

**MINUTES  
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL  
FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)  
HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)  
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)  
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 28, 2025**

The City Council, the Financing Authority (MPFA), the Housing Authority (MPHA), the Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD), and the Successor Agency (SA) of the City of Monterey Park held a Special Meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Ngo called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

City Clerk Maychelle Yee called the roll:

Council Members Present: Henry Lo, Vinh Ngo, Jose Sanchez, Thomas Wong, Elizabeth Yang

Council Members Absent: None.

**Also Present:** City Treasurer Amy Lee, City Manager Inez Alvarez, City Attorney Karl Berger, Assistant City Manager Diana Garcia, Director of Finance Martha Garcia, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Christine Tomikawa, Interim Director of Community Development Phillip Lanza fame, Director of Recreation and Community Services Robert Aguirre, Acting City Librarian LV Fraizer, Director of Public Works Shawn Igoe, Battalion Chief Adam Malouf, Police Captain Gus Jimenez, IT Manager Martin Dinh, Recreation and Community Services Manager Christina Alatorre, Finance Services Manager Laura Borjon, Economic Development Project Manager Joseph Torres, Planning Manager Beth Chow, Public Works Manager Xochitl Tipan, Library Manager Linda Vera, Risk Management Manager Julie DeZiel, Water Utility Manager Frank Heldman, Water Utility Assistant Manager George Noriega, Senior Librarian Leonie Jordan, Principal Analyst Rebecca Bojoroquez, Adult Literacy Coordinator Victor Castellano, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang Recreation and Community Services Supervisor Orlando Muro, Recreation and Community Services Program Coordinator Guillermo Chavez, Senior Account Clerk Anays Navarro

**Virtually Present:** None.

**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.

**3. Public Communications:** None.

**4. New Business**

**4.A. Fiscal Year Preliminary 2025-2026 Budget**

Consideration and possible action regarding the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Staff will present a brief overview of policy issues, financial prospects and economic development, challenges/solutions, goals and strategies associated with the budget including, without limitation, the following matters:

- City 2025-2026 spending plan overview;
- Proposed staffing changes to reflect an efficient core staffing mix;
- Proposed capital improvement projects;
- Goals and Objectives presented by all departments.

Council may raise other development, policy, capital project and potential budget adjustment items for consideration as part of the Budget.

**Discussion:** Finance Director Garcia and Finance Manager Borjon presented a PowerPoint presentation on the City's budget and reported a typographical error on page N5 of the Preliminary Budget regarding the Library's preliminary budget.

**Action Taken:** The City Council (1) received and filed the Preliminary Budget documentation for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as amended, to correct the typographical error of zero dollars listed on page N5 to the staff report regarding the Library's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 be corrected to state \$3,289,779 of funding in the General Fund and \$218,761 of funding in Special Revenue, totaling the Library's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to \$3,508,540; (2) set aside monies to assign \$250,000 for the Park's Master Plan for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; (3) place the remainder of the monies in the Committed-Catastrophic funds and (4) continue to set aside monies each year should the city have a surplus.

**Motion:** Moved by Council Member Wong and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Yang, motion carried by the following vote:

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| Ayes:    | Council Members: | Wong, Sanchez, Lo, Yang, Ngo |
| Noes:    | Council Members: | None                         |
| Absent:  | Council Members: | None                         |
| Abstain: | Council Members: | None                         |
| Recusal: | Council Members: | None                         |

**5. Adjourn**

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



Maychelle Yee  
City Clerk

*Approved on July 16, 2025, at the Regular City Council Meeting*