

**CITY COUNCIL OF MONTEREY PARK
THE CITY COUNCIL ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE FORMER
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE MONTEREY PARK FINANCING
AUTHORITY AND THE MONTEREY PARK GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT
AGENDA**

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONTEREY PARK CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
320 W. NEWMARK AVENUE, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754**

**Wednesday
March 5, 2025
6:30 p.m.**

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.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We would like to acknowledge that the land we inhabit today was once known as Tovangaar, the home of the Gabrieleño-Tongva people. We show our respect to the Gabrieleño-Tongva people, as well as all Indigenous people, past, present, and future, and honor their labor as original caretakers of this land. We commit to uplifting the Gabrieleño-Tongva people, invite you to acknowledge the history, and join us in caring for this land.

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CALL TO ORDER Mayor
FLAG SALUTE The Monterey Park Fire Explorers
ROLL CALL Henry Lo, Vinh Ngo, Jose Sanchez, Thomas Wong, Elizabeth Yang

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

- Community Development
- Library
- Recreation and Community Services

[1.] PRESENTATION

1-A. CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE FINALISTS - DREXEL NGO, ALINA RAMOS, EVAN LAU, AND ATHICHA CHANPRADUB

[2.] OLD BUSINESS – None.

[3.] CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NOS. 3A-3H

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.

3-A. MINUTES

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

- (1) Approving the minutes from the regular meeting of January 15, 2025 and the special meeting of January 21, 2025; and
- (2) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

3-B. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – JANUARY 2025

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

- (1) Receiving and filing the monthly investment report; and
- (2) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

3-C. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION DECLARING UNCLAIMED MONIES AS PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK AND ORDERING IT TRANSFERRED TO THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 50050, ET SEQ.

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

- (1) Adopting a Resolution declaring unclaimed monies as property of the City of Monterey Park and ordering it transferred to the City's General Fund; and
- (2) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

3-D. ADOPTING A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN INTERIM DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 21221(H) AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. N-25-20

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

- (1) Adopting a resolution requesting appointment for the position of Interim Director of Community Development pursuant to Government Code § 2122(H) and Executive Order No. N-25-20;
- (2) Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Monterey Park and the Interim Director of Community Development in a form approved by the City Attorney; and
- (3) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

3-E. 2024 MONTEREY PARK GENERAL PLAN AND HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

- (1) Receiving and filing the 2024 General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report;
- (2) Directing the City Manager, or designee, to forward a copy of the report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research ("OPR") and the State Department of Housing and Community Development ("HCD") before April 1, 2025; and
- (3) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

3-F. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND RECEIVE AND FILE A SUMMARY OF THE WINDSTORM AND FIRESTORM LOCAL EMERGENCY

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

- (1) Receiving and Filing this staff report summarizing the status of windstorm and firestorm local emergency;
- (2) Adopting a Resolution to add projects to the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Capital Improvement Program; and
- (3) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

The City reviewed the environmental impacts of the extension under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq. "CEQA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 Cal. Code of Regs. §§ 15000, et seq., the "CEQA Guidelines"). CEQA Guidelines §§ 15060(c)(2), 15061(b)(3), and 15378 exempt activities that will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, activities where there is possibility that it may have a significant effect on the environment, and activities that do not constitute a "project" as defined, respectively. This activity reflects administrative changes and policy making. Accordingly, this activity is exempt from further review.

3-G. RECEIVE AND FILE STAFF REPORT SUMMARIZING THE STATUS OF THE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

- (1) Receive and file this staff report summarizing the status of the emergency replacement of self-contained breathing apparatus; and
- (2) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

3-H. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT CALIFORNIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION GRANT FUNDING AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING INTO 2024-25 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

- (1) Authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to accept \$4,500 in California Library Association grant funding to purchase books;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to appropriate the \$4,500 grant funding into the 2024-25 Fiscal Year budget; and
- (3) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

[4.] PUBLIC HEARING

4-A. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING THE SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM USING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AND A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO THE CHINATOWN SERVICE CENTER FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

- (1) Opening the public hearing, taking testimonial evidence, and closing the public hearing;
- (2) Approving the implementation of the Small Business Assistance Program (SBAP) using an initial allocation of \$200,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, 20% of which would be allocated for program administration, to support local businesses facing economic challenges and the lingering effects of the mass shooting tragedy and COVID-19 pandemic. Subject to funding availability, the City may allocate additional funds to support the program;
- (3) Adopt a resolution to adopt policies and procedures for distributing CDBG funds to qualified expenses and businesses and/or property owners participating in the SBAP to ensure compliance with all applicable CDBG regulations; and
- (4) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

The City reviewed the environmental impacts of the draft Resolution pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq. "CEQA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 Cal. Code of Regs. §§ 15000, et seq., the "CEQA Guidelines"). CEQA Guidelines §§ 15060(c)(2), 15061(b)(3), 15378, and 15308 exempt activities that will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, activities where there is possibility that it may have a significant effect on the environment, activities that do not constitute a "project" as defined, and actions to protect the environment, respectively. This activity is for general policies and procedure-making intended to promote economic development. Any subsequent construction or development will be evaluated separately under the CEQA Guidelines. Accordingly, the draft Resolution is exempt from further review.

[5.] NEW BUSINESS – None.

[6.] CITY COMMUNICATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

6-A. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK RECOGNIZING MARCH 2025 AS EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION MONTH (AS REQUESTED BY MAYOR NGO)

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

- (1) Adopting a Resolution recognizing March 2025 as employee appreciation month; and
- (2) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

6-B. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING AND RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025 AS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH (AS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WONG)

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

- (1) Adopting a Resolution declaring and recognizing the month of March 2025 as American Red Cross Month; and
- (2) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

6-C. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING AND RECOGNIZING MARCH 2-6, 2025, AS READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK (AS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ)

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

- (1) Adopting a Resolution declaring and recognizing March 2-6, 2025, as Read Across America Week; and
- (2) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

6-D. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING AND RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025 AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, A NATIONAL CELEBRATION THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMEN TO EVENTS IN HISTORY AND CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY (AS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ)

It is recommended that the City Council consider:

- (1) Adopting a Resolution declaring and recognizing the month of March 2025 as Women's History Month, a national celebration that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society; and
- (2) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

[7.] FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

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