTENSION OF COORDINATED MONITORING PROGRAM FOR METALS TMDL

Regional Water Quality Control Board requires all cities to participate in a monitoring plan to measure various contaminants, including metals. Staff is recommending the City Council approve a new agreement that would extend the joint monitoring program to 2016.

Action Taken: City Manager Talbot reported a typographical error in the agenda stating the sentence "The City has participated in a joint agreement with 42 agencies (40 municipalities, Caltrans and County unincorporated areas) since 2009 for monitoring various contaminants" was omitted from the agenda however the reports are correct. The City Council (1) authorized the City Manager to execute a Memoranda Of Agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the Gateway Council of Governments and (2) appropriated \$3,264 for FY 2014 to participate in the Coordinated Monitoring Program (CMP) for Metals TMDL and an amount no more than a ten percent increase for the following years up to FY 2016 should the Agreement be extended on Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Real Sebastian opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m. and continued the public hearing to the next regular council meeting on February 5, 2014.

10. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA13-01) AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (DA-13-01) TO CONSTRUCT A NEW SIX-UNIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT – 236 SOUTH RAMONA.

This matter was noticed for tonight's Council Meeting; however, due to on-going negotiations with the developer, it will be continued to February 5, 2014.

Action Taken: The City Council continued this matter until February 5, 2014 to allow for additional time to conduct further research and gather information.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Real Sebastian opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m. and closed the hearing at 9:42 p.m.

11. AN APPEAL (AP-13-01) OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CU-13-02) TO ALLOW A PRIVATE MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH EXTENDED CHILD DAY CARE WITHIN AN EXISTING ASSEMBLY USE BUILDING -- 133 EAST GRAVES AVENUE

The applicant, John F. Page of Meher Montessori School applied for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the operation of a private middle school with extended child day care for the students within an existing assembly building. The application was approved by the Planning Commission on November 12, 2013. An appeal application to overturn the Planning Commission's determination was filed on November 21, 2013.

Public Speakers:

- Samantha Gonzalez, Sofia Martinez, Nicholas Stratacos and Andrew Tran, addressed the council as the 4 current Meher Montessori Middle School students stating their recommendations in favor of the proposed Middle School.
- Erick Weiss spoke in favor of the proposed middle school stating that "Meher Montessori is a enrichment to the community that supports academic and developmental thoughtful students for our future." He encouraged that the "council have great pride of Meher Montessori's 40-year history in the city and have faith in their future."
- Nancy Arcuri spoke against the proposed project stating her concerns of the current traffic nightmare and additional potential traffic hazards that may occur.
- Roshan Bhakta spoke in favor of the proposed Middle School stating that it promotes education and will provide opportunities for the children in the community. He stated that "education is a great gift to give for our children, community and country."
- John Page, Founder and Executive Director of Meher Montessori School spoke briefly of the history and timeline of the proposed project to open a Middle School at St. Gabriel Episcopal Church. He stated his concerns of the fears, lies, and hysteria created by the protest organizers to overturn the Planning Commission's decision and that the proposed school would have an almost immeasurable impact as reported by the city-approved traffic study.
- Adela Munoz spoke as a Meher Montessori administrator for 20 years stating her concerns to the lies and hysteria created by the appeal and protest organizers. She encouraged the council to make a decision based upon facts supporting the city's staff report approving the proposed Middle School.

- Jadene M.W. Tamura spoke as a long-time resident and parent of 2 Meher Montessori students to share with the council and residents of her family's story with Meher Montessori School. She expressed her concerns of the hysteria and lies circulating by the protest organizers stating that the Meher Montessori families are not a threat to the community but a group of parents who wish to continue their children's Montessori education.
- Michelle Jolliffe-Gonzalez spoke in favor of the proposed project as a parent to one of the current Meher Middle School students recommending that the council continue her children's Montessori education at Meher Montessori.
- Edward Brogan spoke as a long-time resident stating his opposition of the proposed school due to the current mitigated traffic congestion, potential safety hazards and pedestrian safety.
- Dr. James Padgett stated he supports the Montessori education as an educator however opposes the proposed location for Meher Montessori Middle School. He expressed his concerns of the current mitigated traffic congestion and pedestrian safety.
- Joy Rowe spoke against the proposed project stating it is her educated opinion that the proposed location of the school is an invitation to tragedy. She informed the council that her concerns of the proposed Middle School has nothing to do with the quality of education Meher Montessori School can provide but everything to do with the safety of the community and residents.
- Daniel Kamei spoke as a long-time resident against the proposed project stating his concerns of the mitigated traffic congestion and recommending the council to preserve the city's public school system and evaluate the significance of the petition signed by over 350 residents to overturn the Planning Commission's decision.
- Joe Reichenberger introduced himself as the appellant with a background as a professional Engineer, he is challenging the Planning Commission's determination of the proposed Meher Middle School stating: (1) The project is not categorically exempt under the California Environmental Act; (2) To be considered Categorical Exemption, there should be a Notice of Exemption prepared; (3) The Traffic Study prepared by KOA Corporation and reviewed and approved by Public Works did not take into account the unique nature of a school pick-up and drop-off activity and its impact on the already impacted street; (4) Traffic and pedestrian safety mitigation measures are recommended to be implemented, which support the contention that the project is not categorically exempt; (5) A flawed pedestrian route map is a condition of approval; and (6) Traffic and circulation impacts were ignored.
- Nathan Shimizu stated that the proposed project is a "common sense issue" and spoke of his concerns against the proposed location of the Middle School. He presented to the council a brief slideshow of photos taken at the proposed site location of the Middle School addressing the traffic and mitigated congestion and

potential traffic hazards.

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- Pat Reichenberger spoke as a long-time resident and former Mayor against the proposed location for a new Middle School. She stated her concerns for the traffic condition and the mitigated noise and proximity to the immediate neighbors of the proposed middle school.
- Laverne Guerrero spoke as a resident and teacher at Repetto Elementary stating her concerns against the hilly geographic condition, mitigated traffic and pedestrian safety hazards of the proposed location of the project.
- Nicole Bravo spoke as a resident against the proposed school stating she supports education but opposes the location due to the traffic congestion and safety hazards. She submitted a DVD video to the City Clerk that was received, filed and distributed to the council.
- Steve Inzunza spoke as a resident and concerned parent stating his opposition to the proposed location for Meher Middle School. He stated his support to the previous speakers concerns that this is a common sense issue and the current traffic and safety hazards create a dangerous condition.
- Jocielly Aure spoke as a resident within the proximity of the proposed project stating her support for the proposed site of the Meher Middle School.
- Arturo Chavez spoke in favor of the proposed middle school stating his daughter formerly attended Meher Montessori and resident recommending the council make a decision based on the evidence submitted and approve staff's recommendations presented to the council stating there is no measureable impact.
- Artemisa Zamora spoke in favor of the proposed middle school stating the traffic and mitigated concerns presented to the council were there before and will not be resolved if the permit is denied. She spoke of advocating for a better city for Monterey Park and for the students of Meher Montessori.
- Cesar Escamilla spoke in favor of the proposed middle school informing the council that as a new parent to Meher Montessori there is no chaos when dropping his son at school.
- John Chu spoke against the proposed middle school stating he supports education and Meher Montessori but opposes the proposed location due to the proximity and morning rush to Repetto Elementary and the mitigated traffic on Graves Avenue and the pedestrian safety hazards.
- Beatriz Playa-Garza spoke as a licensed attorney and single parent to 2 children stating that due process has been met and recommended that the council approve the proposed project. She recommended that the residents and city move forward to work together to form a resolution in resolving the traffic problem.

- City Clerk Chang reported and read aloud a written communication letter received from Seyfarth Shaw LLP on behalf of Jadene M.W. Tamura "respectfully requesting that the Monterey Park City Council affirm the decision of the Planning Commission and deny the appeal of the Project" that was received, distributed and filed.
- City Clerk Chang reported and read aloud written communication letters received from Mike Palos, Yahya Chan, Micky Kwan, and Francis A. Dendes opposing the proposed middle school stating traffic and mitigated noise concerns and pedestrian safety that was received, distributed, and filed.

Action Taken: City Attorney Hensley advised the council that after considering the factual findings and evidence submitted into the record, the proposed Conditional Use Permit (CU-13-02) meets the MPMC 21.32.020(B) guidelines as stated in the resolution: (1) The Project site is adequate in size, shape, and topography for the proposed use; (2) The Project site has sufficient access to streets and highways, adequate in width and pavement type to carry the quantity and quality of traffic generated by the proposed use; (3) The Project conforms with all the requirements of the General Plan and zoning regulations; (4) The Project will not have an adverse effect on the use, enjoyment or valuation of property in the neighborhood in which it is proposed and (5) The Project will not have an adverse effect on the public health, safety, and general welfare. City Attorney Hensley also reported that written communications have been received and distributed to the council and copies made available to the public. The City Council (1) opened the public hearing, received documentary and testimonial evidence and closed the public hearing and (2) continued this item to the March 5, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting and directed staff to review the drop-off schedule and traffic mitigation factors.

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

The City Council recessed at 10:40 p.m. and reconvened at 10:50 p.m. with all council members present.

12.URGENCY ORDINANCE AND "REGULAR" ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE AND AMENDING THE 2013 CALIFORNIA CODES

Health & Safety Code § 17958 requires local governments to adopt the most recent editions of the California Building Standards Code ("CBSC"). The 2013 CBSC became effective statewide on January 1, 2014.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) opened the public hearing, considered evidence received during the hearing, and adopted **Ordinance No. 2102** upon a 4/5 vote for the reasons set forth in the draft ordinance as amended to include the council's correction to Section 3310.1.2(5) that No "Safe and Sane" fireworks, as defined in the California

State Fireworks Law, will be sold or offered for sale at retail within the city, except from 12:00 noon on June 28 to 11:00 p.m. on July 4 of each year" and amended Section 3310.1.2 per council's direction to reduce the maximum number of permits which may be issued to the Sale of "Safe and Sane" fireworks, from 25 to 20 during any one calendar year. Mayor Real Sebastian informed the council of her objections and stated "she reserves strongly that the maximum number of permits issued of 25 should be reduced to be 15 during any one calendar year." The City Council directed staff to provide a copy of each applicant's 2013 fireworks profit statements for the council's review.

Ordinance No. 2012, entitled:

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2013 EDITIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA MODEL CODES, MAKING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS BASED UPON LOCAL CONDITIONS, AND AMENDING THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGES

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

Action Taken: The City Council introduced and waived the **Ordinance - 1st Reading** and scheduled a public hearing for February 5, 2014.

Ordinance - 1st Reading, entitled:

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2013 EDITIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA MODEL CODES, MAKING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS BASED UPON LOCAL CONDITIONS, AND AMENDING THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGES

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

EXTENSION OF COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTERS

13.A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ISSUE AT ONCE A FORMAL APOLOGY TO THE CHINESE AND CHINESE-AMERICANS FOR THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT OF 1882 (Requested by Mayor Real Sebastian)

Action Taken: The City Council adopted **Resolution No. 11626** urging the Congress of the United States to issue at once a formal apology to the Chinese and Chinese-Americans for the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and to include Council Member Liang's amended recommendations stating "Whereas the City of Monterey Park recognizes and commends the valiant efforts by members of the 1882 Project, Chinese American Citizens Alliance (CACA), OCA, Committee of 100, Japanese American Citizens League and the National Council of Chinese Americans, along with the former Monterey Park Mayor and now Congresswoman Judy Chu and United States Senator Scott Brown, which resulted in the unanimous support of both Senate and Congressional Expressions of Regret for the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. SR 201 (2011) and HR 683 (2012)" and "Whereas an apology has yet to be issued by the Congress of the United States for the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882."

Resolution No. 11626, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ISSUE A FORMAL APOLOGY TO THE CHINESE AND CHINESE-AMERICANS FOR THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT OF 1882

Motion: Moved by Mayor Real Sebastian 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

Announcement of appointees for Commissions, Committees, and Boards.

Action Taken: Council Member Ing announced his of appointments for Commission of Aging - Alice Tsao and Agnes Arakawa.

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

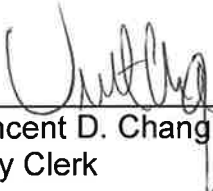
Council Member Chan directed the City Manager and staff to research overnight parking restrictions in problematic areas in the city North of Newmark Avenue between Atlantic Boulevard and Hellman Avenue where there is a potential of prohibited residential motels and to present code enforcement recommendations to the council for further discussion at a future council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Wong announced his attendance with Council Member Chan at the Sacramento Contract Cities Conference. He also spoke of his attendance at a historical book commemoration on Chinese immigration in the 18th Century and announced that 2 books purchased in both English and Chinese will be donated to the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library for public viewing. Mayor Pro Tem Wong announced his Mayoral Installation will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Real Sebastian spoke of her attendance at the Armenian Christmas Dinner on January 9, 2014 and informed the residents the Monterey Park Police Department is accepting applications for the Citizens Academy Class starting on January 16, 2014. Participants may contact the Community Relations Department at (626) 307-1215 for additional information. Mayor Real Sebastian and the City Council wished the residents a Happy Lunar New Year and invited the residents to attend the Asian American Expo on January 18 - 19, 2014 at Pomona Fairplex and the City's Annual Monterey Park Lunar New Year festival on January 25 - 26, 2014 in Downtown Monterey Park.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.



Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk