

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
NOVEMBER 4, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Teleconference Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The regular meeting was conducted pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order No. N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020. 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 Executive Order No. N-29-20 and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, remote public participation was allowed in the following ways:

Via Email

Public comment were accepted up to 24 hours before the meeting via email to mpclerk@montereypark.ca.gov and, when feasible, read into the record during public comment. Written communications are limited to not more than 50 words.

Via Telephone

Public comment may be submitted via telephone during the meeting, before the close of public comment, by calling (888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247 and entering Zoom Meeting ID: 936 6064 3654 then press pound (#). When prompted to enter participation ID number press pound (#) again. If participants would like to make a public comment they will enter "*9" then the Clerk's office will be notified and you will be in the rotation to make a public comment. Participants are encouraged to join the meeting 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. You may speak up to 5 minutes on Agenda item. Speakers will not be allowed to combine time. The Mayor and City Council may change the amount of time allowed 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.

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

CALL TO ORDER:

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

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Chan

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 Manager Ron Bow, City Attorney Karl Berger, City Treasurer Joseph Leon, Assistant City Manager Inez Alvarez, Fire Chief Matt Hallock, Police Chief Kelly Gordon, Director of Management Services Martha Garcia, Interim Director of Public Works Frank Lopez, City Librarian Diana Garcia, Interim Director of Human Resources Danielle Tellez, Economics Development Manager Joseph Torres, Recreation and Community Services Manager Robert Aguirre, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang, Assistant Deputy City Clerk Helena Cho

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

City Manager Bow reported that the City Council, by consensus, carried over Agenda Item No. 1 from the City Council Special meeting held at 5:00 p.m. for consideration.

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.

- Lisa Rokkia spoke about her water/trash bill. She stated she is on the Lifeline program which now has limitations. She implored the City Council to revisit the Lifeline program to revert it back.
- Diana Garcia, City Librarian, announced that the City is reopening its Small Business Assistance Program and will be accepting applications on November 23, 2020. She informed the public that on November 9, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. there will be a Zoom webinar to explain the criteria and how to apply for the program. Registration for the webinar will be on the CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) page on the City's website. For specific questions business owners can contact Senior Librarian Deborah Nibilick at 626-307-1398.

- Vincent Chang, City Clerk, announced the passing of the former City Clerk David M. Barron. He thanked all the voters in Monterey Park for taking part in the 2020 Presidential Elections and that 50% of registered voters in the city had voted.

1. PRESENTATION

1A. RECAP OF THE HALLOWEEN CANDY CARAVAN DRIVE-THRU EVENT

Assistant City Manager Alvarez presented a recap of the Halloween Candy Caravan drive-thru event.

S1. DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY: ELECTION-RELATED CIVIL UNREST

Following May 25, 2020, protests throughout Los Angeles County resulted in widespread arson, looting, assaults, vandalism and rioting. Days later, the Governor issued a Proclamation of Emergency for Los Angeles County, and the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors imposed a curfew for the protection of public order and safety. Events similar to those of May 25, 2020, have lead to further civil unrest in cities across the nation, which continue to this day.

This widespread civil unrest across the nation has carried over to general acrimony surrounding the 2020 general election to be held on November 3, 2020. The rise of domestic groups with extremist ideologies, combined with the continuing turmoil from events related to May 25, 2020, pose particular concern for further civil unrest following the general election.

National media reports of likely legal challenges to the results of the general election and the strong likelihood of a substantial delay before a winner of the presidential election is declared, provides for further concern of civil unrest continuing for weeks after the general election.

The FBI has reported, and is preparing for, potential civil unrest beginning on the date of the general election on November 3, 2020, through at least inauguration day on January 20, 2021. The Los Angeles Police Department has made specific preparations to respond to civil unrest surrounding the general election, including being ready to issue emergency orders to keep the peace. Other regional law enforcement agencies are also preparing for unrest and mutual aid responses within their respective jurisdictions

These conditions present a real and present concern of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City of Monterey Park, which conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the City and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.

In order to safeguard the rights of peaceful assembly and protest, to protect the safety of Monterey Park residents, property and businesses as well as emergency and law enforcement providers, and because the next opportunity for the City Council to authorize this emergency power was *after* the general election on November 3, 2020, it was necessary for the City Manager to declare an emergency to provide the authority to establish a curfew, if needed, to quell any violence and destruction of property during hours of darkness - when it is especially difficult to preserve public peace and safety. The dangers presented by the current civil unrest in various parts of the nation, combined with the expected reaction to the general election, caused the City Manager to proclaim the existence of a local emergency beginning on October 30, 2020.

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

This item was carried over from the 5:00 p.m. Special City Council meeting open session.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12208 declaring a local emergency resulting from the anticipated civil unrest in Los Angeles County and ratifying the City Manager's Administrative Declaration of Emergency dated October 30, 2020.

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

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

2. OLD BUSINESS
None.

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

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

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 and the City Council, acting on behalf of the Successor Agency, approved and adopted Agenda Items Nos. 3A, 3B, 3D, and 3F on Consent Calendar, excluding Agenda Items Nos. 3C, 3E, and 3G which were pulled for discussion and separate motion, reading resolutions and ordinances by the title only and waiving further reading thereof.

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

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

3A. MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the Regular meetings of September 16, 2020 and October 7, 2020 and the Special meetings of September 16, 2020, September 24, 2020, and October 7, 2020.

Action Taken: The City Council and the City Council (acting on behalf of the Successor Agency) approved the minutes from the Regular meetings of September 16, 2020 and October 7, 2020 and the Special meetings of September 16, 2020, September 24, 2020, and October 7, 2020 on Consent Calendar.

3B. WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE § 16.01.040 AND ADDING §§ 16.12.020 AND 16.12.030 TO CHAPTER 16.12 (“EXISTING BUILDING CODE”) REGULATING SELF CERTIFICATION, ALTERATIONS, AND CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY

The Ordinance was introduced and received first reading at the October 21, 2020 City Council meeting. The original staff report (from October 21, 2020) is attached to the staff report for reference. Second reading and adoption of this Ordinance is recommended. If adopted, the Ordinance will take effect in 30 days.

Action Taken: The City Council waived the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2196 on Consent Calendar.

Ordinance No. 2196, entitled;
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE § 16.01.040 AND §§ 16.12.020 AND 16.12.030 TO CHAPTER 16.12 (“EXISTING BUILDING CODE”) REGULATING SELF-CERTIFICATION, ALTERATIONS, AND CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY

3C. WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE 2020 MONTEREY PARK BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAM FROM DECEMBER 31, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021

The first reading and introduction of the Ordinance took place at the October 21, 2020 City Council meeting. The original staff report (from October 21, 2020) is attached to the staff report for reference. Second reading and adoption of this Ordinance is recommended; it will take effect in 30 days.

Action Taken: The City Council waived second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2197 extending the effective date for the 2020 Monterey Park Business Recovery Program from December 31, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2197, entitled;
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 MONTEREY PARK BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAM AND EXTENDING ITS EFFECTIVE DATE TO JULY 1, 2021

3D. A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MONTEREY PARK ADMINISTRATIVE CODE BY CHANGING “MANAGEMENT RESOURCES DEPARTMENT” TO “MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT”

On September 16, 2020, City Council adopted Resolution No. 12200, the Administrative Code. The Administrative Code authorizes the City Manager to make appropriate changes on a day-to-day basis and cause the City Council to review the structure of City Government every two years (in conjunction with the conflict of interest code).

The Administrative Code inadvertently renamed the Management Services Department to “Management Resources Department.” The draft Resolution would change it back.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12209 amending the Monterey Park Administrative Code by Changing “Management Resources Department” to “Management Services Department” on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 12209, entitled:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE MONTEREY PARK ADMINISTRATIVE CODE BY CHANGING “MANAGEMENT RESOURCES DEPARTMENT” TO “MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT”

3E. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE AND APPROVE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (SPP) GRANT REGARDING PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BARNES PARK POOL

The Barnes Park Pool is over 50 years old and is consistently in need of repairs due to dilapidated conditions. Staff has been working toward obtaining the necessary funds to renovate the pool by applying for grants. Unfortunately, the City has not been awarded any funding. Even though several mechanical components have been replaced over the years to keep the pool in operation, the entire facility needs to be renovated to meet current ADA standards and a pool recirculation system needs to be installed to recycle water.

The Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) grant provides an opportunity for the City to apply for grant funds to design, engineer, and construct a new aquatic facility. A resolution approving an application is a requirement of the SPP grant and therefore City staff recommends the adoption of said resolution.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12210 authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for, receive and approve funds for the SPP Grant.

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

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

Resolution No. 12210, entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE AND APPROVE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

3F. ON-CALL ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES CONTRACT

On August 17, 2020, staff released a notice inviting bids for on-call electrical maintenance services. Staff is requesting award of contract to both ECM Peco, Inc. and Hampton Tedder Electric Company. The term of the contracts is three years each with a combined total not to exceed \$100,000 annually.

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 two three-year agreements, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with ECM Peco, Inc. and Hampton Tedder Electric Company, for a combined total not to exceed \$100,000 annually on Consent Calendar.

3G. GARFIELD AND GRAVES TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS – AWARD OF CONTRACT

On June 17, 2020, the City Council adopted a resolution approving the design and plans for the Garfield and Graves Traffic Signal Improvements project and authorized the solicitation of bids. The deadline for the submittal of bids was September 14, 2020. Four bids were received. Staff completed the review of the bids and recommended that the contract be awarded to PTM General Engineering Services, inc. in the amount of \$445,544. A 15% contingency is requested for a total project cost of \$512,544. This project is currently funded by Prop C funds and total FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget for traffic signal improvements projects is \$384,652. A total of \$127,892 in additional budget appropriation is requested to complete this project.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15301 as a Class 1 categorical exemption (Existing Facilities). The Project results in minor alterations to existing public facilities involving no significant expansion of the existing use. The Project is not anticipated to have any significant impacts with regard to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) authorized the City Manager to execute a public works contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with PTM General Engineering Services, Inc., in the amount of \$445,544.00 for the Garfield and Graves Traffic Signal Improvements, Specification No. 2020-05; (2) authorized the appropriation of \$41,642 from Proposition C (Prop C) Funds and \$86,250 from Water Operations Funds for the construction of the project; (3) authorized the Director of Public Works to approve change orders and contingency up to \$67,000 (15%) of the contract amount, for a total project cost of \$512,544.

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

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

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None.

6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTERS

Council Member Liang announced his appointment of Grace Young to the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Council Member Sornoso thanked the City staff for setting up the Halloween Candy Caravan and recommended doing a similar event for Christmas. He congratulated the Los Angeles Dodgers and Los Angeles Lakers for winning the MLB World Series and the NBA Finals. He inquired what the City can do to celebrate their win.

Council Member Lo reported that on October 29, 2020 he was invited by Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis to visit a Flex Vote Center located at the Lincoln Plaza Hotel. He stated that the Flex Vote Center would make voting more accessible for Essential Workers who cannot work from home.

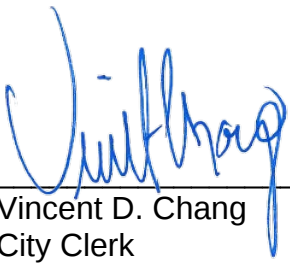
Mayor Pro Tem Yiu shared news regarding another jurisdictions City Council endorsing potential candidates. She stated she is sad to hear news about divisions amongst other City Councils. Mayor Pro Tem Yiu commented that Council Members should not take things personally and always conduct themselves in a professional manner. She expressed how happy she is to be with the current City Council.

Mayor Chan thanked everyone who voted in the November 3, 2020 General Election. He stated that to his recollection the City does not have a City Flag and supported the idea of going out to the community to design one. He spoke about former City Clerk David Barron's passing and gave his sincere condolences.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned in the memory of former City Clerk David M. Barron at 7:56 p.m.



Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk

Approved on December 16, 2020 at the Regular City Council Meeting