

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 16, 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 16, 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 7:01 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

The Monterey Park Police Explorers led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Deputy City Clerk Trang 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, Controller Yaung, Support Services Manager Shay

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

Discussion: City Manager Talbot addressed the council and the residents and gave a brief update on the Monterey Park Fire Department's fire engine traffic collision that occurred earlier that afternoon at the corner of Emerson Avenue and Garfield Avenue. City Attorney Hensley advised the City Council and City Clerk that New Business Item No. 1 from the Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. was adjourned and continued to the Regular Meeting under Agendized Item No. 7 - Council Communications and Mayor/Council and Agency Matter.

1. PRESENTATIONS

None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Nancy Arcuri invited the council and the residents to support "National Denim Day" on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 to support sexual abuse awareness. She also

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.

informed the council and the residents that the East Los Angeles - Montebello BPW with key speakers Alice Slaughter and Kim Plater from the Covina Woman's Club Domestic Violence Action Coalition and retired police officers will be speaking about domestic violence on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at the Rosemead Double Tree Hotel starting at 4:30 p.m. located at 888 Montebello Blvd.

- Karl Wong spoke on behalf of the Monterey Park Environmental Commission inviting the council and the residents to attend the city's Earth Day Festival and Bike Ride on Saturday, April 26, 2014 starting at 8:00 a.m. at Barnes Park.
- Thomas Wong spoke on behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District updating the council and the residents that applications for water conservation rebates are still available and encouraged the residents to continue water conservation.
- Theresa Amador spoke of her concerns against the city's proposal to remove the trees along Cascades Park. She encouraged the city to reconsider the proposed project and recommended that the trees be saved and trimmed instead.
- Richard Lam spoke on behalf of the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce and invited the council to support the Monterey Park Rotary Club's "Strike for our Youth" fundraiser on Friday, May 9, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the AMF Beverly Lanes in Montebello.
- Rita Miller addressed the council and city staff recognizing Council Member Theresa Real Sebastian, Police Chief Jim Smith, Human Resources Director Tom Cody and Recreation and Parks Director Dan Costly for their outstanding service.
- Marisa Castro-Salvatti, Public Affairs Region Manager for Southern California Edison (SCE) presented a brief update on the proposed tree removals at Edison Trails Park. She thanked the council and staff for their continued support in maintaining a healthy line of communication between the city and SCE during negotiations and the shared commitment to making the city a eco-friendly community for its residents. She also recognized the many residents who contacted SCE of their protest and concerns.
- Damien Orozco spoke on behalf of the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce informing the council of several upcoming calendar events: (1) Chamber of Commerce Friday Night Mixer on April 25, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; (2) Miss Monterey Park pageant applications are being accepted for the pageant on May 2, 2014; (3) Multi-Chamber Breakfast Mixer on May 14, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at the Southern California Edison Potrero Grande Office; (4) Race and Duck Design Contest on May 18, 2014 at East Los Angeles College; and (5) Monterey Park Police Department Identify Theft Seminar on May 28, 2014 at El Encanto.
- Delario Robinson spoke of his attendance at the Mayor's Town Hall Meeting held on April 10, 2014 at Brightwood Elementary and encouraged the council and city staff to consider more meetings for residents to attend. He also spoke in favor of the proposed project development at Potrero Grande.

- David Barron spoke on behalf of the LAMP Optimist Club inviting the council and the residents to participate in the city's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, 2014 starting at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall.

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

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. 2A - 2C 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 APRIL 16, 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 – 67** of the Successor Agency (SA) to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated **April 16, 2014 totaling \$2,631.06** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. SA – 67, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SA) ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED **April 16, 2014 totaling \$2,631.06** AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

2B.SUCCESSOR AGENCY MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT -- MARCH 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 March 2014 on Consent Calendar.

2C.SUCCESSOR AGENCY MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from the regular meetings of February 19, 2014, March 5, 2014, and March 19, 2014 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency.

Action Taken: The City Council approved the minutes from the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency regular meetings of February 19, 2014, March 5, 2014 and March 19, 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 - 3K

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

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: Chan on Item No. 3G

3A.WARRANT REGISTER FOR THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK OF APRIL 16, 2014

It is required that the City Council approve all disbursements.

Action Taken: The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted **Resolution No. 11650** allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated **April 16, 2014 Totaling \$281,076.24** and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 11650, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED **April 16, 2014 Totaling \$281,076.24** AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

3B.MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT - MARCH 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 March 2014 on Consent Calendar.

3C. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from the regular meetings of February 19, 2014, March 5, 2014 and March 19, 2014 and the special meetings of March 5, 2014 and March 19, 2014.

Action Taken: The City Council approved the minutes from the regular meetings of February 19, 2014, March 5, 2014 and March 19, 2014 and the special meetings of March 5, 2014 and March 19, 2014 on Consent Calendar.

3D.AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT POLICE SERVICE CANINE

The Police Department recently retired 9-year old police service canine "Mike." The Police Department requests the appropriation of funds to replace "Mike."

This item was pulled for separate discussion only.

Action Taken: The City Council appropriated \$12,568 from the Police Department Asset Forfeiture Account and \$2,000 from the Police Department K-9 Donations Account for the purchase and training of a Police Service Canine on Consent Calendar.

3E.APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION, BOARD, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING MAY 1, 2014 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2015

In 2013, the City Council added Chapter 2.82 of the Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC") restructuring the establishment of the Commissions, Boards and Committees, collectively "Commissions," and redefines the appointment procedures. In accordance with the MPMC, each council member appoints his/her respective representative(s) to the 9 commissions to serve a one year term beginning on May 1st and ending April 30th. Commissioners may serve not more than eight consecutive one year terms on the same commission.

Action Taken: The City Council appointed the following Commission/Board/Committee members as listed in Attachment 1 on Consent Calendar.

**3F. FINAL MAP NO. 71549 (MONTEREY PARK MARKET PLACE DEVELOPMENT) --
APPROVAL OF FINAL MAP**

The final map for Tract No. 71549 for the development of the Monterey Park Market Place Project has been prepared and reviewed for conformance with all pertinent requirements. Staff is recommending approval of the final map.

This item was pulled for separate discussion only.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) finds, determined, and declared that Final Map No. 71549 is in substantial compliance with the previously approved tentative tract map and (2) approved the Final Map and authorized the City Manager to execute the Subdivision and Drainage Agreements in a form approved by the City Attorney on Consent Calendar.

**3G.AWARD OF CONTRACT TO SEAWEST ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE
REPLACEMENT AND INSTALLATION OF THE GARVEY RANCH OBSERVATORY
DOME AT A COST OF \$139,500**

In January 2014, the City Council authorized the solicitation of bids for the purchase and installation of a new dome for the Garvey Ranch Park Observatory. Funding for this project is from the Los Angeles Astronomical Society, which received a grant of \$5,000 from Metabolic Studio to replace the dome. This project also requires the extension of the license agreement between the City and the Los Angeles Astronomical Society to utilize the observatory, workshop, and grass area west of the observatory to conduct 'star parties' for the public.

This item was pulled for separate discussion and heard before the rest of Consent Calendar items.

Public Speaker:

- John Fisanotti spoke on behalf of the Los Angeles Astronomical Society informing the council that they have successfully secured a grant from Metabolic Studio in the amount of \$125,000 to fully fund the proposed replacement dome at Garvey Ranch Observatory Park.

Action Taken: Council Member Chan declared a potential conflict of interest and recused himself from the dais as his residence is within 500 feet of Garvey Ranch Park. The City Council (1) awarded a contract for the purchase and installation of a replacement dome for the Garvey Ranch Observatory for \$126,820 (plus a ten percent contingency of \$12,680 for a total of \$139,500) to SeaWest Enterprises, Inc. to be partially funded out of the Grant provided by the Los Angeles Astronomical Society, which was provided by Metabolic Studios (account #0502-801-5002-91747); (2) authorized the City Manager to execute a standard public works contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with SeaWest Enterprises, Inc.; (3) authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to license the Los Angeles Astronomical Society to utilize the Garvey Ranch Observatory, workshop, and grass area west of the observatory for a term of five years. In addition,

the license agreement will set the compensation at \$125,000, which will be used for the purchase and installation of the observatory dome; and (4) authorized expenditure of up to \$14,500, from a general fund account (#0010-801-5002-91747 -- Observatory Dome) to make up the difference between the grant amount and the final bid.

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

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

3H.RENEWAL OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

The County has requested the City to renew its General Services Agreement (GSA) for the years from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2019. The City of Monterey Park first established its GSA with the County in 1958 and has been renewed approximately every five (5) years.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted **Resolution No. 11651** authorizing the Mayor to sign the General Services Agreement with Los Angeles County on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 11651, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

3I. ON-CALL ELECTRICAL SERVICES -- AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS

The Water Division has prepared a solicitation of bids for on-call electrical services and is requesting City Council's authorization to solicit bids.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized staff to solicit bids for the On-Call Electrical Services on Consent Calendar.

3J.ON-CALL WATER WELL, PUMP AND BOOSTER MAINTENANCE/UPGRADE SERVICES -- AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS

The Water Division has prepared a solicitation of bids for on-call water well, pump and booster maintenance/upgrades and is requesting City Council's authorization to solicit bids.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized staff to solicit bids for the On-call Water Well, Pump and Booster Maintenance/Upgrade Services on Consent Calendar.

3K.ON-CALL WATER UTILITY CUT REPAIR SERVICES -- AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS

The Water Division has prepared a solicitation of bids for on-call water utility cut repairs and is requesting City Council's authorization to solicit bids.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized staff to solicit bids for the On-Call Water Utility Cut Repair Services on Consent Calendar.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5A.APPROVE THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR WATER, WASTEWATER AND SOLID WASTE RATE INCREASES AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON JUNE 18, 2014

At the April 2, 2014, City Council meeting, staff received direction in developing proposed water, wastewater and solid waste rates, set to increase on September 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. The City Council directed staff to propose water rate increases that support a \$100 million/20 year water capital improvement program (CIP). The City Council agreed with the wastewater and solid rate increases presented, that would repair \$12.8 million in sewer infrastructure and balance the budget for solid waste operations.

Public Speakers:

- Damien Orozco addressed the council on behalf of the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce stating their concerns of the financial impact that the proposed water rate increases will have on the city business owners, residents and consumers and encouraged the council to consider a gradual - to - moderate rate increase.
- Cindy Ota Lee spoke as a resident and business owner against the proposed water rate increases. She encouraged the council to consider reducing the proposed water rate increases to reduce the financial impact to residents and business owners and recommended that additional public outreach and education is needed to address the ballot protest.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) approved the Notice of Public Hearing for Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Rate Increases with staff recommendations to MPK Alternative CC; (2) set a Public Hearing date on June 18, 2014; and (3) directed staff to present to the council a 5-year plan outlining the properties and costs at a future council meeting.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Wong 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

The City Council recessed at 9:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9:58 p.m. with all council members present.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. APPROVE POLICE OVERTIME EXPENDITURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE 2014 PLAY DAYS PARADE OR APPROVE A PROPOSED CHANGE OF ROUTE FOR THE PARADE

The Police Department does not have a sufficient number of volunteer staff (Reserves and Citizen Patrol) to supplement paid staff in order to adequately supervise the traditional route of the annual Play Days Parade; bringing in off duty staff for the event would incur \$5,300 in overtime expenses.

Public Speaker:

- David Barron spoke on behalf of the Play Days Committee informing the council that the committee was not advised by the Police Department or city staff to the proposed new route for the Play Days Parade. He informed the council that the committee held a special meeting on Monday and stated his concerns of the lack of communication between the committee and staff.

Action Taken: The City Council approved the expenditure of \$5,300 in overtime costs for the Police Department to adequately staff the traditional Play Days from Play Days Trust Fund (account #0075-450-0075-08610).

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

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTERS

1. DENIM DAY MONTEREY PARK

Denim Day was established in 1999 after the California Legislatures Women's Caucus learned of a protest of a court decision that occurred in Italy. The Italian Supreme Court overturned a rape conviction in which the chief judge stated that because the victim

wore tight jeans she had to have helped the perpetrator remove them no longer making it rape but consensual sex.

This item was continued from the Adjourned Special Council Meeting of April 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted **Resolution No. 11652** declaring Wednesday, April 23, 2014 to be "Denim Day Monterey Park" supporting sexual abuse awareness and the belief that there is no excuse and never an invitation to rape.

Resolution No. 11652, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA DECLARING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2013 TO BE "DENIM DAY MONTEREY PARK", SUPPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS AND THE BELIEF THAT THERE IS NO EXCUSE AND NEVER AN INVITATION TO RAPE

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

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

Council Member Real Sebastian informed the council of her attendance at the Southern California Association of Governments meeting discussing upcoming transportation projects. She also wished the residents a Happy Passover and Happy Easter. Council Member Ing invited the residents to attend the Mark Keppel High School's Performing Arts Concert featuring "The Magic of Disney" on April 26, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Barnes Park Amphitheatre. Council Member Chan informed the residents that the city council will be attending the 710 Freeway Forum on May 7, 2014 and that the next regular council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Mayor Wong informed the residents of several upcoming community events: (1) San Gabriel Valley Water District mixer and forum with Senator Ed Hernandez and Assemblyman Ed Chau to discuss the state's water drought and conservation on April 17, 2014 at the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce; (2) Monterey Park Rotary Club's "Strike for our Youth" bowling fundraiser on May 9, 2014 at the AMF Beverly Lanes in Montebello; (3) East LA Woman's Club Domestic Violence Action Coalition dinner and forum on April 23, 2014 at the Rosemead Double Tree Hotel starting at 4:30 p.m.; (4) Monterey Park Cherry Blossom Festival on April 26 -27, 2014 at Barnes Park; (5) Cinco de Mayo Celebration on May 4, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Barnes Park Amphitheatre; (6) Monterey Park's Play Days Celebration to celebrate the city's birthday with its annual parade and carnival on May 15 - 18 at Barnes Park and (7) Monterey Park Lion's Club Annual Pancake Breakfast on June 1, 2014 at Barnes Park to support the Lion's Club free vision program for local elementary students. Pre-sale tickets are available for \$6.00 each.

8. CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 p.m. to Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park in memory of long-time resident Mr. Phil Browning and Maria Luisa Chang.



Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk