MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
DECEMBER 16, 2020

The City Council of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Teleconference Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, December 16, 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: **995 9335 7089** 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. Press "***6**" to unmute yourself when called upon to speak. 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.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Yiu called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 Manager Ron Bow, City Attorney Karl Berger, City Treasurer Joseph Leon, Assistant City Manager Inez Alvarez, Police Chief Kelly Gordon, Director of Management Services Martha Garcia, City Librarian Diana Garcia, Interim Director of Public Works Frank Lopez, Interim Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Danielle Tellez, Fire Captain Ryan Weddle, Economic Development Manager Joseph Torres, Water Utility Manager Richard Gonzales, Community Communications Coordinator Randy Ishino, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang, Assistant Deputy City Clerk Helena Cho

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

City Manager Bow reported that there was a supplemental staff report which was made available to the public on December 15, 2020. The supplemental staff report provided correction of clerical and typographical errors for Agenda Items Nos. 3E, 3F, and 3G.

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.

- Jeshow Yang spoke about the 2012 Climate Action Plan (CAP). He urged that the City Council provide a progress report of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the CAP. He encouraged the community to participate in the Southern California Edison’s Charge Ready 2 program.

- Inez Alvarez, Assistant City Manager, provided updates for the December 2020 Holiday events: Zoom Call With Santa, Holiday Home Décor, Los Angeles Lakers Day, Los Angeles Dodgers Day, and MPK Community Cookbook Winter Edition.

- City Clerk Chang received, filed, and read into the record nine written communications regarding the 2012 Climate Action Plan (CAP), urging the City Council to provide a progress report of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the 2012 CAP and encouraging the community to participate in the Southern California Edison's Charge Ready 2 program, received from: Barbara Ngai, Susan Martinez, Jeshow Yang, Miko Jao, Abel Bourbois, Jean Park, Clarissa Choy, Audrey Jung, and Alexander Jung.

1. <u>PRESENTATION</u>
None.

2. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>

2A. AUTHORIZE TO REMOVE THE HOLD OF $1,173,800 OF GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION OR DISBURSEMENT FOR EXPENDITURES AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO REVISE THE BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4 OF RESOLUTION NO. 12169, ADOPTED JUNE 17, 2020

On June 17, 2020, City Council adopted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 City budget. The adopted budget included $44.3 million in general fund revenues and $43.9 million in general fund expenditures with a 5% ($2.2M) hold on expenses. On October 21, 2020, the FY 2020-2021 1st Quarter Financial Report was presented to City Council with a request to release the 5% expenditure hold. City Council authorized the release of $1 million of the $2.2 million hold.

Staff is requesting to release the remaining $1.2 million to prepay the other post-employment benefits (OPEB) and the unfunded accrued liability (UAL).

Action Taken: The City Council authorized eliminating the hold of $1,173,800 of General Fund allocation or disbursement for expenditures and authorized the City Manager to revise the budget in accordance with Section 4 of Resolution No. 12169, adopted June 17, 2020.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Chan 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

2B. PENSION OBLIGATION BOND UPDATE

On October 7, 2020 staff provided the City Council with a financing update for the City's pending Pension Obligation Bonds (POB) issuance. At that time, based on a legal review by the City's bond counsel of the validation process completed by the

City in 2004, the City was not required to validate the proposed issuance of additional POBs. At the time, staff and the City's financial advisor estimate the three month acceleration of the schedule could save the City an additional $1,030,533.

Since the prior update, staff has been working with the financing team to prepare legal and bond financing documents. To ensure the Preliminary Official Statement (POS) and Official Statement (OS) contain current financial data, the schedule has been slightly modified to allow for the City's Fiscal Year 2019-20 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) to be completed. This will provide the most recent information to investors and maximize savings by helping secure the lowest interest rate possible. The POS and supporting financing documents are scheduled for presentation to the City Council on January 20, 2021. Based on the schedule below, staff and the financing team estimate the City will enter the market on February 2, 2021 and close the transaction by mid-February 2021.

Public Speakers:

- Michael Mejia, Senior Managing Underwriter from Ramirez Co., was present and available for questions.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the Pension Obligation Bond update.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Lo 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

3. <u>CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS NOS. 3A-3K</u>

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 – 3G and 3I on Consent Calendar, excluding Agenda Items Nos. 3H, 3J, and 3K which were pulled for discussion and separate motion, reading resolutions and ordinances by the title only and waiving further reading thereof. Mayor Pro Tem Lo declared a potential conflict of interest on Agenda Item No. 3I as he resides within 1,000 feet of the project site.

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:	Lo on Agenda Item No. 3I
Abstain:	Council Members:	None

3A. MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the Special meetings of November 4, 2020 and November 18, 2020 and Regular meetings of November 4, 2020 and November 18, 2020.

Action Taken: The City Council approved the minutes from the Special meetings of November 4, 2020 and November 18, 2020 and Regular meetings of November 4, 2020 and November 18, 2020 on Consent Calendar.

3B. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

Existing law requires the Monterey Park Successor Agency (SA) to formulate Recognized Obligation Payment Schedules (ROPS) under which the SA makes payments for eligible obligations of the former Redevelopment Agency. The ROPS are considered by the Successor Agency Board, proposed to the Oversight Board (OB) and, if approved by the OB, provided to the California Department of Finance for review.

The ROPS is required to be prepared for an entire 12 months. Staff requests that the City Council, acting on behalf of the SA for the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency, consider and adopt the ROPS 21-22 A&B and the related administrative budget for the period covering July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. SA-180 approving the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 21-22 A&B) for the period between July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022; approved the Successor Agency Administrative Budget for July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022; and directed staff to post and transmit the ROPS and Administrative Budget to the appropriate public agencies on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. SA-180, entitled:
A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE MONTEREY PARK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADOPTING RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULES PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE § 34177

3C. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020

As of November 30, 2020 invested funds for the City of Monterey Park is $73,488,708.21.

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

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

ln 2016, the City circulated a RFP to at least 17 professional consulting firms to provide Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Improvement Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) administration services to the City of Monterey Park. Of the 17 firms, 5 responded. On January 18, 2017, City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a 3-year professional services agreement with both Priscila Davila & Associates and HP Housing Programs. The City is requested authorizing the City Manager to enter into a second 3-year term with both Priscila Davila & Associates for an amount of $100,000 and HP Housing Programs for an amount of $260,000.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to an agreement with Priscila Davila & Associates for an amount of $100,000 and an agreement with HP Housing Programs for an amount of $260,000, both for a 3-year term on Consent Calendar.

3E. MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE PER LABOR CODE SECTION 1182.12

Effective January 1, 2021, California’s Minimum Wage for employers with 26 or more employees will be increasing from $13.00 an hour to $14.00 an hour. The minimum wage increase will impact ten (10) positions that are below the mandated increase as follows: Cashier, Junior Lifeguard, Library Page, Locker Room Attendant, School Crossing Guard, Recreation Leader, Fire Intern I, Lifeguard, Community Media Specialist, and Planning Intern.

The minimum wage increase applied to the above positions will impact the wage gap between the classifications of Lifeguard and Senior Lifeguard. In order to maintain an appropriate wage gap between these classifications, the salary range for Senior Lifeguard will be adjusted in conjunction with these minimum wage increases.

In order to have the State mandated minimum wage increase adjustments in place by January 1, 2021, staff is requesting that the City Council approve the attached resolution to the staff report.

The supplemental staff report corrected a typographical error in the Background paragraph revising “eleven (11) part-time classifications” to “(10) part-time classifications”; changed “Attachment 3” to be listed as “Exhibit A” to the Resolution; and corrected a typographical error in the title of the resolution revising “Monterery” to “Monterey”.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12215 approving the State mandated minimum wage increase in order to have the wage adjustments in place as of January 1, 2021 as amended by the supplemental staff report to correct a typographical error in the title from “Monterery” to “Monterey” on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 12215, entitled:
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SALARY RANGES FOR TEMPORARY PART-TIME, SEASONAL AND HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR

3F. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE MONTEREY PARK CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION FIXING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2023

Representatives of the City of Monterey Park and the Confidential Employees’ Association engaged in the meet and confer process to negotiate the terms and conditions of a successor Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”). After several meeting, the parties reached agreement on a successor MOU effective July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2023.

The supplemental staff amended “Attachment 1” as “Exhibit A” of the Resolution and corrected a typographical error in the Fiscal Impact section revising the amount listed of $120,193 to the correct amount of $120,194.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12216 approving a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the City of Monterey Park and Monterey Park Confidential Employee Association and authorized the expenditure of $61,401 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; $77,065 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year; and $120,194 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Additionally, amending the current 2020-2021 Budget accordingly on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 12216, entitled:
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR CONTRACT YEAR 2019-2023 BETWEEN THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK AND THE MONTEREY PARK CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION

3G. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE MONTEREY PARK MID-MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION FIXING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR REPRESENTED EMPLOYES FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2023

Representatives of the City of Monterey Park and the Mid-Management Association engaged in the meet and confer process to negotiate the terms and conditions of a successor Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"). After several meeting, the parties reached agreement on a new MOU retroactively effective July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2023.

The supplemental staff report amended "Attachment 1" as "Exhibit A" of the Resolution and corrected a typographical error in Section 1 of the Resolution changing "confidential employees" to "mid-management employees".

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12217 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Monterey Park and the Monterey Park Mid-Management Association and authorized the expenditure of $78,169 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; $145,031 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year; and $235,193 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year as amended by the supplemental staff report to correct a typographical error in Section 1 changing "confidential employees" to "mid-management employees." Additionally, amending the current 2020-2021 Budget to reflect such changes on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 12217, entitled:
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR CONTRACT YEAR 2019-2023 BETWEEN THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK AND THE MONTEREY PARK MID-MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

3H. BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Boys & Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley has struggled to find parking to store their transportation vehicles. Staff has worked to assist and has identified 12 parking spaces within the public parking lot to accommodate its vehicles as graphically identified as Exhibit "A" to the license agreement in the staff report.

Action Taken: The City Council approved the license agreement between the City of Monterey Park and the Boys & Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Lo 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

3I. ONE-YEAR TIME EXTENSION AND FINAL MAP NO. 81338 TO ALLOW THE SUBDIVISION OF AIR RIGHTS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN EIGHT-UNIT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT – 432-434 S. ALHAMBRA AVENUE

On May 8, 2018, the Planning Commission approved Tentative Map No. 81338 via Resolution No. 19-18. On December 3, 2020, the Applicant, Coridan Fund 5, LP, submitted an application requesting approval of a one-year time extension for Tentative Map No. 81338 (TM-18-03) for an eight-unit condominium project at 432-434 South Alhambra Avenue (the "Project"). The 2020 Monterey Park Business Recovery Program and the emergency orders issued by the City Manager because of the COVID-19 Pandemic caused the application for an extension, and the accompanying application for a final map, to be timely.

The proposed final map was reviewed by the City Engineer for compliance with applicable law. Except for the required public improvements, the final map meets such requirements. A subdivision improvement agreement must be executed by the applicant to complete approvals for the final map.

<u>CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):</u>
On May 8, 2018, the Planning Commission found that the Project was categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15332 as a Class 32 categorical exemption (Infill Development). The findings and conclusions made by the Planning Commission are incorporated into the attached Resolution, to the staff report, by reference.

Action Taken: Mayor Pro Tem Lo declared a potential conflict of interest, as he resides within 1,000 feet of the project site. The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12218 approving a Time Extension (EX-20-03) and approving Final Map No. 81338 and authorized the City Manager to execute Subdivision Improvement Agreement for Final Map No. 81338 in a form approved by the City Attorney on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 12218, entitled:
A RESOLUTION APPROVING A ONE-YEAR EXTENDION OF TIME (EX-20-03) AND FINAL MAP NO. 81338 FOR AN EIGHT-UNIT RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM PROJECT AT 432-434 SOUTH ALHAMBRA AVENUE

3J. N. ATLANTIC BLVD SEWER IMPROVEMENTS – AWARD OF CONTRACT

On September 2, 2020, the City Council rejected all bids received for the N. Atlantic Water & Sewer Improvement project Spec 2020-002 and authorized the re-advertisement of the project as two separate projects. Staff completed the solicitation of bids for only the sewer portion of the work. The deadline for the submittal of bids was December 1, 2020. Staff completed the review of the bids and recommends the contract be awarded to GRBCON, Inc. in the amount of $2,393,089; a 15% contingency is also requested for a total project cost of $2,752,089.

<u>CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):</u>
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 GRBCON, Inc., in the amount of $2,393,089.00 for the N. Atlantic Sewer Improvements, Specification No. 2020-07; (2) authorized the appropriation of $881,926 from Sewer Funds and $300,000 from Measure R Funds for the construction of the project; and (3) authorized the Interim Director of Public Works to approve change orders and contingency up to $359,000 (15%) of the contract amount, for a total project cost of $2,752,089.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Chan 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

3K. CONSIDERATION OF SGVMWD 2020 LOAN PROGRAM TO FUND TREATMENT OF PERFLUOROOCTANOIC ACID (PFAS)

At its August 2020 meeting, the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD) Board approved the 2020 Loan Program to assist member cities during the coronavirus pandemic. Interested cities are asked to submit requests not later than December 31, 2020.

With the passage of Assembly Bill 756, public water systems are now required to monitor for polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in both drinking and groundwater. If the detection level in the treated water exceeds the maximum standard, the water system must take the water source out of production.

In response to the new mandate, the State Water Resource Board Division of Drinking Water (DDW) is requiring the City of Monterey Park to include a PFAS removal system as part of the Centralized Groundwater Treatment System (CGTS). City staff is currently evaluating the various options for PFAS removal that would be acceptable to DDW. The cost to design and build this additional system is estimated to be between $6 and $8 million.

Action Taken: The City Council accepted the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD) 2020 Loan Program and authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with SGVMWD for a loan amount not to exceed $5M.

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

4. <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>
None.

5. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

5A. SR-710 NORTH MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUNDING AGREEMENTS

The SR-710 Mobility Improvement Projects are the result of reallocated Measure R Funds for the SR-710 North Project to new mobility improvement projects within the San Gabriel Valley subregion. These projects are consistent with the purpose and need of the Gap Closure Project to relieve congestion on local streets along the SR-710 alignment between Interstates 10 and 210, with the highest priority for projects proximate to the Interstate 10 freeway. As part of the SR-710 North Mobility Improvements Projects, the City’s Engineering consultant prepared funding applications for various projects, and the City received a total allocation of $100,300,000 from LACMTA.

<u>CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):</u>
The project agreements related actions do not constitute a "project" and are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3).

Recommendation: That the City Council consider: (1) Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Funding Agreements, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) for the SR-710 North Mobility Improvements Projects for Garfield Avenue, Atlantic Avenue, and Ramona Road; (2) Authorizing the City Manager to appropriate $75,000 in Measure R funds in FY 2020-21, $600,000 in FY 2021-22, $850,000 in FY 2022-23, 1,825,000 in FY 2023-24, $1,000,000 in FY 2024-25, and $650,000 in FY 2025-26; and (3) Taking such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the Funding Agreements, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) for the SR-710 North Mobility Improvements Projects for Atlantic Avenue and Ramona Road, excluding the Garfield project, and authorized the City Manager to appropriate $75,000 in Measure R funds in FY 2020-21, $600,000 in FY 2021-22, $850,000 in FY 2022-23, $1,825,000 in FY 2023-24, $1,000,000 in FY 2024-25, and $650,000 in FY 2025-26.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Liang 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

Action Taken: Mayor Yiu recused herself due to a potential conflict of interest as she owns a real property within 500 feet of the project site. The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the Funding Agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) for the SR-710 North Mobility Improvements Project for Garfield Avenue.

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
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	Yiu
Abstain:	Council Members:	None

5B. CITY'S USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG) FUNDS TO MITIGATE THE ADVERSE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE LA COUNTY HEALTH DIRECTIVE PROHIBITING OUTDOOR AND INDOOR DINING TO MONTEREY PARK RESTAURANTS

On December 5, 2020, the Los Angeles County Health Department issued a new County Health Order to suspend outdoor and indoor dining at restaurants for at least three weeks starting Sunday, December 6th amid the County's worst coronavirus spike yet. Restaurants are only able to offer take-out, drive thru, and delivery services.

This directive has had a devastating effect on our City's battered restaurant industry and will cripple so many livelihoods, risking permanently losing businesses, jobs, and community assets. The restaurants that can survive, mostly through layoffs and furloughs, fear their businesses will be insolvent without federal assistance that seems unlikely to come. The threat is only magnified by the Holiday season. Restaurant owners say they often make up for down months during the Holidays.

Following staff's analysis of the devastating effect this Health directive will have on our City's battered restaurant industry, staff has determined that it is in the City's best interest to provide financial assistance to our City's restaurant by using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to subsidize restaurant food delivery cost.

As our City's restaurants suffer through more restrictions forced by the pandemic, we must focus on both short-term and long-term solutions to help them survive. We need new, alternative business assistance models that are innovative, inclusive, and equitable – we must rebuild better and a new City program called Restaurant Delivery Assistance Program funded by CDBG is a good start.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed a report from the City Manager regarding the City's use of CDBG funds to reimburse the restaurants of Monterey Park for the costs of their food delivery service for a period of 31 days to mitigate the adverse financial impact of the LA County Health Directive prohibiting outdoor and indoor dining.

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

6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTERS

Council Member Chan reported that the Chinese-American Elected Officials (CEO) held a Member Education Workshop on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and Monterey Park has been allocated 5,200 units. He directed staff to look into the RHNA and present an update to the Council. He wished everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Council Member Liang wished everyone Happy Holidays and stated that the next City Council meeting is cancelled.

Council Member Sornoso thanked the City staff for hosting Zoom Call With Santa event for the public. He wished everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Mayor Pro Tem Lo requested staff to provide an update on the City's Covid-19 Assistance Programs. He implored staff to provide an update regarding the Climate Action Plan.

Mayor Yiu reported that she attended a meeting with Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis and discussed using the Sybil brand site to build affordable housing. She informed the public that the January 6, 2021 City Council meeting is cancelled and that the next regularly scheduled meeting is January 20, 2021.

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

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk

Approved on February 3, 2021 at the Regular City Council Meeting