MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
AUGUST 21, 2019

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, August 21, 2019 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 Liang called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:
Mayor Liang

ROLL CALL:
City Clerk Vincent Chang called the roll:
Council Members Present: Peter Chan, Mitchell Ing, Stephen Lam, Hans Liang, Teresa Real Sebastian

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Ron Bow, Assistant City Attorney Karl Berger, Fire Chief Scott Haberle, Director of Public Works Mark McAvoy, Director of Recreation & Community Services Inez Alvarez, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Tom Cody, City Librarian Diana Garcia, Assistant City Engineer Frank Lopez, Financial Services Manager Harry Wong

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS
Council Member Real Sebastian requested that the meeting be dedicated to Mike A. Hernandez, owner of Camino Real Chevrolet, who passed away on August 11, 2019 after a 7 year battle with cancer.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Maychelle Yee said she did not agree with the timing of agenda Item No. 6A. She also spoke in favor of the current recall efforts of Council Member Chan and Mayor Liang.

- Paul Isozaki spoke about the recall efforts. He voiced his opinion on the reasons behind the recall and asked the public to sign the petition.

- Delario Robinson, Planning Commissioner, said he represents the diversity of the community. He mentioned that he also served as president of the Los Angeles Council of Churches. He spoke highly of some Council Members and urged the public not to sign the recall petition.

1. PRESENTATION

1A. AIR QUALITY UPDATE - PRESENTED BY MICHAEL CACCIOTTI FROM SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Michael Cacciotti, Council Member of South Pasadena and Member of South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) along with Dan May, American Green Zone Alliance presented information regarding the current air quality in the San Gabriel Valley as well as rebates available to both cities and residents.

The City Council directed City Manager Bow to work with Mr. Cacciotti to place a monitoring device to detect air quality levels due to low flying aircraft.

2. OLD BUSINESS

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 Item Nos. 3A, 3B, 3C and 3F and excluding Item Nos. 3D, 3E, and 3G which were pulled for separate discussion.

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

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

3A. WARRANT REGISTER FOR SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF AUGUST 21, 2019

Disbursements will be made from the funds referenced in the attached Resolution to the staff report in Warrant numbered 381.

Action Taken: The City Council and the City Council, acting on behalf of the Successor Agency, approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. SA-171 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated August 21, 2019 totaling $41.31 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. SA-171, entitled:
A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SA) ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED 21st OF AUGUST 2019 TOTALING $41.31 AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

3B. WARRANT REGISTER FOR THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK OF AUGUST 21, 2019

Disbursements will be made from the funds referenced in the attached Resolution to the staff report in Warrants numbered 324716-324913 and ACH numbered 000736-000768.

Action Taken: The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 12097 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated August 21, 2019 totaling $1,534,002.99 specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 12097, entitled:
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED 21st OF AUGUST 2019 TOTALING $1,534,002.99 SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

3C. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – JULY 2019

As of July 31, 2019 invested funds for the City of Monterey Park is $91,038,440.64.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the monthly investment report on Consent Calendar.

3D. 2018-2019 ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT

The City's Investment Policy requires an annual investment report and a statement of investment policy to be submitted to the City Council for review within 60 days after the fiscal year-end. The attached annual report to the staff report shows that all investment activities during 2018-19 were conducted according to the City's Investment Policy.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the 2018-19 Annual Investment report; and adopted Resolution No. 12098 and SA-172 authorizing the Treasurer to implement the City's Investment Policy for FY 2019-20.

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

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

Resolution No. 12098 & SA-172, entitled:
A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE MONTEREY PARK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADOPTING AN INVESTMENT POLICY AND AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY

3E. FOOTHILL COMMUNICATIONS INC. – APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT

City Council approved the FY 2019-2020 budget, which includes the purchase of radios for the Verdugo Fire Emergency Communication System Upgrade. Staff seeks Council consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to Foothill Communications, Inc. for the purchase of multi band and single band radios for an amount not to exceed $68,772.97, funded in the FY 2019-2020 budget.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a one year agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Foothill Communications, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $68,772.97, for the purchase of multi band and single band radios.

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

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

3F. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR ON-CALL PLAN CHECK AND INSPECTION SERVICES

The agreements for On-Call Plan Check and Inspection Services to supplement the City's technical services provided to the community will expire on August 10, 2019. The two firms under contract have provided exceptional services in plan review and the occasional temporary staffing needs over the past three years. Their level of involvement at times requires that they travel from their regional locations to City Hall to meet with design professionals and staff to assist in resolving issues expeditiously. Staff recommends extending the existing agreements for an additional 2 years. The contract amount will remain and is not to exceed $50,000 annually. A budget of $100,000 was allocated for this fiscal year in account # 0010-801-4214-31950.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a 2-year professional service agreement extension with The Code Group and Interwest Consulting Group to provide On-Call Plan Check and Inspection Services in a form approved by the City Attorney on Consent Calendar.

3G. FINAL MAP NO. 75007 (320 & 322 S MOORE AVENUE)

Pursuant to Government Code § 66458 (d) and Monterey Park Municipal Code §20.20.010, the City Engineer, surveyor, or other designated official must review the final map. The final map was thoroughly reviewed by the City's consultant Surveyor, George Boghossian & Associates, for mathematical accuracy, survey analysis, title information, and compliance with the Subdivision Map Act, Conditions of Approval and applicable Monterey Park Municipal Code provisions.

To obtain final map approval, the property owner seeks to execute a Subdivision Improvement Agreement with the City and post bonds to guarantee construction of the required public improvements such as new curb, gutter, sidewalk and driveway aprons will be constructed in the street right-of-way. Additionally, all utility services will be placed underground, and new trees, parkway landscaping and irrigation system will be installed.

<u>CEQA (CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT):</u>
As determined by the Planning Commission via Resolution No. 9-17, adopted September 12, 2017, the Project is categorically exempt from additional environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15315 as a Class 32 categorical exemption (Infill Developments).

Action Taken: The City Council adopted a Resolution No. 12099 approving Final Map No. 75007 and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Subdivision Improvement Agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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

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

Resolution No. 12099, entitled:
A RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL MAP NO. 75007 FOR A SIX-UNIT RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM PROJECT AT 320-322 SOUTH MOORE AVENUE

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5A. LA COUNTY UPDATE TO BALLOT PROPOSITION TO IMPOSE A ¾ CENT SALES TAX

The staff report includes updates to current taxation trends in LA County, as well as whether other cities in the area specifically in the LA County, that recently proposed sales tax hikes during the November 2018 and March 2019 elections for the City Council's consideration to place a special sale tax measure on the upcoming March 2020 ballot.

Recommendation: The City Council (1) Receive and file the LA County update to ballot proposition to impose a ¾ cent sales tax; (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Action Taken: The City Council by consensus continued this item to the next regular City Council meeting.

RECESSED AND RECONVENED

The City Council recessed at 8:38 p.m. and reconvened with all Council Members present at 8:48 p.m.

5B. APPROVAL OF EAST LOS ANGELES SUSTAINABLE MEDIAN STORMWATER CAPTURE PROJECT

In April 2017, the County of Los Angeles (County) proposed a multi-jurisdiction stormwater capture project that will improve stormwater quality by preventing pollutants from discharging into the Los Angeles River. This project partnership can potentially benefit a disadvantaged neighborhood in an unincorporated area of East Los Angeles.

The project has a tributary area of 2,900 acres of drainage area and a Water Quality treatment capacity of 22.6 acre-feet. Of the total treatment capacity Monterey Park will claim 2.6 acre-feet by funding a fixed amount of $2,400,000 using the City's future Measure W funds. This project will assist the City in its compliance efforts under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit Order No. R4-2012-0175. Staff is requesting the City Council's approval to enter into this partnership agreement. Funding is from Measure W funds for a total of $2,400,000 with $18,000 a year from O&M expenditure budget in the future.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

The project is categorically exempt from additional environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15262, 15306, 15307, and 15308. The project consists of comprehensive data collection efforts to monitor the aquatic toxicity that is present in downstream receiving waters. The purpose of the project is to determine if possible actions are necessary to protect natural resources and the environment.

Public Speakers:

- John L. Hunter, Hunter and Associates, answered questions and inquires raised by the City Council.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the Partnership Agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to cooperatively share costs with County of Los Angeles and City of Montebello in the implementation of the East Los Angeles Sustainable Median Stormwater Capture Project as amended to direct the City Attorney to work with the County and/or Central Basin to include language regarding credit back to the City.

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

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

6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTERS

6A. CODE OF CONDUCT; MEETING PROCEDURES; HEALTHY WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT – REQUESTED BY MAYOR LIANG

At my mayoral installation, I announced several initiatives that I hoped to implement during my tenure as the City's Mayor. Among other things, I believe that it is imperative that Councilmembers lead by example while serving in positions of public trust. This extends not just to their service to constituents, but also to the hard-working men and women who serve the public's needs as City employees. Accordingly, I suggest that the City Council adopt a Code of Conduct along with a Healthy Workplace Environment policy to help facilitate professional, dedicated, and reliable public service.

Public Speakers:

- Nancy Arcuri thanked the Mayor for bringing the item for consideration. She spoke about her personal negative experience with previous council members and the incident regarding a gift received by a former city manager.

Recommendation: (1) Adopting a Resolution amending the City Council's existing policies and procedures to:

a. Add a Code of Conduct for elected and appointed public officials;
b. Adopt a Healthy Workplace Environment policy; and

(2) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Action Taken: The City Council by consensus continued the item to a future meeting.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Chan stated that he was elected to the Metro Service Committee, representing three cities; Monterey Park, Montebello, and Rosemead. He reported that he attended an emergency San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) meeting where a topic for discussion was the $126 million Foothill Gold Line Extension (the extension would pick up from Azusa to Pomona, as it currently starts in Monterey Park, to Downtown Union Station, to Pasadena and along the 210 Freeway, to Azusa). He recommended that there be a loop (from Pomona back down the SR60) and the group approved the idea so the SR60 (along Pomona Freeway with a stop at Garfield Avenue and Market Place shopping plaza) option is still open for discussion.

Council Member Lam had nothing to report.

Council Member Real Sebastian provided background about her term on the SGVCOG. She also stated that she attended Mr. Hernandez's funeral service.

Mayor Pro Ing announced that he celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary.

Mayor Liang had nothing to report.

City Clerk Chang informed the public on the various events being held by the City Clerk's office regarding the County's new vote system and the city's change to district based elections.

7. CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 p.m. in memory of Mike A. Hernandez.

Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk

Approved on November 20, 2019 at the Regular City Council Meeting