

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)
HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
November 17, 2021**

The City Council, the Financing Authority (MPFA), the Housing Authority (MPHA) and the Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Teleconference Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The regular meeting was conducted pursuant to Government Code § 54953(e), as implemented by City Council Resolution. Accordingly, Council Members were provided a meeting login number and conference call number and were not physically present at Council Chambers.

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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with Government Code § 54953 (e) and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, remote public participation was allowed in the following ways:

Via Email

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Via Telephone

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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

for speakers. As part of the virtual meeting protocols, anonymous persons will not be allowed to provide public comment.

Important Disclaimer – When a participant calls in to join the meeting, their name and/or phone number will be visible to all participants. Note that all public meetings will be recorded.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Yiu called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Yiu led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Vincent Chang called the roll:

Council Members Present: Peter Chan, Hans Liang, Henry Lo, Fred Sornoso,
Yvonne Yiu

Council Members Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Treasurer Joseph Leon, City Manager Ron Bow, City Attorney Karl Berger, Assistant City Manager Inez Alvarez, Fire Chief Matt Hallock, Police Chief Kelly Gordon, City Librarian Diana Garcia, Director of Public Works Frank Lopez, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Christine Tomikawa, Director of Recreation & Community Services Robert Aguirre, Director of Management Services Martha Garcia, Interim Director of Community & Economic Development Steve Sizemore, Economic Development Manager Joseph Torres, Water Utility Manager Richard Gonzales, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang, Assistant Deputy City Clerk Helena Cho, Community Communications Coordinator Randy Ishino, Senior Clerk Typist Viridiana Martinez

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

City Manager Bow requested to continue Agenda Item No. 3D to a future City Council Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Public Speaker Disclaimer: Meetings are held virtually and the information listed for the speakers may or may not reflect the correct spelling of their respective name.

- Joseph Leon, City Treasurer, provided his input on Agenda Item No. 3D.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- City Librarian Garcia introduced Children's Senior Librarian, Kristin Olivarez and Adult Literacy Coordinator, Victor Castellanos, who gave an update on upcoming Library events.
- Director of Recreation & Community Service Aguirre announced that Santa's mailbox will be located at the Langley Senior Center and the Community has until December 3, 2021 to send their letters to Santa.
- Economic Development Manager Torres announced to the Community that the City has launched a new innovative mobile application 'Monterey Park Rewards', that allows you to earn point and support local businesses. He presented two videos of Congresswoman Judy Chu and Supervisor Hilda Solis encouraging the Community to sign up for 'Monterey Park Rewards'.
- Fire Chief Hallock gave an update on the Free Flu Shots & Booster Shots being offered at Barnes Park Amphitheater on November 23rd and November 30th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

1. PRESENTATION

Matters listed under presentation are for informational content and discussion only.

1A. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT PRESENTATION ON DROUGHT

This item was heard after Agenda Item No. 4A.

Board President of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, Thomas Wong, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the water drought and water conditions in Monterey Park, as well as across the State.

1B. AB 1276 – SINGLE-USE FOODWARE ACCESSORIES AND STANDARD CONDIMENTS

This item was heard after Staff Communications.

Assistant City Manager Alvarez presented a PowerPoint on Assembly Bill 1276, a newly adopted State law on single-use food ware accessories and standard condiments that will begin to be enforced June 1, 2022.

1C. AWARD OF EXCELLENCE BY GFOA

City Manager Bow presented a PowerPoint congratulating the Management Services Department for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

He also recognized Director of Management Services, Martha Garcia, for receiving the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement.

2. OLD BUSINESS – None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS NOS. 3A-3I

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 approved and adopted Agenda Items Nos. 3A, 3B, 3E, 3F, 3G, 3H, and 3I on Consent Calendar, excluding Agenda Item No. 3C which was pulled for discussion and separate motion reading resolutions and ordinances by the title only and waiving further reading thereof. Agenda Item No. 3D was continued to a future City Council meeting.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Chan and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lo, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Chan, Liang, Sornoso, Lo, Yiu
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None

3A. MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of October 20, 2021.

Action Taken: The City Council approved the minutes from the regular meeting of October 20, 2021 on Consent Calendar.

3B. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – OCTOBER 2021

As of October 31, 2021 invested funds for the City of Monterey Park is \$81,239,481.11

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

3C. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE TO EXTEND THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZE PUBLIC MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING

Assembly Bill (AB) No. 361 became effective on September 16, 2021. In sum, AB 361 amended the Brown Act to extend the circumstances under which teleconferencing open meetings are permitted. In many respects, the Bill effectively extends the teleconferencing procedures authorized by, which the City has been using regularly since the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City Council extended the local emergency on October 6, 2021. However, it must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency every 30 days and find, by a majority vote, that circumstances continue to necessitate the use of such teleconferencing procedures.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

The Resolution itself and the actions anticipated by the Resolution were reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000, *et seq.*, “CEQA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 Cal. Code of Regulations §§15000, *et seq.*, the “CEQA Guidelines”). Based upon that review, this action is exempt from further review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a) because the protection of public and private property is necessary to maintain service essential to the public, health and welfare.¹

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12280 to continue to extend the existence of a local emergency and authorize public meetings via teleconferencing.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Sornoso and seconded by Council Member Liang, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Chan, Liang, Sornoso, Lo, Yiu
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None

Resolution No. 12280, entitled:

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING

**3D. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE INVESTMENT
MANAGEMENT/ADVISORY SERVICES BY CHANDLER ASSET
MANAGEMENT**

Professional investment management of public funds is a best practice which provides substantial benefits to the City of Monterey Park. These benefits include day-to-day monitoring of investments within the portfolio, including daily analysis of available market yields; re-balancing of the portfolio's duration (average maturity) to take advantage of higher interest when available, daily credit monitoring of investment instruments, security selection and competitive shopping of investments to obtain the best execution of trades. Performance measurement against selected benchmarks and compliance will be monitored daily with the City's investment policy and California Government Code and reported formally to the City as part of its monthly reporting package.

¹ CEQA findings regarding an anticipated imminent emergency are valid (*see CalBeach Advocates v. City of Solana Beach* (2002) 103 Cal.App.4th 529).

During the September 15, 2021 City Council Meeting, and in compliance with the City's Investment Policy, City Council directed the Treasury Committee to analyze external investment management services. The goal of external management is to maximize the return on investments within the portfolio, while minimizing risk of principal and prioritizing safety of principal and liquidity.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council consider (1) authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Chandler Asset Management, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to provide investment management/advisory services for a percentage of the City's investment that will amount to approximately \$30,000 annually (based upon an investment amount not to exceed \$40,000,000); (2.) adopting a Resolution authorizing the City Treasurer to implement the Investment Policy for FY 2021-22; and (3.) taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Action Taken: The City Council continued this item to a future City Council meeting.

3E. CONFIRMATION OF THE CITY'S WITHDRAWAL FROM ICRMA AND DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING JOINING A NEW INSURANCE POOL

On June 16, 2021, City Council authorized the City Manager to issue a notice of intent to withdraw from the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority (ICRMA). ICRMA provides excess insurance coverage for the City's property, workers' compensation and general liability programs. Per ICRMA bylaws, the City would need to rescind its withdrawal notice with ICRMA by December 1, 2021.

Staff received insurance quotes from two Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs) that provide coverage similar to that offered by ICRMA. It appears that the quote from PRISM is the overall best option for the City. Staff recommends that the City Council approve negotiating with PRISM to implement the change in JPAs by July 1, 2022.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) confirmed that the City is withdrawing from the ICRMA as set forth in Resolution No. 12252, adopted June 16, 2021; (2) authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with an appropriate third party administrator to oversee processing of City claims including, without limitation, workers compensation claims; and (3) authorized the City Manager to negotiate terms and conditions of an agreement with Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management ("PRISM") for ratification by the City Council at a future agenda on Consent Calendar.

3F. AUTHORIZE A PARTNERSHIP WITH ALHAMBRA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION TO HOST A TRIBUTE CONCERT AT THE BARNES PARK AMPHITHEATER IN HONOR OF JOHNNY THOMPSON

On Sunday, January 9, 2022 the Alhambra Educational Foundation and the Johnny Thompson music store will host a tribute concert in honor of the late Johnny Thompson at the Barnes Park Amphitheater from 12:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. The event will consist of performances by live bands throughout the day and memorial speeches between performances. Attendance will be free to the public and any sponsorships or donations will directly benefit the Alhambra Educational Foundation. During the event a tree memorial located at the Barnes Park Amphitheater will also be dedicated to Mr. Thompson as approved by City Council at the October 20, 2021 meeting.

The recommended action would authorize the City Manager to enter into a sponsorship agreement with the Alhambra Educational Foundation to, among other things, allow use of the Barnes Park Amphitheater without cost; assist with advertisements including social media in accordance with the City's Social Media Policy (Resolution No. 12167); coordination of Recreation & Community Services Department equipment; and one part-time Recreation Leader to assist at the event. This proposed fee waiver is anticipated and authorized pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code § 9.57.070(d)(2).

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a sponsorship agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the Alhambra Educational Foundation to host a tribute concert at the Barnes Park Amphitheater in honor of Johnny Thompson on Consent Calendar.

3G. FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO. 2241-AB WITH TRANSTECH ENGINEERS, INC., FOR STAFF AUGMENTATION SERVICES – BUILDING OFFICIAL

Agreement No. 2241-AB with Transtech Engineers, Inc., (Transtech) for the City's Building Official is set to expire on December 31, 2021. This agreement was approved by the City Manager for a term of 8 months and in an amount not to exceed \$60,000. Due to the continued vacancy of the building official position and recent vacancies of building and safety personnel, staff is requesting that the City Council extend the contract term with Transtech for one year from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022, with an option to extend an additional year, if needed, and increase the agreement amount from \$60,000 to \$300,000 annually. Transtech has provided exceptional services to the City in this capacity for several months. There is no impact to the General Fund as the agreement is funded by salary savings from the vacant positions.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a 1-year amendment, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to Agreement No. 2241-AB with Transtech Engineers, Inc., for Staff Augmentation Services – Building Official to extend the agreement and include additional services on Consent Calendar.

3H. TASK ORDER TO PUBLIC WORKS ON-CALL AGREEMENT WITH HAMPTON TEDDER ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR URGENT REPAIRS TO UNDERGROUND DUCT BANK

On November 4, 2020, the City Council authorized an On-Call agreement with Hampton Tedder Electric Company for on-call electrical services. Staff is requesting approval of a Task Order to this Agreement for emergency repairs to the underground duct bank at a cost not to exceed \$163,000.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

The proposed work involves minor alterations to existing public facilities and therefore is Class 1 Categorically Exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Task Order, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Hampton Tedder Electric Company for an amount not to exceed \$163,000 for emergency repairs to the Underground Duct Bank at the Delta Plant Facility; and appropriated \$163,000 in City Water Operations funds for the project on Consent Calendar.

3I. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT - LABELLE MARVIN, INC. FOR PAVEMENT STUDY SERVICES

The City Council directed staff, at the July 7, 2021 meeting, to provide a financing mechanism to fund expediting the implementation of the City's Pavement Management Program (PMP) in an effort improve the City's overall roadway condition. The result of this effort was the issuance of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (Bonds) by the Monterey Park Financing Authority. Proceeds from the Bonds will be used for roadway rehabilitation and must be expended within three years of issuance. To move forward quickly, Public Works staff recommends executing the professional services agreement with LaBelle Marvin, Inc., to begin roadway testing and analysis to develop the appropriate pavement resurfacing design.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

Since the proposed work is a minor alteration to an existing public facility, this project is Class 1 Categorically Exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a three-year agreement with Labelle Marvin Inc., in a form approved by the City Attorney, for an amount not to exceed \$280,000 (including 10% contingency) to provide testing, analysis, and pavement rehabilitation design for street segments in Years 1-3 Street Resurfacing and Slurry Seal projects funded by the recent street bonds;

and appropriated \$280,000 from the Sales Tax Revenue Bonds on Consent Calendar.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

4A. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE TESTIMONY REGARDING REDRAWING COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE § 21601

In 2019, the City transitioned to district-based elections. In accordance with the Fair and Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities and Political Subdivisions (FAIR MAPS) Act (Elections Code § 21601-21609), following the federal decennial census every ten years, districts boundaries must be redrawn so that each district is substantially equal in population. It is important in ensuring that each City Councilmember represents about the same number of constituents. The maps must meet certain requirements and has a total deviation of less than 10% difference.

At the second public hearing on October 20, 2021, National Demographics Corporation (NDC) presented the findings from the “Still Balance Analysis” using the 2020 Census adjusted data and concluded that the existing district map meets the FAIR MAPS Act criteria with a deviation of 2.84%.

The City Council received and filed public comments, took action to move forward with the existing map (Option A), and scheduled the third public hearing for November 17, 2021; fourth public hearing and introduction of an ordinance to adopt final map for December 1, 2021; and scheduled December 15, 2021 for adoption of the ordinance and the final map (Note: typographical error on the October 20, 2021 staff report referenced the incorrect date for the adoption of the ordinance on December 22, 2021).

The City Council held the first public hearing on July 21, 2021, second public hearing on October 20, 2021, and the third public meeting being held tonight.

This item was heard promptly at 7:02 P.M. after Agenda Item No. 1B.

Public Speakers:

- Dr. Justin Levitt, Vice President of National Demographic Corporation, gave a presentation and was available for questions.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council consider (1) conducting a Public Hearing to receive testimony on redrawing of council district boundaries pursuant to Elections Code § 21601; (2) providing direction to the City’s demographer regarding redrawing of council district boundaries pursuant to Elections Code § 21601; (3) taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Action Taken: The City Council opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m., to receive and file testimony on redrawing council district boundaries pursuant to Elections Code § 21601; closed the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. with no registered public speakers.; and provided no further direction to the City's demographer regarding redrawing of council district boundaries pursuant to Elections Code § 21601.

4B. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA CONFIRMING THE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT AND THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS FOR DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2022

On October 20, 2021, the City Council set the date for a public hearing regarding the assessment of businesses within Business Improvement District No. 1. BID Assessment revenues will fund promotional activities and special events to benefit downtown businesses. Council adopted Resolution No. 12274 but requested to amend the 2021 Annual Report. At this time, staff needs additional time to revise the 2021 Annual Report and is requesting that the item be continued to December 1, 2021.

Action Taken: The City Council continued the public hearing originally scheduled for November 17, 2021 to December 1, 2021.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Liang and seconded by Mayor Yiu, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Chan, Liang, Sornoso, Lo, Yiu
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None

5. NEW BUSINESS

5A. ORDINANCE REQUIRING REDUCTION OF ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL AND PARTICIPATION IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REGIONAL FOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM

Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) requires local jurisdictions to adopt an ordinance to implement the Short-lived Climate Pollutants: Organic Waste Reduction regulations as set forth by the California Department of Resources and Recovery (CalRecycle). SB 1383 requires the State to reduce organic waste, that includes food waste, green waste, and paper products, by 75% by 2025.

The proposed ordinance would add Chapter 6.08.290 to the Monterey Park Municipal Code (MPMC) that provides the requirements for collection and recycling of organic waste to comply with the law.

At this time, staff is also requesting City Council approval to participate in the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) Regional Food Recovery Program. The food recovery program will assist the City in compliance with SB 1383.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

The proposed ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code §§ 21000, *et seq.*, “CEQA”) and CEQA regulations (14 California Code of Regulations §§ 15000, *et seq.*) because it establishes rules and procures to clarify existing policies and practices related to waste disposal services; 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. The ordinance would be adopted, in part, for protection of the environment. Accordingly, the ordinance does not constitute a “project” that requires environmental review (see *specifically* 14 CCR § 15378(b)(2,5)).

Action Taken: The City Council (1) introduced and waived first reading of an Ordinance amending the Monterey Park Municipal Code (“MPMC”) to add Chapter 6.08.290 that mandates reducing organic waste disposal; (2) authorized the City Manager to execute Amendment 1 to the Agreement with San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments for participation in Tasks 5 and 6 of the Regional Food Recovery Program; and (3) appropriated \$110,800 for the cost of Tasks 5 and 6 of the Food Recovery Program from refuse enterprise fund 421.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Liang and seconded by Council Member Chan, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Chan, Liang, Sornoso, Lo, Yiu
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None

**5B. AMENDMENT TO MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.28
REGULATING THE PERSONNEL BOARD**

In 2020, the COVID-19 emergency provided an opportunity for City staff to evaluate efficiencies for different City boards, commissions and committees. After further review of the Personnel Board’s role and responsibilities, City staff recommends modifying responsibilities of the Personnel Board. The changes will allow the Human Resources and Risk Management Director to implement Department’s responsibilities with increased efficiencies. The Personnel Board responsibilities affect the non-sworn employees related to appeal processes for discipline and grievances. The proposed amendments to the MPMC better reflect the role and responsibilities of the Personnel Board to ensure employees continue

to have an opportunity to appeal disciplinary decisions to an impartial Personnel Board as stated in the applicable memoranda of understandings.

Action Taken: The City Council introduced and waived first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 2.28 of Monterey Park Municipal Code (“MPMC”) regulating the Personnel Board responsibilities as amended to provide the City Council with an overview on City Commissions and Boards at a future City Council meeting.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Liang and seconded by Council Member Chan, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Chan, Liang, Sornoso, Lo, Yiu
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None

5C. CONSIDERATION OF STAGE 2 DROUGHT EMERGENCY DECLARATION AS DESCRIBED IN MPMC CHAPTER 14.25

At the September 15, 2021 meeting, City Council amended the Monterey Park Municipal Code (“MPMC”) to add Chapter 14.25 imposing water conservation measures. MPMC Chapter 14.25 authorizes the City Council to declare six stages of drought emergency. Staff is recommending that City Council declare a Stage 2 Drought Emergency.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

The Resolution itself and the actions anticipated by the Resolution were reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000, *et seq.*, “CEQA”) and the regulations promulgated there under (14 Cal. Code of Regulations §§15000, *et seq.*, the “CEQA Guidelines”). Based upon that review, this action is exempt from further review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a) because the protection of public and private property is necessary to maintain service essential to the public, health and welfare.²

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12281 declaring a Stage 2 Drought Emergency per Monterey Park Municipal Code Chapter 14.25, Water Conservation Regulations.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Chan and seconded by Council Member Sornoso, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Chan, Liang, Sornoso, Lo, Yiu
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None

² CEQA findings regarding an anticipated imminent emergency are valid (*see CalBeach Advocates v. City of Solana Beach* (2002) 103 Cal.App.4th 529).

Abstain: Council Members: None

Resolution No. 12281, entitled:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STAGE 2 DROUGHT EMERGENCY AND DIRECTING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO IMPLEMENT WATER CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 14.25

6. CITY COMMUNICATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

Council Member Chan reported that he attended the 30th Anniversary of the Toastmasters Club, the Veteran's Day Ceremony on November 11, 2021 at the American Legion Post. He announced that on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government (COG) Committee formally sent a letter to the San Gabriel Valley COG Board regarding the defunding of law enforcement on Metro Transportation Agencies. Council Member Chan reported that he had a meeting with City Manager Ron Bow and Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins to discuss transportation concerns in Monterey Park.

Council Member Liang reported that he attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony on November 11, 2021 and the press conference for the launch of 'Monterey Park Rewards'. He encouraged the community to download the mobile app.

Council Member Sornoso reported that he attended the Veteran's Day Ceremony at the American Legion Post. He thanked all veterans for their services and sacrifices and thanked the American Legion Post for co-hosting the Veteran's Day Ceremony. Council Member Sornoso reminded the community that on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. the Police Department will be hosting their annual Coffee with a Cop event at Williams Donuts on the corner of Garfield and Newmark Avenues.

Mayor Pro Tem Lo reported that he attended East Los Angeles College (ELAC) 75th Anniversary, the Chinatown Service Center's 50th Anniversary Gala, the Toastmaster Club's 30th Anniversary, and the Veteran's Day Ceremony on November 11th. Mayor Pro Tem Lo announced that City Manager Bow and himself both completed the LA Marathon. He stated that as an alternative representative for the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments he attended the November 10th meeting. He mentioned that at the meeting there was discussion on concerns regarding the closure of the men's central jail and a conversation on the redistricting and redrawing of LA County's lines. He also reported that he attended the press conference for the launch of the Monterey Park Rewards app. Mayor Pro Tem Lo asked Council to adjourn the meeting in honor of United Against Hate Week. He directed Staff to look into creating a resolution that will recognize November 14th to November 20th as United Against Hate Week.

Mayor Yiu reported that she started using the 'Monterey Park Rewards' mobile and is waiting for her first transaction to show up as rewards on the mobile app. She stated that she hopes to see more businesses participating in the reward program. Mayor Yiu read a small biography of Roger Chandler, Arcadia City Council Member, who passed away after a battle with cancer.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None

8. CLOSED SESSION (IF REQUIRED; CITY ATTORNEY TO ANNOUNCE)
None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m. in acknowledgement that November 14-20, 2021 is United Against Hate Week and in memory of the late City of Arcadia Council Member, Roger Chandler.



Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk

Approved on December 15, 2021 at the Regular City Council Meeting