

MONTEREY PARK FIRE CITIZEN COMMITTEE
MAY 29, 2012
MEETING MINUTES

APPROVED 6/12/2012

The Monterey Park Fire Citizen Committee of the City of Monterey Park held a meeting in the Community Room, 320 West Newmark Avenue; Monterey Park on May 29, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Peter Chan called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Clerk Bow called roll:

Committee Members Present: Chan, Chandler, Isozaki, Morin
Committee Member Rubin arrived at 6:22 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Paul Talbot, Fire Chief James Birrell, Battalion Chief Randy Harper, Battalion Chief Mark Khail, Battalion Chief Ken Leasure, and Committee Clerk Lillian Bow

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

At this time, members of the public were provided an opportunity to address the Fire Citizen Committee.

- Nancy Arcuri – spoke on the City Attorney’s legal opinion, Verdugo Dispatch Center, Mutual Aid Agreements, firefighter overtime, and televising the Committee Meetings.
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- Delario Robinson – spoke on the Committee’s selection of Peter Chan as Chairperson and the fire transfer deliberations and careful consideration.
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- Yukio Kawaratani – spoke on the fire transfer issue, staffing levels, the City Attorney’s legal opinion, and the consequences of transferring fire services to the County.
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Committee Chair Chan asked the Committee Members if they had any comments or responses to the speakers; being none, Committee Chair Chan commented on the oral speaker’s request to make the City Attorney’s opinion public. City Manager Talbot said the Committee needs to ask the Council to make the document public. This request would have to be placed on the City Council agenda.

Committee Member Isozaki made a motion to ask the City Council to make the City Attorney’s Legal Opinion public. Committee Chair Chan seconded the motion and was followed by the following vote:

Ayes: Chan, Isozaki
Naes: Chandler, Morin

The motion failed to pass.

4. FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION, PARAMEDIC, AND INCIDENTAL SERVICES APPROVED BY THE LA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON JULY 19, 2011

City Manager Talbot mentioned the Committee Members should now have two binders. The second binder they just received contained information the Committee Members requested at their May 14, 2012 meeting.

Chief Birrell then provided a review of the Feasibility Study, page by page for the Committee.

5. PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK

City Manager Talbot asked the Committee if they wanted to go through the Preliminary Agreement or did they want to read this on their own time and come back with questions. He stated that it would be beneficial for the Committee to begin review of the Conversion Costs and the counter proposal.

City Manager Talbot asked the Committee to review Tab 3, 4, 5 – blue highlights only, Tab 6, and 7 for the next Committee meeting.

6. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

After some discussion, it was determined the future meetings of the Committee would be June 12, July 9, and August 6. The August 6th date would have to be confirmed by Chief Birrell upon hearing from ESCI and their availability to attend the meeting on August 6th.

At this time, Committee Chair Chan asked to consider the previous motion again as Committee Member Rubin arrived late and was unable to vote. Committee Member Isozaki once again made a motion to officially have the Committee request the City Council release the City Attorney's Legal Opinion to the public. This was seconded by Committee Chair Chan. Committee Chair Chan called for the vote:

Ayes: Chan, Isozaki, Rubin

Naes: Chandler, Morin.

City Manager Talbot said he didn't know if it would get on the agenda for the one coming up, otherwise it will be scheduled for June 20th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.