

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 19, 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, Wednesday, March 19, 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 Wong called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

The Monterey Park Police Explorers led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Chang called the roll:

Council Members Present: Real Sebastian, Ing, Chan, Liang, Wong

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, Management Services Director Thai, Recreation and Community Services Director Costley, City Librarian Arvizu, Interim Fire Chief Birrell, Battalion Chief Harper, Controller Yaung, Senior Code Enforcement Officer Stecyk

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTION

Discussion: City Manager Talbot reported that Item No. 1B from the March 19, 2014 Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. was adjourned and continued to the March 19, 2014 Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. City Attorney Hensley advised the City Council and City Clerk that Item No. 1B from the Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. was adjourned and continued to the Regular Meeting under Unfinished Business and to be heard after Oral and Written Communications. City Manager Talbot announced the city's Capital Improvement Project is scheduled to begin construction on March 24, 2014 with the installation of picnic shelters and play grounds at Barnes Park, Elder Park, Highlands, Sunnyslopes Park, Pine Tree Park and La Loma Park.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1-A: Jim Smith, Chief of Police on AB109 "Realignment"

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

- Firefighter Matt Hallock informed the council and the residents that the Monterey Park Fire Department's BBQ Fundraiser on March 15, 2014 raised over \$7,500 in ticket sales and donations for the Granite Mountain Hotshot Foundation. He expressed his appreciation to the City Council, Department Staff, and City Employees for their support and also recognized the many sponsors and local organizations for their donations and prizes.
- Rita Miller congratulated the Monterey Park Fire Department on their successful BBQ fundraiser held this past weekend and spoke of its remarkable turnout. She informed the council and the residents that donations are being accepted for the Food Bank at Langley Senior Center held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. She also thanked Police Chief Smith and Officer Salazar for hosting the Neighborhood Watch Meeting on March 18, 2014 and Armando's Restaurant for catering dinner. Lastly, she invited the residents to attend the American Legion Post 397 Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 22, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Sarkis Antonian informed the residents that Shell Station located at 306 East Garvey Avenue is selling pink colored windshield wipers to support the National Breast Cancer Research Foundation.
- Virginia Kiehl spoke as a concerned resident informing the council that trees were cut down at La Loma Park today as a result of an City obligation to follow Southern California Edison's agreement. She encouraged the council and the residents to contact Southern California Edison to save the trees in Monterey Park.
- Thomas Wong spoke on behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Water District informing the council and the residents that on January 17, 2014 the Governor has declared a drought emergency for the State of California. He encouraged residents to conserve water, reduce waste, and use water efficient appliances. He encouraged residents to contact the San Gabriel Valley Water District to obtain applications for water conservation rebates and additional information and resources.
- Theresa Real Sebastian invited the residents to her next Walk with the Council Member on Saturday, March 29, 2014 starting at 7:00 a.m. at Elder Park. She also spoke of her concerns to the trees cut down at La Loma Park. After a discussion with the City Manager, she informed the residents that Southern California Edison had performed an inspection and determined that 112 trees were to be cut down due to alignment requirements mandating a 100 square foot radius of the tower be clear. and that the City was obligated to follow the leasing agreement with Southern California Edison. She encouraged the residents to contact Southern California Edison to preserve our city trees.

2. SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SA) CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NOS. 2A - 2B

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

This item was heard after Unfinished Business Agenda Item No. 1B.

Action Taken: The City Council acting on behalf of the Successor Agency of the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency approved and adopted Item Nos. 2A - 2B and reading resolutions and ordinances by title only and waiving further reading thereof.

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

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

2A.WARRANT REGISTER FOR SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF MARCH 5, 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 – 65** of the Successor Agency (SA) to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated **March 19, 2014 totaling \$2,631.06** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. SA – 65, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SA) ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED **March 19, 2014 totaling \$2,631.06** AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

2B.SUCCESSOR AGENCY INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 2014

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 February 2014 on Consent Calendar.

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

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

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. 3A - 3D, except for Item No. 3E which was pulled and reading resolutions and ordinances by title only and waiving further reading thereof.

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

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

3A.WARRANT REGISTER FOR THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2014

It is required that the City Council approve all disbursements.

Action Taken: The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted **Resolution No. 11645** allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated **March 19, 2014 Totaling \$538,972.65** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 11645, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED **March 19, 2014 Totaling \$538,972.65** AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

3B.INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF FEBURARY 2014

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 February 2014 on Consent Calendar.

3C.RESOLUTION TO EXPEND PROP 1B FUNDS ON CONSTRUCTION OF BUS PADS ON ATLANTIC BOULEVARD

Prop 1B funds in the amount of \$30,900 are available for the improvement of City streets. Staff proposes that the funds be used to construct concrete bus pads on Atlantic Boulevard to prolong the life of the roadway pavement.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted **Resolution No. 11646** authorizing the expenditure of Prop 1B funds on Construction of Bus Pads on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 11646, entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF LEFTOVER PROP 18 FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE BUS PADS ON ATLANTIC BOULEVARD

3D.PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT BATTERY BACK-UP SYSTEM FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SOURCE (UPS) SERVER

The Police Department UPS Server is the back up for the Department's Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System (CAD/RMS), 911 phone system, City Hall/Police Department camera system, Jail camera system, and in-car camera system. The battery system used to power that system has reached a critical level and need to be replaced.

Action Taken: The City Council appropriated \$21,960 from the Police Department Asset Forfeiture Account for the purchase of the backup battery system and authorize the City Manager to execute a one year service agreement from GovConnection, Inc., in a form approved by the City Attorney on Consent Calendar.

3E.2nd READING AND ADOPTION: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (DA-13-01) TO CONSTRUCT A NEW SIX-UNIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - 236 SOUTH RAMONA

The first reading and public hearing occurred on February 19, 2014. The Ordinance is now ready for second reading and adoption by the City Council.

This item was pulled for separate discussion.

Public Speaker:

- Nancy Arcuri spoke of her concerns against the proposed project and recommended that the City adopt a resolution following voter's approval to declare the property to be surplus property.

Action Taken: The City Council waived the 2nd Reading and adopted **Ordinance No. 2105**.

Ordinance No. 2105, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (DA-13-01) TO CONSTRUCT A NEW SIX-UNIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 236 SOUTH RAMONA AVENUE

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

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

The City Council recessed at 9:18 p.m. and reconvened at 9:26 p.m. with all council members present.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1B.REAPPOINT CITY ATTORNEY; AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A RETAINER AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY

Mark Hensley was appointed City Attorney on July 15, 2009. At that time, the City Council executed a retainer agreement with Jenkins & Hogen, LLP (the City Attorney's current law firm). The City Attorney announced that he is leaving that law firm at the end of April 2014 to start his own law firm.

This item was continued from the Adjourned Special Council Meeting of March 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. and heard after Oral and Written Communications.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) appointed the City Attorney beginning May 1, 2014 and (2) authorized the Mayor to execute a retainer agreement, on the same terms and conditions as the current retainer agreement, with the City Attorney's new law firm effective May 1, 2014.

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

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A.CONSIDERATION REGARDING ADOPTING A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR INCREASING WATER, WASTEWATER AND SOLID WASTE FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF PROPOSITION 218

The proposed resolution would establish procedures for adopting water, wastewater and solid waste fees pursuant to Proposition 218. Recommendations regarding raising such fees are planned for the Council's April 16th Meeting.

Public Speaker:

- David Barron spoke in favor of staff's recommendations to the proposed fee increases. He expressed his concerns and recommendations to the council and staff to outreach to residents and present town hall meetings to discuss the proposed fee increases.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) adopted **Resolution No. 11647** establishing procedures for increasing water, wastewater and solid waste fees in accordance with the requirements of Proposition 218 and (2) received and filed the report.

Resolution No. 11647, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR INCREASING WATER, WASTEWATER AND SOLID WASTE FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF PROPOSITION 218

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

Ayes: Council Members: Real Sebastian, Ing, Chan, Liang, Wong
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 Council Member Ing and seconded by Mayor Wong, motion carried by the following vote:

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

6B.AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 9.74 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPEALING CHAPTER 9.75 OF THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO SHOPPING CART CONTAINMENT, RETRIEVAL, AND REMOVAL

At the Council's direction, staff has taken a proactive approach to address the abandoned shopping cart issue within the City. A study was conducted of shopping cart ordinances from numerous other cities to see if there are other performance standards that could be incorporated into the City's existing ordinance.

Action Taken: The City Council introduced and waived the **Ordinance - 1st Reading** amending Chapter 9.74 in its entirety and repealing Chapter 9.75 of the Monterey Park Municipal Code.

Ordinance - 1st Reading, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.74 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPEALING CHAPTER 9.75, TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR USE, RETRIEVAL, AND ABANDONMENT OF SHOPPING CARTS

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

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

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTERS

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

Discussion and possible action regarding adopting policies governing the presentation of certificates, donations and recognition for individuals and organizations during Council Meetings and Council Presentation Meetings. (Requested by Council Member Ing)

Action Taken: No action taken. This item was continued to the next Regular Council Meeting on April 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Real Sebastian invited the residents to attend several community events: (1) the American Legion's Post 397 Annual Pancake Breakfast on March 22, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Tickets are available for \$7.00 at the American Legion Post 397 located at 338 South Ramona Avenue; (2) the West San Gabriel Valley Boys and Girls Club of American will be hosting a Open House Event on March 20, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at 328 South Ramona Avenue; and (3) the City of Commerce will be hosting a seminar titled "When Women Succeed, America Succeeds" to celebrate International Woman's Day. Interested attendees can call (323) 721-8790 to make reservations. Council Member Real Sebastian also informed the council of her attendance to: (1) the Taiwan Benevolent Association of America's Lunar New Year celebration and to honor the Founding Father of the Republic of China, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen on March 9, 2014; (2) the City of Los Angeles and Mayor Eric Garcetti held a discussion with other local municipalities to discuss earthquake, water, and transportation safety preparedness and operations; and (3) Assembly Member Ed Chau held a discussion in City Hall to discuss the 2014 Water Bond and potential allocation for storm water to local municipalities. Council Member Ing announced his attendance to former City of Monterey Park Mayor and City Treasurer Louise Davis's 90th Surprise Birthday celebration. Mayor Wong informed the council and residents of his attendance with Council Member Chan and City Manager Talbot in a meeting on March 17, 2014 with the developers and property owners of Atlantic Times Square to propose a New Year's Eve celebration for the City of Monterey Park. He invited the council, elected officials, staff, and residents to attend the Chinese American Elected Officials Annual Mixer on March 22, 2014 at Monterey Hills Steakhouse from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

8. CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vincent D. Chang", is written over a horizontal line.

Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk