

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)
HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 5, 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 Regular Meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wong called the meeting to order at 6:33 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, Assistant City Attorney Tim Campen, Director of Finance Martha Garcia, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Christine Tomikawa, Director of Community Development Jessica Serrano, Director of Recreation and Community Services Robert Aguirre, City Librarian Kristin Olivarez, Director of Public Works Shawn Igoe, Police Captain Gus Jimenez, Finance Services Manager Laura Borjon, Public Works Manager Chris Reyes, Economic Development Project Manager Joseph Torres, Senior Librarian Lauren Fraizer, 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 service, foster growth and opportunity, and create a joyous and collaborative environment.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

- Nathaneal Hernandez, member of the Boys and Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley, provided a brief history and achievements of the Monterey Park Club and encouraged the City Council to consider adopting a resolution recognizing National Boys and Girls Club Week, June 24 through June 28, 2024.
- Camilla Chan, a member of the Girl Scouts, spoke of her achievement for completing her Gold Award Project which entailed hosting workshops to promote building more united communities and respecting cultural differences.
- Joseph Leon, City's representative on the San Gabriel Valley Mosquitos Control District, spoke about services provided by the District and tips for abatement of mosquitos.
- William Tang encouraged the City Council to keep the Barnes Park tennis court #3 reserve for tennis play.
- Jane Lee said she is part of the retirees that play tennis at Barnes Park. She spoke of the importance of the sport and expressed frustration of the conduct of a recent Recreation and Parks Commission meeting.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- Library: Senior Librarian Frazier presented a PowerPoint presentation on upcoming community events including Summer Reading Program and Community Reads, Teen Programming and Life Skills Workshops, Children's Programming and Activities, and closed with the Pride Author Talk event with Marsha and Aiden Aizumi on June 8.
- Police Department: Police Captain Jimenez presented a PowerPoint presentation on programs sponsor by the Community Engagement Bureau which includes Business Watch Meetings, Citizen's Academy, Explorer Post Number 300, and Neighborhood Watch Groups. He spoke of the commemoration of Officer George Elder Memorial Day on June 9, 2024.
- Recreation and Community Services: Recreation and Community Services Director Aguirre provided the department updates through a PowerPoint presentation showcasing the MPK art project which was completed by the community at the Pride Parade & Festival on June 1. He spoke about the Summer Lunches program, the Kidventure Summer Camp, summer pool schedule, Movies in the Park schedule, and the Independence Day Celebration on June 29, 2024.

1. PRESENTATION

The matters listed under presentation are informational content and for discussion only.

1-A. ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUNDING FOR FIRE STATION 61

City Manager Alvarez said that staff will be showing a short video from Senator Alex Padilla announcing the allocation of federal funding for the design and remodeling of Fire Station 61.

1-B. DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION

Economic Development Project Manager Torres presented a PowerPoint presentation on the development process of projects from entitlement to completion. He provided the status of several developments throughout the City.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2-A. UPDATE REGARDING THE SATURN PARK ADVISORY AND RECOMMENDATION COMMITTEE (SPARC) AND NEXT STEPS

On May 22, 2024, the City Council created the SPARC ad hoc committee. The SPARC is led by the Mayor and the Mayor pro tem who are authorized to appoint individuals to the SPARC to consider the future development of Saturn Park.

The Mayor and Mayor pro tem met on May 29th to identify potential committee members. Individuals will be contacted in the next few days to see if they are able to serve on the SPARC.

The ad hoc committee also discussed the potential for a moratorium on new development within Saturn Park during the time period that the SPARC considers options. There are inquiries currently pending with the City for new businesses at existing location based upon the current zoning regulations. If directed by the City Council, the City Manager and City Attorney would prepare documents for the next City Council meeting in June to consider whether a moratorium temporarily pausing new land use applications should be adopted. Any such moratorium would require a 4/5 vote of the City Council; would place an initial 45 day hold on land use applications; and may be subsequently extended for 10 months and 15 days (there is also the possibility for a subsequent extension of one year).

It is anticipated that the SPARC would have four total meetings and would wrap up consideration of new land uses in late August or September. Any recommendations from the SPARC would then be brought to the City Council pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code § 2.56.020(c).

Public Speaker:

- Maychelle Yee speaking as a resident, said she was not selected to serve on the committee and requested the City Council to announce the members of the committee.

Discussion: Mayor Wong announced that he and the Mayor Pro Tem have not finalized the list of potential committee members yet.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the staff report; and directed the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare documents needed to consider adopting a moratorium for development in Saturn Park during the time that the SPARC considers land use regulations.

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. 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, 3B, and 3E on Consent Calendar, excluding Item Nos. 3C, 3D, and 3F which were pulled for separate discussion, reading resolutions and ordinances by the title only and waiving further reading thereof. Mayor Wong mentioned a clerical error on the March 6, 2024 minutes.

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

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

3-A. MINUTES

Approving the minutes from the regular and special meetings of March 6, 2024.

Action Taken: The City Council approved the minutes from the regular and special meetings of March 6, 2024 as amended to correct a clerical error that Mayor Wong not Mayor Sanchez called the meeting to order on the March 6, 2024 special meeting minutes, on Consent Calendar.

3-B. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT THE CITY CLERK TO PERFORM THE BIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE CITY'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Pursuant to the Political Reform Act, Government Code § 81000, *et seq.*, every local agency is required to review its Conflict of Interest Code (COI) biennially to determine if the Code is accurate or in need of amendment. The COI contains a list of designated officials who must disclose their financial holdings. If positions or titles changed in the local agency's organization, then the legislative body must amend the COI before October 1, 2024.

Action Taken: The City Council directed the City Clerk to perform the biennial review of the City's Conflict of Interest Code and report back before October 1, 2024, on Consent Calendar.

3-C. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AMENDMENTS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM SERVICES

On January 18, 2017, City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a 3-year professional services agreement from February 1, 2017, to February 1, 2020, with Priscila Davila & Associates and with HP Housing Programs. On December 19, 2019, City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a first amendment to extend the term to February 1, 2021 for both Priscila Davila & Associates and for HP Housing Programs agreements. On December 16, 2020 City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a second amendment to further extend the term of both agreements to June 30, 2024. The City requests authorizing the City Manager to execute a third amendment for both agreements with Priscila Davila & Associates and HP Housing Programs to extend the term by an additional three-years to June 30, 2027.

Public Speakers:

- Priscilla Davila, Owner/Principal of Priscilla Davila & Associates Inc., and Debbie Sottek Principal of JEDA Works DBA Housing Programs, both virtually present, were available for questions.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to professional services agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney, to provide Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Improvement Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) services with Priscila Davila & Associates for an amount not to exceed \$285,545 and HP Housing Programs for an amount not to exceed \$345,000 over a 3-year period.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Lo and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ngo, 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. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND AGREEMENT NO. 1718-A AND EXTEND THE TERM FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE YEARS WITH WORLD JOURNAL LA, LLC, TO BE THE CO-PRODUCER OF THE MONTEREY PARK LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

The City of Monterey Park has cohosted the annual Lunar New Year Festival with World Journal LA, LLC since 2012. In April 2024, Agreement no. 1718-A between the City of Monterey Park and World Journal LA, LLC (World Journal) ended its term.

City staff has been happy with World Journal's performance since 2012 and recommends an amendment to the agreement to extend the term for an additional five years. If approved, the amendment would give World Journal adequate time to plan for the 2025 event and enable them to leverage the agreement's term to secure sponsors and vendors for the next five years.

Public Speakers:

- Amy Lee, resident, expressed concerns on whether the City is receiving the amount it is entitled to and urged the City Council to reevaluate increasing the percentage in recovery costs.
- Dale Li and Allan Liu, World Journal Event Planning and Digital Department Coordinators, were available for questions.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council consider: (1) Authorizing the City Manager to amend agreement no. 1718-A and extend the term for an additional five-year term in a form approved by the City Attorney, with World Journal LA, LLC to co-produce the Monterey Park Lunar New Year Festival on dates to be determined by the City; and (2) taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Discussion: By consensus, the City Council directed staff to work with World Journal to renegotiate the recovery amount of \$7500 under Section 2.2 of the contract and bring back to the City Council for consideration at a future meeting date.

3-E. AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF A CASE 580SN BACKHOE LOADER

The Public Works Director seeks City Council approval for the purchase of a backhoe loader due to the increased need for the equipment. The 2024 CASE 580SN Backhoe Loader is the most suitable equipment for use in day-to-day operations by the Street and Park maintenance divisions. This equipment may be purchased via Sonsray Machinery which was identified through a Sourcewell contract. The total cost for the backhoe loader is \$173,969.61, including applicable taxes and fees.

Action Taken: The City Council waived the bidding requirements pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code Section 3.20.050(3) and (4), and authorized the City Manager to purchase a 2024 CASE 580SN backhoe loader from Sonsray Machinery at the cost of \$173,969.61, on Consent Calendar.

3-F. PURCHASE OF AN EV FORD E-TRANSIT 350 AERIAL LIFT VEHICLE

The Public Works Facilities Maintenance Division is proposing to replace a utility vehicle that has exceeded its service life for daily use with a Ford E-Transit 350 Aerial Lift vehicle. Staff is recommending purchase of the replacement truck through RUSH Truck Center. RUSH is the exclusive authorized dealer in the United States to supply this vehicle in either gas or EV non-emission versions.

Action Taken: The City Council waived bidding requirements pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code § 3.20.050 (4) and purchased of a California HVIP qualified Ford E-Transit 350 Aerial Lift vehicle.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Sanchez and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ngo, 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

4. PUBLIC HEARING

4-A. THE CITY MUST CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER RENEWING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CITYWIDE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 93-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 PURSUANT TO STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE §§ 22500, *ET SEQ.*

In 1993 the City formed a citywide benefit assessment district to finance the operation and maintenance of public street lighting and landscaping.

The district was renewed each of the past 31 years and must be renewed for the 2024-25 fiscal year in order for the City to continue collecting assessments. The City started the process to renew its Citywide Maintenance District No. 93-1 for the 2024-25 fiscal year at its May 1, 2024, meeting. At that time, the City Council approved the Engineer's Report; adopted the Resolution of Intention (Resolution No. 2024-R28) and scheduled the required public hearing for June 5, 2024.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

The proposed action is exempt from additional environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code §§ 21000, *et seq.*; "CEQA") and CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, §§ 15000, *et seq.*) because it establishes, modifies, structures, restructures, and approves rates and charges for meeting operating expenses; purchasing supplies, equipment, and materials; meeting financial requirements; and obtaining funds for capital projects needed to maintain service within existing service areas. The proposed action, therefore, is categorically exempt from further CEQA review under CEQA Guidelines § 15273.

Action Taken: The City Council opened the public hearing and received documentary and testimonial evidence at 9:09 p.m.; there being no speakers for this item, closed the public hearing at 9:09 p.m. and adopted Resolution No. 2024-R38 authorizing the levy and collection of assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-25 in Citywide Maintenance District No. 93-1 pursuant to Streets and Highways Code § 22587.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Ngo and seconded by Council Member Lo, 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

Resolution No. 2024-R38

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 IN CITYWIDE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 93-1 PURSUANT TO STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE § 22587

5. NEW BUSINESS

5-A. RESOLUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The general municipal election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 2024 for the purpose of electing three members of the City Council for District Nos. 2, 3, and 4 for a term of four years each.

The election will be consolidated with the Statewide general election conducted by the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's Office. The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget is expected to include \$250,000 for expenditures associated with the November 5, 2024 general municipal election.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) adopted Resolution No. 2024-R39 calling for a general municipal election on November 5, 2024 pursuant to Elections Code § 1301; (2) adopted Resolution No. 2024-R40 requesting the County of Los Angeles to consolidate the City of Monterey Park's general municipal election to be held on November 5, 2024, with the statewide general election on the date pursuant to Elections Code §1301; and (3) adopted Resolution No. 2024-R41 establishing requirements for candidate statements filed with the City Clerk to be included with voter information for an election on November 5, 2024.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Ngo and seconded by Council Member Lo, 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

Resolution No. 2024-R39

A RESOLUTION CALLING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024 PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE § 1301 FOR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT NOS. 2, 3 and 4

Resolution No. 2024-R40

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CONSOLIDATE THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024, WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE DATE PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10403

Resolution No. 2024-R41

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK TO BE INCLUDED WITH VOTER INFORMATION FOR AN ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024

6. CITY COMMUNICATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

6-A. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK DECLARING JUNE 7, 2024, NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY AND JUNE 8-9, 2024, AS WEAR ORANGE WEEKEND IN MONTEREY PARK

Adopting a Resolution declaring June 7, 2024, National Gun Violence Awareness Day and June 8-9, 2024, as Wear Orange Weekend In Monterey Park.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted a Resolution 2024-R42 declaring June 7, 2024, National Gun Violence Awareness Day and June 8-9, 2024, as Wear Orange Weekend In Monterey Park.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Sanchez and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ngo, 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

Resolution No. 2024-R42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK DECLARING JUNE 7, 2024, NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY AND JUNE 8-9, 2024, AS WEAR ORANGE WEEKEND IN MONTEREY PARK

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Sanchez announced that June 6th is the 80th anniversary of D-Day. He reported attending the Mark Keppel High School Aquatics Program Gala honoring Ismael Perez, Special Education Teach and Swim Coach.

Council Member Lo requested a resolution marking the 42nd anniversary of the murder of Vincent Chin, a victim of a hate crime. He said he attended the Public Works Open House, the Memorial Day event, and dinner with Arthur Fong and some US Navy members in celebration of Fleet week. He thanked the Recreation Department for putting together the Pride Month celebration.

Council Member Yiu said she attended the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI): Living Heritages Photo Contest and Exhibition where Judge Ed Chau and former Mayor Lily Chen were the honorees. She reported she also attended the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) meeting on May 30 where there was a discussion on the City of Ventura Brown Act violation relating to the City's State of the City's Address

Mayor Pro Tem Ngo talked about his attendance at the Garvey Intermediate School Career Day, Pride Parade, Assemblymember Mike Fong's Open House, and on behalf of Chinatown Service Center (CSC), received a \$850,000 check from Congresswoman Judy Chu for the creation of the workforce grant program. He said he also attended the Memorial Day Commemoration, Fleet Week event, and the Public Works Open House.

Mayor Wong expressed appreciation to staff for putting on the many events and said he looks forward to seeing more events throughout the summer months. He mentioned the cancellation of the next regular meeting on June 19 and asked the community to attend the special meeting scheduled for June 18.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.



Maychelle Yee
City Clerk

Approved on November 06, 2024, at the Regular City Council Meeting