

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
DECEMBER 19, 2018**

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, December 19, 2018 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 Chan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

The Monterey Park Fire Explorers

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Vincent Chang called the roll:

Council Members Present: Peter Chan, Mitchell Ing, Hans Liang, Teresa Real Sebastian

Council Members Absent: Stephen Lam

ALSO PRESENT: Acting City Manager/Police Chief Jim Smith, City Attorney Mark Hensley, City Treasurer Joseph Leon, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Tom Cody, Director of Community & Economic Development Michael Huntley, Director of Management Services Annie Yaung, Director of Public Works Mark McAvoy, Director of Recreation & Community Services Inez Alvarez, Acting City Librarian Diana Garcia, Fire Division Chief Matt Hallock, Water Utility Manager Richard Gonzalez, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Michael Huntley, Director of Community & Economic Development, stated that the entire San Gabriel Valley along with the City of Monterey Park will have their annual Homeless count on January 22, 2019, and he encouraged the residents to participate.
- Sarkis Antonian stated that the city should establish a partnership with the local business to donate goods to the less fortunate.

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

- Grace Young asked council to consider opening up a dog park near the Monterey Park Marketplace.

1. OLD BUSINESS

None.

2. PRESENTATION

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS NOS. 3A-3G

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 and the City Council, acting on behalf of the Successor Agency, approved and adopted Items Nos. 3A through 3G on Consent Calendar, reading resolutions and ordinances by the title only and waiving further reading thereof. Council Member Real Sebastian abstained on Items No. 3B and 3F, the special meeting of November 27, 2018, as she was absent for that meeting.

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, Chan
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: Lam
Abstain: Council Members: Real Sebastian on Items No. 3B and 3F

3A. SUCCESSOR AGENCY MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – NOVEMBER 2018

As of November 30, 2018 invested funds for the Successor Agency of the City of Monterey Park is as follows:

• Successor Agency (SA) Checking	113,217.60
• Successor Agency (SA) RORF	<u>137,861.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 251,078.60</u>

Action Taken: The City Council, acting on behalf of the Successor Agency, received and filed the Monthly Investment Report on Consent Calendar.

3B. SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA) MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the combined special and regular meeting of November 21, 2018 and the special meeting of November 27, 2018.

Action Taken: The City Council, acting on behalf of the Successor Agency, approved the minutes from the combined special and regular meeting of November 21, 2018 and the special meeting of November 27, 2018 on Consent Calendar. Council Member Real Sebastian abstained on the special meeting of November 27, 2018, as she was absent for that meeting.

3C. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020

Existing law requires the Monterey Park Successor Agency ("SA") to formulate Recognized Obligation Payment Schedules (ROPS) under which the SA makes payments for eligible obligations of the former Redevelopment Agency. The Recognized Obligation Payment Schedules are considered by the Successor Agency Board, proposed to the Oversight Board ("OB") and, if approved by the OB, provided to the California Department of Finance for review.

The ROPS is required to be prepared for an entire 12 months. Staff requested that the City Council, acting on behalf of the Successor Agency for the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency, consider and adopt the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule ROPS19-20 A&B and the related administrative budget for the period covering July 2019 – June 2020.

Action Taken: The City Council, acting on behalf of the Successor Agency, (1) adopted Resolution No. SA-162 approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS19-20 A&B) for the period between July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020; (2) approved the Successor Agency Administrative Budget for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020; and (3) directed staff to post and transmit the ROPS and Administrative Budget to the appropriate public agencies on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. SA-162, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE MONTEREY PARK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADOPTING RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULES PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE § 34177

3D. WARRANT REGISTER FOR THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK OF DECEMBER 19, 2018

Disbursements will be made from the funds referenced in the Resolution, attached to the staff report, in Warrants numbered 321927-322098 and Automatic Clearing House (ACH) numbered 000148-000182.

Action Taken: The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 12055 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated December 19, 2018 totaling \$948,053.80 the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 12055, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED 19TH OF DECEMBER 2018 TOTALING \$948,053.80 AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

3E. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – NOVEMBER 2018

As of November 30, 2018 invested funds for the City of Monterey Park is \$73,254,911.66.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the Monthly Investment Report on Consent Calendar.

3F. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the combined special and regular meeting of November 21, 2018 and the special meeting of November 27, 2018.

Action Taken: The City Council approved the minutes from the combined special and regular meeting of November 21, 2018 and the special meeting of November 27, 2018 on Consent Calendar. Council Member Real Sebastian abstained on the special meeting of November 27, 2018, as she was absent for that meeting.

3G. GRANULAR ACTIVATED CARBON REPLACEMENT – AWARD OF CONTRACTS

Staff released a solicitation for bids for Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Replacement on October 31, 2018. Staff received three bids and is requesting award of two-year contracts to: Carbon Activated Corporation and Prominent Systems, Inc. for non-catalytic GAC for a combined total not-to-exceed \$400,000 annually.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

The proposed work involves minor alterations to existing public facilities and therefore is Class 1 Categorically Exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute two-year agreements, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Carbon Activated Corporation and Prominent Systems, Inc. for a combined total not to exceed \$400,000 annually for Non-Catalytic Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Replacement on Consent Calendar.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

4A. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY REGARDING THE CREATION OF A CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT-BASED ELECTORAL SYSTEM PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE §10010

On November 7, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 12043 declaring its intent to transition from at-large to district-based elections for City Council commencing with the General Municipal Election in March 2020. Elections Code Section 10010 requires that the City conduct four public hearings to receive community input on district boundaries and maps for the formation of City Council districts.

Since November 7th, the City engaged in outreach efforts to inform the public about district elections and the process associated with their formation. A webpage (www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/DistrictElections) was uploaded to provide information about district elections, including opportunities for when and how the public can be engaged (translations available). The official notice of Public Hearings has been translated and published in the Monterey Park Press (English), La Opinión (Spanish), World Journal (Chinese), and Saigon Times (Vietnamese).

In addition, an article was placed in the Monterey Park Cascade which was mailed to every residence in the city, and a press release in multiple languages was also sent out by email to local media and subscribers.

On December 5, 2018, the City Council conducted the first of four Public Hearings. Community input regarding the composition of district boundaries is summarized in Attachment 1 of the staff report.

Public Speakers:

- Robert McEntire, representative of the National Demographics Corporation team, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding district elections and was available to answer questions.
- Nancy Arcuri stated that Monterey Park should be divided into five voting districts from the west to the east city limits, equally sharing an economic equity and sales tax from the main shopping centers located at North Atlantic, South Atlantic, and the Marketplace. The maps should promote voter equality, consider home owners versus renters, and minority heritage. She suggested council to get a legal opinion from the California Court of Appeals in Pasadena to see if the city can pattern the election laws like the City of Alhambra in where the Alhambra residents vote for all the candidates in the different districts.

- Theresa Amador stated that her preference would be to vote by district and at large but because of the legislation she knows that is not doable. She explains that if the city implements district voting to the districts that are already delineated, such as Brightwood and Monterey Highlands which have the highest voter turnouts but do not have an economic niche, it would create an economic impact. She suggested that the city should look into where the money is being generated in the city, and create an economic parody within the districts because it would be unfair for one council member to get all the benefits from a specific revenue of the city.
- Barbara Ngai wanted to represent the millennials in Monterey Park and expressed that she has concerns on racial gerrymandering. She feels that in the past cultures were more closed off but now more than ever friends have extended their arms across cultural lines. She expresses that she wants to be able to vote for who she wants and not have to worry about race. She feels that the city should implement a geographical map that forces residents to interact with their neighbors and discuss the issues in their community. She encourages the city to look into the work of Brian Wilson, a software programmer, who developed an algorithm, using the 2010 census, which allows you to plug in data into a program to obtain a computer generated map.
- Gary Lau asked the consultant to send an automatic email reply when residents submit their proposed maps and suggested to come up with a tool that would color coordinate the desired districts when creating a map. He stated that districting is inevitable and the city should accept it. He asks council if they decided to pursue the battle against district voting they should not use city tax payer's funds or city staff time.
- Michael Lopez proposed a map that will have three districts and two rover candidates. He states that the south end of the city is heavily Latino, but it is also heavily renters, and the political tract record states that renters do not normally vote in large numbers. He explains that his map would divide the south end of the city into one district and the north end would be divided into two districts from west to east.
- David Barron states he will be drawing lines based on a 7 council district with the areas of interest being the school boundaries. He also stated that Alhambra votes at large with nominating districts which allows the residents to vote for all the candidates running for council not just one.
- Armen Sebastian states that the city should be divided by school districts such as Montebello for the south, Alhambra for the north, Garvey for the east, and Los Angeles for the south west side. He states that parents who send their kids to the same school district have more in common with each other than those in other school districts.

- City Clerk Chang read into the records a written communication from Irma Gorrocino stating her concerns with the meeting being held a few days before the holidays, which makes it difficult for residents to attend the public hearing due to prior commitments. She asked council to consider scheduling an additional public input meeting before the February meeting.

Discussion: Mayor Chan suggested staff to utilize the \$10,000 that the city appropriated during the November 21, 2018 meeting and perform outreaches such as conducting press conferences on district voting, informing the public about district voting on the Monterey Park TV channel, conducting a workshop to help the citizens create their own maps, and creating a flyer to inform the public that district voting is occurring and hand out the flyer to the clubs and organizations of the city. Council Member Real Sebastian directed staff to publish the district voting questioner and population map on the Cascades Newspaper.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) received a report regarding the districting process and permissible criteria to be considered to create district boundaries; (2) conducted a Public Hearing to receive public testimony on the composition of districts for a district-based electoral system pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010 at 7:50 p.m. and closed the public Hearing at 8:14 p.m.; and (3) provided direction to the City's demographer regarding the composition of districts for a district-based electoral system pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None.

6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTERS

Council Member Real Sebastian stated that she attended the 6th Annual Holiday Snow Village on December 7th at the Barnes Park Amphitheater and the Ring Event at Elder Park on December 11th. She mentioned that due to the retirement of Barbara Messina, former Council Member of Alhambra, she become the alternate for the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments for the Capital Projects and Construction Committee.

Council Member Ing stated that he also attended the 6th Annual Holiday Snow Village on December 7th at the Barnes Park Amphitheater. He asked the City Manager to agendize the items regarding parking in the Market Place and the conversion of the end of the 710 freeway into a park for the City of Alhambra, to a future regular City Council Meeting.

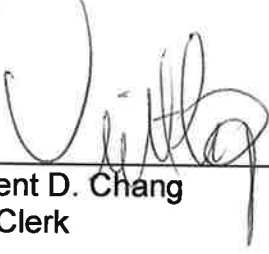
Mayor Pro Tem Liang appointed Barbara Ngai to the Community Participation Committee.

Mayor Chan stated that the regular City Council Meeting of January 2, 2019 is canceled and the next regular City Council Meeting will be on January 16, 2019.

7. **CLOSED SESSION**
None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk

Approved on January 15, 2019 at the Regular City Council Meeting