

**MINUTES  
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL  
FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)  
HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)  
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)  
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 22, 2024**

The City Council, the Financing Authority (MPFA), the Housing Authority (MPHA), the Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD), and the Successor Agency (SA) of the City of Monterey Park held a Special Meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Wong called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE:**

Mayor Wong led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL:**

City Clerk Maychelle Yee called the roll:

Council Members Present: Henry Lo, Vinh Ngo, Jose Sanchez, Thomas Wong,  
Yvonne Yiu

Council Members Absent: None

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Treasurer Amy Lee, City Manager Inez Alvarez, City Attorney Karl Berger, Assistant City Manager Diana Garcia, City Librarian Kristin Olivarez, Director of Public Works Shawn Igoe, Director of Recreation and Community Services Robert Aguirre, Director of Finance Martha Garcia, Community Development Director Jessica Serrano, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Christine Tomikawa, Police Chief Scott Wiese, Interim Fire Chief Chris Thompson, Finance Manager Laura Borjon, Planning Manager Beth Chow, Recreation Manager Christina Alatorre, Senior Librarian Leonie Jordan, Senior Librarian Lauren Fraizer, Senior Librarian Cathleen Bowley, Principal Management Analyst (City Manager's Office) Andrew Lee, Principal Management Analyst (Police) Angela Loera, Principal Management Analyst (Fire) Rebecca Bojorquez, Public Works Manager Chris Reyes, Human Resources Risk Management Manager Julie DeZiel, IT Manager Stanley Ardon, City Consultant Ziad Mazboudi, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang

**VIRTUALLY PRESENT:** None.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS:** None.

**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.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

- Public Works: Director of Public Works Igoe announced the celebration of Public Works Week and invited the community to Public Works Open House at the City Yard on May 23, 2024.
- Recreation & Community Services: Director of Recreation and Community Services Aguirre provided a recap on the opening of the Highlands Playground and the Playdays event and invited the community to the Memorial Day Commemoration on May 27 and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pride Parade & Festival on June 1, 2024.

1. **PRESENTATION** – None.

2. **OLD BUSINESS** – None.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS NOS. 3A-3F**

All items under the Consent Calendar are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Specific items may be removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of any member of the City Council for separate consideration.

**Action Taken:** The City Council approved and adopted Agenda Item Nos. 3A – 3F on Consent Calendar, excluding Item No. 3C which was pulled for discussion, separate motion, reading resolutions and ordinances by the title only and waiving further reading thereof.

**Motion:** Moved by Council Member Sanchez and seconded by Council Member Lo, motion carried by the following vote:

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|----------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ayes:    | Council Members: | Sanchez, Lo, Yiu, Ngo, Wong |
| Noes:    | Council Members: | None                        |
| Absent:  | Council Members: | None                        |
| Abstain: | Council Members: | None                        |
| Recusal: | Council Members: | None                        |

**3-A. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – APRIL 2024**

As of April 30, 2024, invested funds for the City of Monterey Park total \$73,297,314.95.

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

**3-B. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR BATCH BROADBAND PERMIT PROCESSING OF WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES**

Government Code § 65964.3 requires cities to use “batch broadband permit processing” when they: (1) receive two or more broadband permit applications for “substantially similar broadband project sites;” (2) applications are submitted at the same time; and (3) by the same applicant.

Government Code § 65964.3 defines “substantially similar broadband project sites” as “broadband project sites that are nearly identical in terms of equipment and general design, but not location.” It does not, however, define what the phrase “nearly identical in terms of equipment and general design, but not location” means.

The proposed Resolution would, if adopted, establish guidelines defining what the phrase “nearly identical in terms of equipment and general design, but not location” means.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

The proposed Resolution is exempt from additional environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code §§ 21000, *et seq.*, “CEQA”) and CEQA regulations (14 California Code of Regulations (“CCR”) §§ 15000, *et seq.*) because it establishes guidelines for batch broadband permit processing of wireless telecommunications facilities, which does not involve any commitment to a specific project which could result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment; and constitutes an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Accordingly, this Resolution does not constitute a “project” that requires environmental review (see specifically 14 CCR § 15378(b)(4-5)).

**Action Taken:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-R34 establishing guidelines for the batch broadband permit processing of wireless telecommunications facilities, on Consent Calendar.

**Resolution No. 2024-R34**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR BATCH BROADBAND PERMIT PROCESSING OF WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

**3-C. ESTABLISHING THE SATURN PARK ADVISORY REVIEW COMMITTEE (“SPARC”)**

On April 9, 2024, the Planning Commission considered future land uses at McCaslin Business Park as contemplated by the Land Use Element (“LUE”) to the General Plan (approved by voters in 2020). A copy of the April 9<sup>th</sup> staff report is attached for reference to this staff report.

During a subsequent Planning Commission meeting on April 15, 2024, Planning Commissioners expressed support for various land uses within the McCaslin Business Park to implement the vision expressed in the LUE. Based upon those discussions, it seems prudent for the City to solicit public input to adopt new land use regulations for what the LUE identifies as “Saturn Park.” The LUE was guided by a citizen’s oversight committee identified as the “General Plan Advisory Committee”; it is recommended that the City Council create the “Saturn Park Advisory Review Committee” or “SPARC” as described below.

**Public Speaker:**

- Maychelle Yee, resident, expressed her concerns regarding the development of the proposed area and suggested amending the recommendation to allow the community to appoint 3 members and asked for consideration to appoint her as one of the community members.

**Action Taken:** The City Council established the Saturn Park Advisory Review Committee (“SPARC”) initially comprised of Mayor Thomas Wong, Mayor Pro Tem Vinh Ngo, and Assistant City Manager Diana Garcia, as amended to allow the initial committee to determine the numbers of appointments of community members.

**Motion:** Moved by Council Member Lo and seconded by Council Member Sanchez, motion carried by the following vote:

|          |                  |                             |
|----------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ayes:    | Council Members: | Sanchez, Lo, Yiu, Ngo, Wong |
| Noes:    | Council Members: | None                        |
| Absent:  | Council Members: | None                        |
| Abstain: | Council Members: | None                        |
| Recusal: | Council Members: | None                        |

**3-D. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING MAY 18, 2024, AS NATIONAL ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER DAY AGAINST BULLYING AND HATE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR WONG)**

**Action Taken:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-R35 declaring May 18, 2024, as National Asian American and Pacific Islander Day Against Bullying and Hate, on Consent Calendar.

**Resolution No. 2024-R35**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING MAY 18, 2024, AS NATIONAL ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER DAY AGAINST BULLYING AND HATE

**3-E. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024 AS LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH (REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LO)**

**Action Taken:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-R36 recognizing the month of June 2024 as LGBTQ+ pride month, on Consent Calendar.

**Resolution No. 2024-R36**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024 AS LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

**3-F. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING AND RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2024 AS MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AWARENESS MONTH (REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LO)**

**Action Taken:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-R37 declaring and recognizing the month of May 2024 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Month, on Consent Calendar.

**Resolution No. 2024-R37**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING AND RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2024 AS MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AWARENESS MONTH

**4. PUBLIC HEARING – None.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5-A. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING RETAIL THEFT LEGISLATION**

The California Legislature recently introduced several measures intended to strengthen public safety, protect shoppers and businesses, and improve quality of life throughout the state by addressing the increase in retail theft. The League of California Cities recently requested that member cities consider supporting these measures. Council may direct staff to draft a letter of support for some or all of the measures listed in the staff report.

**Action Taken:** The City Council ensued in discussion on multiple bills pending in the California Legislature that would address retail theft and directed staff to draft a letter regarding criminal justice reform concerning the needs of the community and business members.

**Motion:** Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Ngo and seconded by Council Member Sanchez, motion carried by the following vote:

|          |                  |                             |
|----------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ayes:    | Council Members: | Sanchez, Lo, Yiu, Ngo, Wong |
| Noes:    | Council Members: | None                        |
| Absent:  | Council Members: | None                        |
| Abstain: | Council Members: | None                        |
| Recusal: | Council Members: | None                        |

## **5-B. FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET**

Consideration and possible action regarding the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget. Staff will present a brief overview of policy issues, financial prospect and economic development, challenges/solutions, goals and strategies associated with the budget including, without limitation, the following matters.

- City 2024-2025 spending plan overview;
- Proposed staffing changes to reflect efficient core staffing mix;
- Proposed capital improvement projects;
- Goals and Objectives presented by all departments.

Council may raise other development, policy, capital project and potential budget adjustment items for consideration as part of the Budget.

### **Public Speaker:**

- Maychelle Yee, resident, requested an update on the expenses and reimbursements for the Goodview project.

**Discussion:** Finance Director Garcia announced that the initial preliminary budget document was missing pages D3-D6 from the City Council Department. Finance Director Garcia and Finance Manager Borjon presented a PowerPoint presentation on the city's preliminary budget.

**Action Taken:** The City Council ensued in a discussion regarding the proposed budget and received and filed the Preliminary Budget documentation for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

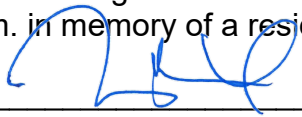
## **6. CITY COMMUNICATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)**

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **8. CLOSED SESSION (IF REQUIRED; CITY ATTORNEY TO ANNOUNCE)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m. in memory of a resident, actor, and comedian Rudy Moreno.



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Maychelle Yee  
City Clerk

*Approved on September 4, 2024, at the Regular City Council Meeting*