

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 2, 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, April 2, 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 7:06 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

The Monterey Park Fire 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 Fire Chief Harper, Controller Yaung

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTION

None.

1. PRESENTATIONS

None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Sarkis Antonian spoke of his concerns on trees being cut at Edison Trails Park and encouraged the residents to support the National Breast Cancer Research Foundation and purchase windshield wipers at the Shell Station located at 306 East Garvey Avenue.
- Theresa Amador invited the council and the residents to attend the City's Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at Barnes Park Amphitheatre from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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.

- Rainbow Yeung spoke on behalf of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) informing the council and the residents that a Lawn Mower Exchange Program is available on May 17, 2014 at the Rose Bowl Stadium with pre-registration beginning on April 16, 2014. Additional trade-in events will be held in Long Beach, Riverside and Anaheim with more information available on SCAQMD's website, www.aqmd.gov.
- Richard Lam introduced himself as a long-time resident and newly appointed Ambassador for the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce. He invited the council and the residents to attend several upcoming Chamber events: (1) Chamber Mixer on April 25, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; (2) Rotary Club will be hosting a Bowling Night at Beverly Lanes on May 9, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.; and (3) the Monterey Park Police Department will be conducting additional Neighborhood Watch Meetings to discuss security and public safety concerns to local business owners and residents.
- Rita Miller invited the residents to attend upcoming community events: (1) the Mayor's Town Hall Meeting on April 10, 2014 at Brightwood Elementary School cafeteria from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; (2) Monterey Park Fire Department will be holding a Earthquake Preparedness meeting on April 13, 2014 at the Bruggemeyer Library Friends Room; (3) the city's Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 19, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at City Hall; (4) the 17th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival will be held on April 26 - 27, 2014 at Barnes Park from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Bus shuttles will be available for residents at the Langley Senior Center and Ynez Elementary School; and (5) the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce is looking for interested residents between the ages of 18 - 26 years old for the Miss Monterey Park pageant.
- Helen Rodriguez spoke against the removal of trees along Edison Trails Park. She stated as a neighboring resident of Edison Trails Park for 50 years, she fully understands Edison's liability and safety concerns for the residents and their employees however spoke of concerns of the lack of communication between the city and the residents and encouraged staff to collaborate and renegotiate with Edison to retain the residents' quality of life and the natural beauty of the park.
- Tom Moore spoke as a 60-year resident against Edison's recommendation to remove approximately 120 trees along Edison Trails Park. He informed the council that following his conversation the California Public Utility Commission, he is awaiting a response from Edison's Consumer Affairs department to respond to his request.
- Ivy Conklin addressed the council as a 63-year city resident and read aloud a letter she submitted to Edison protesting the tree removals along Edison Trails Park. She spoke of her concerns on the lack of communication received from the city and recommended that residents be informed of any renegotiations between the city and Edison.
- Bea Beccera spoke as a concerned resident stating she is saddened and upset over the lost of the trees along Edison Trails Park.

- Francine Pecoraro informed the council as a new city resident, she has come to enjoy the natural scenery and beauty of Edison Trails Park and stated she is saddened and devastated to see the trees cut. She encouraged the council to save the trees and preserve the park for the residents and the future generations.
- Theresa Real Sebastian informed the council that she has submitted a letter to the President of Southern California Edison with over 500 signatures from residents protesting the removal of the trees at Edison Trails Park. She encouraged the residents to contact Southern California Edison (SCE) to preserve our city trees after a inspection was determined by SCE 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.
- Mitchell Ing invited the council and the residents to attend the Mark Keppel High School's 9th Annual Instrumental Music Program featuring an enchanted evening concert performing "The Magic of Disney" on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Barnes Park Amphitheatre. Pre-sale tickets are available with admission costs for Adults \$10.00 and Students \$7.00. Free admission for children 10 years or younger.

2. SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SA) CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NO. 2A

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 No. 2A and reading resolutions and ordinances by title only and waiving further reading thereof.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Real Sebastian 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

2A.WARRANT REGISTER FOR SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF APRIL 2, 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 – 66** of the Successor Agency (SA) to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated

April 2, 2014 totaling \$3,965.30 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. SA – 66, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SA) ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED **April 2, 2014 totaling \$3,965.30** AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

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

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

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 - 3F, 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: Real Sebastian on Item No. 3B; Chan on Item No. 3B

3A.WARRANT REGISTER FOR THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK OF APRIL 2, 2014

It is required that the City Council approve all disbursements.

Action Taken: The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted **Resolution No. 11648** allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated **April 2, 2014 Totaling \$921,166.06** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 11648, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED **April 2, 2014 Totaling \$921,166.06** AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

3B.AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEMS AND SLOPE DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS PARKS CITYWIDE

In December 2013, the City Council authorized the award of contract for professional design services to Lost West for irrigation system improvements and Slope Drain Improvements. This set of projects is to be funded out of the Park Master Plan Capital Improvement Program.

Action Taken: Council Member Chan declared a potential conflict of interest and recused himself as his residence is within 500 feet of Garvey Ranch Park. Council Member Real Sebastian declared a potential conflict of interest and recused herself as her residence is within 500 feet of La Loma Park. The City Council authorized the City Manager, or designee, to solicit bids for the Improvement of Irrigation Systems and Slope Drains at Various Parks throughout the City to be funded out of the Park Master Plan Capital Improvement Program account (0010-801-5002-91542 to 91548), with an engineer's estimate of \$871,288 on Consent Calendar.

3C.AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, LOS ANGELES AREA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION AND THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK FOR THE PURCHASE, INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF VIDEO CONFERENCING EQUIPMENT, TO BE INSTALLED IN THE MONTEREY PARK'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Under the Urban Area Security Agreement of 2012, the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association ("LAAFCFA") agreed to pursue the "Smart Classroom" concept to enable fire personnel accessibility to training and regional training concepts and skills throughout the Los Angeles County region. As a selected site, Monterey Park will receive grant funded equipment to implement video conferencing capabilities throughout the Los Angeles County area. To initiate and ensure completion of this project, a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association and the City of Monterey Park is required.

This item was pulled for separate discussion only.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), in a form approved by the City Attorney that will provide for the 2010 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Funded "Smart Classroom" project that includes the purchase, installation, and maintenance of video conferencing equipment, in the Monterey Park's Emergency Operations Center on Consent Calendar.

3D.AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 2014 JULY 4TH FIREWORK SHOW TO PYRO SPECTACULARS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,500

For over fifteen years, Monterey Park has celebrated Fourth of July with a traditional Fireworks Show as the culminating event of the day, with Pyro Spectaculars acting as the firework show contractor.

Action Taken:. The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Pyro Spectaculars Incorporated, to provide a Firework Show on Friday, July 4th at Barnes Park, with the cost of \$13,500 coming

from the Community Participation Division (0010-801-6508-39720) and the July 4th Trust Fund (0075-450-0075-08600) on Consent Calendar.

3E. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION -- 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 AND RETRIEVAL PLANS AND ABATEMENT OF SHOPPING CART NUISANCE

The introduction and first reading occurred on March 19, 2014. The ordinance is now ready for second reading and adoption by the City Council.

This item was pulled for separate discussion only.

Action Taken: The City Council waived the 2nd Reading and adopted **Ordinance No. 2106** on Consent Calendar and directed the City Manager and staff to continue public outreach and education.

Ordinance No. 2106, 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

3F. THE CITY IS REQUIRED TO RENEW THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE §§ 22500, ET SEQ.

In 1993 the City formed a citywide benefit assessment district to finance the operation and maintenance of public street lighting and landscaping. The City is required to renew the assessment district annually and for each of the past 21 years, the City has renewed the district. To start the renewal process, the following resolution and the preliminary engineer's report have been prepared for the City Council's consideration. The district renewal will follow the conclusion of the public hearing scheduled on the regular council meeting of June 4, 2014.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted **Resolution No. 11649** declaring the City Council's intent to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 in Citywide Maintenance District No. 93-1 pursuant to Streets and Highways Code §§ 22500, et seq. and setting a time and place for a public hearing on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 11649, entitled:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL'S INTENT TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 IN CITYWIDE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 93-1 PURSUANT TO STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE § 22587 AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A.CHOOSE PROPOSED RATES FOR WATER, WASTEWATER AND SOLID WASTE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

The September 2012 engineering study titled Water System Financial Evaluation and Water Rate Recommendations proposed water rate increases to support a \$99.9 million water capital improvement program. The existing water rates, which have been unchanged since October 1, 2009, generate approximately \$10.6 million annually. Water rates must be adjusted to generate \$14 - 20 million per year to repair, replace or rehabilitate the water system. A January 2014 engineering study titled Wastewater Collection System Master Plan Update proposed sewer rate increases that supports \$12.8 million in sewer system repairs and rehabilitation for the 35% of the City's sewer system that was analyzed. This does not address the 65% of the sewer system to be yet analyzed. Staff analysis shows solid waste enterprise fund expenses exceeding revenues by \$1 million. This requires a 15% solid waste rate increase to balance the budget.

Action Taken: No action taken. The City Council directed staff to (1) bring back the Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste report with the council's recommendation to a third alternative option that proposes a water rate increase supporting a water capital improvement program (CIP) over 20 years for further discussion at the next regular council meeting on April 16, 2014 and (2) post the amended Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste power point presentation with the council's proposed alternative option on the city's website for public viewing.

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTERS

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. The City Council agreed by consensus to conduct the presentations of certificates at the beginning of the program and present any donations at the conclusion of the Presentations Meeting held every 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Announcement of appointees for Commissions, Committees, and Boards.

Action Taken: Mayor Pro Tem Liang announced his appointment for Community Participation Commission - Dora Leung.

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

Council Member Real Sebastian spoke of her attendance at the Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) Conference on March 27, 2014 and disclosed to the council she will be submitting a payment to reimburse the city for the airfare costs. Mayor Wong announced his attendance at the Los Angeles County Sanitation District meeting

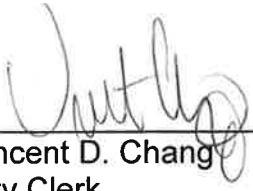
discussing the proposed sewer service charge rate increase. He also encouraged the residents to attend the Mayor's Town Hall Meeting with the city council and staff to discuss upcoming city developments and projects on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Brightwood Elementary School cafeteria.

8. CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 p.m. in memory of long-time resident Dr. Henry Fong.



Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk