

**Minutes
Monterey Park City Council
Financing Authority (MPFA)
Housing Authority (MPHA)
Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD)
Successor Agency (SA)
Special Meeting
March 7, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Monterey Park held a Special Meeting of the Council at the Courtyard Marriott, Saturn-Mars Room, located at 555 N. Atlantic Boulevard, Monterey Park, CA 91754, Saturday, March 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Yang called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.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 Manager Inez Alvarez

Deputy City Attorney Solange Zetta Fortenbach

Assistant City Manager Diana Garcia

Director of Finance Martha Garcia

Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Christine Tomikawa

Director of Recreation and Community Services Robert Aguirre

Director of Community Development Timothy Hou

City Librarian Kristin Olivarez

Director of Public Works Shawn Igoe

Fire Chief Jason Hing

Police Chief Scott Wiese

Deputy Fire Chief Ryan Weddle

Battalion Chief Jonathan Gin

Finance Manager Laura Borjon

Library Manager Linda Vera

Assistant Water Utility Manager George Noriega

Police Lieutenant Bob Hung

Police Lieutenant Brenda Iglesias

Principal Management Analyst Rebecca Bojorquez

Principal Management Analyst Michelle Marquez

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.

Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang

Virtually present:

None.

3. Telecommunications Announcement, if requested

None.

4. Public Communications

None.

5. New Business

5.A. Strategic Planning Workshop

This is a City Council workshop to prioritize the City's legislative and project agenda. It is anticipated that the workshop will not result in the City Council taking any particular action. Instead, City Council Members and key staff members will be reviewing the City Council's previous strategic plan; updating it; and providing direction to the City Manager. Topics may include, without limitation, infrastructure improvements; revenue enhancement; land use challenges; sustainability efforts; redevelopment; community engagement and outreach; and municipal property needs assessment. Any direction provided by the City Council will appear on future meeting agendas. The anticipated outline of the workshop will follow this general order:

- Prouds and Sorries - Accomplishments and Opportunities for Improvement
- Challenges Ahead
- The Art of responsible vs Reactive Communication
- Check the Sails
- Potential Future Objectives
- New 6-12 month Objectives
- Next Steps

Discussion: The City Council and City Staff ensued in a discussion regarding the City Council's previous strategic plan.

Marie Knight, owner of Knight Solutions and Doll Knight, Chief Financial Officer, were available for questions.

Recessed and Reconvened

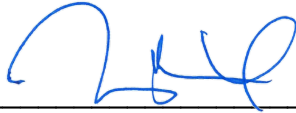
The City Council recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened with all Council Members present at 10:55 a.m.

Recessed and Reconvened

The City Council recessed at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened with all Council Members present at 12:30 p.m.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.



Maychelle Yee
City Clerk

Approved on July 1, 2026 at the regular City Council meeting.