

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)
HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 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, Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wong called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

The Monterey Park Police Color Guard led the flag salute. The Pledge of Allegiance was presented by Civic Superstars Liliana Kazachka and Alexander Kazachki.

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, Public Works Director Shawn Igoe, Finance Director Martha Garcia, Fire Chief Christopher Thompson, Police Chief Scott Weise, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Christine Tomikawa, Recreation and Community Services Director Robert Aguirre, Community Development Director Jessica Serrano, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang

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

- Outgoing Mayor Wong recognized special guests in attendance, which include former City Council Members Peter Chan, Steven Lam, David Lau, former Assemblymember Mike Eng; former City Clerk Teresa Amador; Arcadia's newly elected Council Member David Fu, and re-elected Council Member Paul Cheng; newly installed Alhambra Mayor Noya Wang and former Mayor Adele Andrade-Stadler; Temple City Mayor William Man; San Gabriel Vice Mayor Denise Menchaca, and Council Member Tony Yang; Garvey School District Board of Education Paul Duran, Maureen Chin, Ronald Trabanino and Andy Yam; Garvey School District Superintendent Anita Chu; Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Member Hilda L. Solis; California State Senator Sasha Renée Pérez; Assemblymember Mike Fong and Judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles Linda Sun.

NEW BUSINESS

1. OUTGOING ADDRESS BY COUNCIL MEMBER YVONNE YIU

A video presentation was shown, displaying the accomplishments of outgoing Council Member Yiu during her time on Council.

An additional video was presented, exhibiting outgoing Council Member Yiu's years of service.

Council Member Sanchez, Council Member Lo, Mayor Pro Tem Ngo, and outgoing Mayor Wong provided comments of appreciation to outgoing Council Member Yiu.

Outgoing Council Member Yiu delivered her outgoing City Council Address, conveying her appreciation to her City Council colleagues and shared her next steps in educating individuals on financial literacy.

2. OUTGOING ADDRESS BY MAYOR THOMAS WONG

Outgoing Mayor Wong shared his outgoing City Council Address, expressing the accomplishments achieved for the city throughout the year and mentioned his gratitude to his City Council colleagues.

3. ADOPTING A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The City held its General Municipal Election on November 5, 2024. Three individuals were elected to the City Council from District Nos. 2, 3 and 4 for a term of four years. Additionally, voters considered two ballot propositions, Measure BE, regarding a business license tax and Measure LG regarding a transient occupancy tax. The election was consolidated with the Statewide General Election.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-R97 certifying the results of the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election which include Ordinance No. 2254, Measure BE and Ordinance No. 2255, Measure LG.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Sanchez and seconded by Council Member Yiu, 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-R97

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL AND SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Ordinance No. 2254

AN ORDINANCE, WITHOUT INCREASING TAXES ON RESIDENTS, UPDATING/SIMPLIFYING CITY OF MONTEREY PARK'S 35-YEAR-OLD BUSINESS LICENSE TAX RATES, ENSURING FAIRNESS TO ALL BUSINESSES AND HELPING FUND GENERAL CITY SERVICES, INCLUDING KEEPING PUBLIC/BUSINESS AREAS SAFE/CLEAN; PREVENTING CRIME/THEFTS; STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL ECONOMY; BY REVISING THE TAX RATE TO 0.00075 PER \$1,000 OF GROSS RECEIPTS (\$75 YEARLY MINIMUM TAX), GENERATING APPROXIMATELY \$1,200,000 ANNUALLY UNTIL ENDED BY VOTERS, REQUIRING SPENDING DISCLOSURE, FUNDS LOCALLY CONTROLLED

Ordinance No. 2255

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR CITY OF MONTEREY PARK'S GENERAL SERVICES SUCH AS MAINTAINING 911 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND FIRE PROTECTION; INCREASING NEIGHBORHOOD POLICE PATROLS; MAINTAINING PARKS; SUPPORTING YOUTH, AFTERSCHOOL, AND SENIOR PROGRAMS; REPAIRING STREETS AND POTHOLES; BY INCREASING THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK'S TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX, PAID ONLY BY HOTEL/MOTEL AND SHORT-TERM RENTAL GUESTS, FROM 12% TO 13%, PROVIDING APPROXIMATELY \$500,000 ANNUALLY UNTIL ENDED BY VOTERS; REQUIRING SPENDING DISCLOSURE, FUNDS LOCALLY CONTROLLED

RECESSED AND RECONVENED

The City Council recessed at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened with all Council Members present at 6:52 p.m.

4. THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

The Oath of Office for incoming City Council Member Elizabeth Yang, representing District No. 2, was conducted by California Assemblymember Mike Fong.

The Oath of Office for re-elected Council Member Jose Sanchez, representing City Council District No. 3, was conducted by Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis.

The Oath of Office for re-elected City Council Member Henry Lo, representing District No. 4, was conducted by California State Senator Sasha Renée Perez.

5. ROLL CALL OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Clerk Maychelle Yee called the roll:

Council Members Present: Henry Lo, Vinh Ngo, Jose Sanchez, Thomas Wong,
Elizabeth Yang

Council Members Absent: None

6. REORGANIZATION OF MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL

It is recommended the City Council consider appointing the Mayor and the Pro Tem in accordance with City Council policy established by Resolution No. 11507.

Action Taken: The City Council appointed Vinh Ngo as Mayor and Elizabeth Yang as Mayor Pro Tem in accordance with City Council policy established by Resolution No. 11507.

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

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

7. MAYOR PRO TEM INSTALLATION OF ELIZABETH YANG

Mayor Pro Tem Yang's mother, Kelly Yang; husband, Phil Cheng; daughter, Liliana Kazachka; and son, Alexander Kazachki, presented Mayor Pro Tem Yang with her badge and business cards.

Mayor Pro Tem Yang provided comments about her planned contributions to the city.

8. MAYORAL INSTALLATION OF VINH NGO

The Oath of Office for incoming Mayor Ngo was conducted by California Assemblymember Mike Fong.

Mayor Ngo's father, Khoai Ngo and fiancé, Amy Vuong, presented Mayor Ngo with his badge, business cards and gavel.

9. PRESENTATIONS

- Mike Eng, representing Congresswoman Judy Chu, presented certificates to outgoing Council Member Yvonne Yiu, and to the incoming/current elected officials.
- California State Senator Sasha Renée Pérez congratulated the elected officials on this year's election and outgoing Council Member Yiu and presented certificates to all of City Council.
- Assemblymember Mike Fong showed his appreciation to newly installed Mayor Ngo, outgoing Council Member Yiu and the incoming elected City Council Members and presented certificates for their efforts in improving Monterey Park.
- Candy Ng, on behalf of the Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang, dedicated certificates to the City Council for their services.
- Temple City Council Member William Man spoke of his appreciation to the City Council and presented certificates in their honor, including outgoing Council Member Yiu.
- Newly installed Alhambra Mayor Noya Wang and former Alhambra Mayor and Council Member Adele Andrade-Stadler, presented certificates in appreciation to the City Council.

- Arcadia City Council Member David Fu alongside Council Member Paul Cheng and Council Member Eileen Wang, congratulated the incoming Council Members for a great election and presented certificates of appreciation to outgoing Council Member Yiu and Council Member Wong.
- San Gabriel Vice Mayor Denise Menchaca, elected Council Member Jorge Herrera Avila and Council Member Tony Yang, recognized the incoming Council Members and outgoing Council Member Yiu and shared certificates of their appreciation.
- Garvey School District Board of Education Paul Duran awarded certificates to the City Council.
- City Clerk Yee presented certificates on behalf of the Alhambra Unified School District and the City of Montebello to outgoing Council Member Yiu, Council Member Wong and Mayor Ngo.

10. MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Mayor Ngo expressed his appreciation to his colleagues and presented his goals for Monterey Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Maychelle Yee
City Clerk

Approved on February 19, 2025, at the Regular City Council Meeting