

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2015**

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, February 4, 2015 at 7:07 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 Liang called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

The Monterey Park Fire Explorers led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Vincent Chang called the roll:

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

Council Members Absent: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Hensley, City Treasurer Leon, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Bow, Police Chief Smith, Fire Chief Haberle, Human Resources Director Cody, Community and Economic Development Director Huntley, Management Services Director Thai, Recreation and Community Services Director Costley

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

None.

1. PRESENTATIONS: MONTEREY PARK CENTENNIAL

On May 29th, 1916, the City of Monterey Park was established by the vote of the community. The city traditionally celebrates its anniversary each year during Play Days with a carnival, parade and entertainment. With the cooperation of the business community, schools, and local non-profits, the committee could establish fundraising efforts (such as sponsorship programs) and unique events for the broadest participation of residents. It is anticipated the celebration would kickoff at the New Year's event, and would conclude with the July 4th Celebration.

Key groups to partner with for this celebration include the Historical Society, the Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Seniors, the Business Improvement District, the local school districts and City Commissions/Boards and Committees.

Recruitment of potential committee member would be done to present and past commissioners and active community members- all are welcome, with meetings

scheduled once a month. The residents of Monterey Park are proud of its 100 years as a city. To put a spotlight on the City during the centennial year, it is proposed to establish an ad hoc committee that would recommend to the City Council a series of events and displays between New Year's Eve and July 4th that would highlight the City's history and future.

These activities and displays would be in addition to the extensive number of special events the city conducts annually, which would also be 'branded' as centennial activities. In addition to proposing activities and displays, the committee would also recommend fundraising efforts that would pay for added expenses to be incurred by the one-time events.

Public Speaker:

- David Barron, a resident of Monterey Park, spoke with support and his ideas for the ad hoc Committee to celebrate the Centennial.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) established an ad hoc Committee of residents to plan events and displays to celebrate the City's 100th Anniversary in 2016; and (2) established a schedule that allows all council members to participate, but only allows two city council members at a time to attend the meetings, to allow for everyone's input.

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

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

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Mike Taghdis, a resident of Monterey Park, spoke in regards to his issues regarding a dispute with his residence's HOA, requesting advice and assistance from the City of Monterey Park.

- Ray Hamaguchi, a resident of Monterey Park and neighbor of Mike Taghdis spoke in support for Mike's request for assistance.

- Nancy Arcuri, a resident of Monterey Park, expressed her concerns regarding the FPPC filing deadlines and the Council Member candidates.

- Paul G. Perez/Barbara Lin, representatives of APSEA (Asian Pacific State Employees Association) Southern Chapter gave Council Member Wong a Certificate of Appreciation for his generous donations and support. He then spoke about his disagreement regarding the Business Tax Audit.

- Moses Katz, a resident of Monterey Park spoke against the L.A. County's adjustments that were done on the timing of the signal lights in Monterey Park.

- Dora Leung, Executive Board of Director for the Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce and Community Participation Commissioner invited the City Council, residents and business owners to the Chamber of Commerce, Chinese New Year's Party '*Evening in Old Shanghai*' at Atlantic Seafood Restaurant on February 24, 2015.

- Mark Cazeres and Erica Martinez, residents of Monterey Park requested City Council to provide for more safety measures for various street intersections throughout the city in retrospect of the accident and death of Abel Castellanos.

- David Barron - a resident of Monterey Park, invited the community to the Monterey Park City Council Candidates Forum, hosted by the Monterey Park Rotary, League of Women Voters and Monterey Park Journal. Event will include all six candidates running for City Council and will take place on February 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in the Monterey Park City Council Chambers.

2. SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SA) CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NOS. 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 Nos. 2A and reading resolutions and ordinances by title only and waiving further reading thereof.

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

Ayes: Council Members: Wong, Real Sebastian, Ing, Chan, Liang
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 FEBRUARY 4, 2015

It is required that the City Council (acting on behalf of the Successor Agency) approve all disbursements. CEQA: Exempt per CEQA Guidelines § 15061 (b).

Action Taken: The City Council acting on behalf of the Successor Agency of the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency approved the payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-87 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated February 4, 2015 totaling \$81.36 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution SA-87, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SA) ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015 TOTALING \$81.36 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-3B

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 approved and adopted Item Nos. 3A-3B and reading resolutions and ordinances by the title only and waiving further reading thereof.

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

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

3A. WARRANT REGISTER FOR THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK OF DECEMBER 17, 2014 AND JANUARY 7, 2015

It is required that the City Council approve all disbursements. Disbursements will be made from the funds referenced in the attached Resolution in Warrants numbered 302497 -302665. Exempt per CEQA Guidelines § 15061 (b).

Action Taken: The City Council approved the payment of warrants and adopt Resolution No. 11714 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated February 4, 2015 totaling \$1,648,629.74 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 11714, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015 TOTALING \$1,648,629.74 AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

3B. ANNUAL WEED ABATEMENT DECLARATION LIST

The County of Los Angeles Department of Agriculture Commissioner and Weights and Measures Weed Abatement Division submitted to the City of Monterey Park the annual Weed Abatement Declaration List and Resolution to be approved and adopted by the City Council on February 4, 2015. This action declares a list of parcels to be potentially hazardous to fire and thereby deemed public nuisances.

The County listed 1434 improved and unimproved parcels on the Weed Abatement Declaration List ("List") for 2015. This is an increase of 97 parcels from last year. The increased number of parcels is due to the County performing a comprehensive inspection of parcels in Monterey Park. The County is mailing notices on or about February 4, 2015 to the recorded owner of each parcel included on the List declaring that parcel to be an existing, future or "potential" hazard. The County advised that it considers a parcel a future or "potential" hazard if the parcel is not completely landscaped or irrigated and there is a potential for weed growth. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors established an inspection fee of \$41.77, a decrease from last year's fee of \$0.55 which will be assessed against all declared properties whether or not they are cleared by the property owners. Over the last five years the fees have been as follows: 2014-\$42.32; 2013-\$39.81; 2012-\$42.44; 2011-\$45.43, 2010-\$45.33.

Parcel owners who receive notices from the County will be able to challenge their inclusion on the list. Parcel owners will be able to request that the City Council remove parcels from the list it finds that parcel is not in violation or that the County erred by including a parcel on the abatement list. The County has advised the City that if parcel owners want their parcel to be removed from the declaration list, the County will conduct a re-inspection of the parcel to determine if, in fact, the parcel is not in violation or a potential hazard, or that an error has been made. Upon completion of the re-inspection of the parcel, the County will advise the City of its findings.

The County has advised that this year's declaration list includes re-declared parcels that are not landscaped and irrigated and the addition of new parcels due to complaints being turned in by residents, new inspections, and field surveys by County inspectors. Since its inception in 1992, the County Weed Abatement program has resulted in a reduction of fire calls for service for vegetation-related fires.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) approved the Weed Abatement Declaration List; and adopted Resolution No. 11715 declaring that weeds growing upon and in front of, and brush, rubbish, refuse, and dirt upon and in front of certain private property in the City are a public nuisance, and declaring its intention to provide for the abatement thereof on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 11715, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF, AND BRUSH, RUBBISH, REFUSE, AND DIRT UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

None

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

6A. EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK AND CHIEF JIM SMITH TO SERVE AS THE POLICE CHIEF FOR THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK

Representatives of the City of Monterey Park have met on numerous occasions with representative of the Monterey Park Police Officers' Association (MPPOA) regarding wages, medical, benefits including vision and dental, uniform allowances, educational incentive allowances, longevity, work schedules and other terms and conditions of employment. The results of these negotiations are contained in the attached

Action Taken: The City Council (1) authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Police Chief Jim Smith; and (2) authorized the expenditure of an additional \$5,500 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, and amend the 2014-2015 Budget accordingly.

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

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

6B. MORATORIUM ON "VAPING STORES"

On October 1, 2014, the City Council adopted an urgency ordinance temporarily prohibiting the City from issuing permits for the construction or operation of "vaping stores." A copy of the October 1st staff report and urgency ordinance are attached for reference. As noted in the October staff report and urgency ordinance, the City Council is concerned that Monterey Park would receive an influx of vaping stores because neighboring jurisdictions adopted their own moratoria regarding this land use. In particular, the City Council was concerned that the Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC") did not adequately regulate vaping and electronic cigarette sales. The City Council believed that without additional regulation, public health and safety would be adversely affected by the use of electronic cigarettes.

Given the City Council's expressed interest in this matter, staff is presenting a new interim ordinance for City Council consideration. If adopted by a 415 vote, the interim ordinance would be effective for 45 days; the City Council could extend the effective date for an additional 22 months and 15 days. The maximum length of time that a moratorium can be in effect is three years.

Adoption of this Ordinance is exempt from further environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq., "CEQA") and CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations §§ 15000, et seq.) because it establishes rules and procedures for operation of existing facilities; minor temporary use of land; minor alterations in land use; new construction of small structures; and minor structures accessory to existing commercial facilities. This

Ordinance, therefore, is categorically exempt from further CEQA review under CEQA Guidelines §§ 15301; 15303, 15304(e); 15305; and 15311. Further, the adoption of this Ordinance is also exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) because the Ordinance is for general policies and procedure-making. The Ordinance will not adversely impact the environment and is therefore exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) adopted an urgency ordinance upon a 4/5 vote to temporarily prohibit the City from issuing permits to allow the construction or operation of "vaping stores" as defined in the draft ordinance.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2116, entitled:

AN INTERIM ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR PLACEMENT OF VAPING STORES WITHIN THE CITY'S JURISDICTION TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE.

6C. MIDYEAR REVIEW REPORT WITH PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ADOPTED BUDGET 2014-2015

On January 15, 2015 the Finance Department completed the 2014-15 Midyear Review Report and published it on the City's website. The purpose of this report is to provide citizens accountability in areas such as revenue projections updates, projected annual expenditures, proposed budget adjustments, and projected budget development for the upcoming year. The Midyear Review incorporates the policy direction of the City Council for services and programs to address the needs of the community as identified during the first half of this fiscal year. Through this midyear review process, staff is requesting four (4) budget amendments to address community issues and to accommodate operation needs. Exempt per CEQA Guidelines § 15061 (b).

Action Taken: The City Council (1) approved as budget amendments for additional expenditures as presented in the Midyear Review Report as amended to include a proposal on the usage of the \$400,000 surplus on street repairs; and (2) received and file the report.

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

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

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTERS

Council Member Wong reported attending the Press Conference for the Monterey Park Lunar New Year's Festival and invited everyone to attend the festival on Saturday, February 7th, 2015.

Council Member Real Sebastian reported that she attended a meeting at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.

Council Member Ing and Mayor Pro Tem Chan both reported attending the Independent Cities Association Conference in Santa Barbara with City Manager Talbot, Police Chief Smith and Fire Chief Haberle, where they discussed information about the latest about technology used in law enforcement.

Mayor Liang attended the United States Conference of Mayors with over 200 other Mayors from all over the country. He reported a few topics that were discussed including repairs of water and sewage infrastructures, water-related affairs, energy conservation, homelessness and a lack of affordable housing, and public safety. He also offered his condolences to the family of Abel Castellanos on behalf of the City of Monterey Park.

8. CLOSED SESSION None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m. in the memory of the passing of Crossing Guard and Long-Time Resident Abel Castellanos.



Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk