

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)
HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
DECEMBER 1, 2021**

The City Council, the Financing Authority (MPFA), the Housing Authority (MPHA) and the Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Teleconference Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The regular meeting was conducted pursuant to Government Code § 54953(e), as implemented by City Council Resolution. 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 Government Code § 54953 (e) and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, remote public participation was allowed in the following ways:

Via Email

Public comment will be accepted up to 24 hours before the meeting via email to mpclerk@montereypark.ca.gov. Written communications (if any) will be briefly summarized and include the name of each individual that submitted a comment; the summary will be read via prerecorded video and played during the Public Comment section of the City Council meeting. To view the full text of written communications, please visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/AgendaCenter. All written communications are provided to the City Council and filed as part of the City's administrative record.

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: 289 222 5995 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

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

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 6:30 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 Treasurer Joseph Leon, City Manager Ron Bow, City Attorney Karl Berger, Assistant City Manager Inez Alvarez, Fire Chief Matt Hallock, Police Chief Kelly Gordon, City Librarian Diana Garcia, Director of Public Works Frank Lopez, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Christine Tomikawa, Director of Recreation & Community Services Robert Aguirre, Director of Management Services Martha Garcia, Interim Director of Community & Economic Development Steve Sizemore, Economic Development Manager Joseph Torres, Water Utility Manager Richard Gonzales, Police Sergeant Bob Hung, Deputy City Attorney Joaquin Vazquez, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang, Assistant Deputy City Clerk Helena Cho, Community Communications Coordinator Randy Ishino, Senior Clerk Typist Viridiana Martinez

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

City Manager Bow announced that Police Chief Gordon would be providing a presentation on Holiday Safety Tips during Staff Communications.

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.

- Joseph Leon, City Treasurer, provided his input on Agenda Item No. 3D from the November 17, 2021 City Council meeting.

- City Clerk Chang received, filed, and played a prerecorded audio of a written communication from speaker Mr. Chu regarding Agenda Item No. 5B, he inquired about updates being made to the Water Master Plan.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- The Recreation & Community Services Department invited Santa Claus to remind the Community that the 'Letters to Santa' mailbox will be located at Langley Center until December 3, 2021 and gave an update on the Holiday Snow Village taking place on December 9, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at George Elder Park.

- Police Chief Gordon provided a presentation on Holiday Safety Tips.

1. PRESENTATION - None

Matters listed under presentation are for informational content and discussion only.

2. OLD BUSINESS – None

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

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 approved and adopted Agenda Items Nos. 3A, 3D, 3E, and 3G on Consent Calendar, excluding Agenda Item Nos. 3B, 3C, 3F, and 3H 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 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

3A. WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE ("MPMC") TO ADD CHAPTER 6.15 MANDATING REDUCTION OF ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL

The Ordinance was introduced and received first reading at the November 17, 2021 City Council meeting. The original staff report (from November 17, 2021) 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. 2216 on Consent Calendar.

Ordinance No. 2216, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 6.15 TO THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING MANDATORY ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION

3B. WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.28 REGULATING THE PERSONNEL BOARD

The Ordinance was introduced and received first reading at the November 17, 2021 City Council meeting. The original staff report (from November 17, 2021) 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. 2217 amending Chapter 2.28 of Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC") regulating the Personnel Board responsibilities.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Liang and seconded by Mayor Yiu, 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

Ordinance No. 2217, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.28 REGULATING THE PERSONNEL BOARD

3C. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN TWO NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER EXECUTION OF RELATED PARTICIPATION AND SUBDIVISION AGREEMENTS

Proposed Resolution would approve the City's participation in a global settlement for national opioid litigation and facilitate a maximum \$494,000 funding allocation disbursement for the City to be used for remediating opioid abuse remediation, subject to spending restrictions and accounting requirements.

This item was heard after Agenda Item No. 4A.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12282 approving the City's participation in two national opioid litigation settlements and authorized the City Manager's execution of related participation and subdivision agreements.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Chan and seconded by Mayor Yiu, 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

Resolution No. 12282, entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN TWO NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER EXECUTION OF RELATED PARTICIPATION AND SUBDIVISION AGREEMENTS

3D. LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ARMSTRONG & SIGEL, LLP (WORKERS COMPENSATION)

The City utilizes specialized legal counsel for assistance with litigated workers compensation claims. Carolyn Beliso has been with Armstrong & Sigel, LLP since 1998. Staff recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a standard retainer agreement with this firm to confirm its representation of the City of Monterey Park for selected workers compensation claims.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a standard legal retainer with Armstrong & Sigel, LLP, in a form approved by the City Attorney, for on-call workers compensation legal services on Consent Calendar.

3E. POLICE DEPARTMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE FURNITURE

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law in March of 2021. ARPA addressed serious financial relief for all state, local, tribal, and territorial governments known as the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). From these funds, the City of Monterey Park has been awarded \$15,043,184. These funds provide substantial flexibility for each government, in how the funds are used, to meet local needs.

SLFRF Funds are available to protect and address the needs of government employees due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Police Department's and Human Resources' office furniture has reached its usable life, needs replacement, and doesn't meet the current needs for the protection of employees from the spread of COVID-19. The installation of the new workstations will decrease the chance of COVID-19 spreading among the employees. Therefore, staff recommends the purchase and installation of new office workstations with paneled partitions throughout the police department and human resources totaling approximately \$265,000.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with National Business Furniture, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to purchase office furniture for the Police Department and Human Resources on Consent Calendar.

3F. CITY FACILITIES SECURITY SYSTEM

The City of Monterey Park's current security surveillance system is an antiquated patchwork of cameras from various vendors that does not meet the security needs of the City. Many City facilities including the parks do not have any security camera coverage.

Public Speakers:

- Ted Alben, Resia Elden, and Danny Shulman, representatives of Verkada Inc. were available for questions.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) waived bidding requirements pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code § 3.20.050(5) and authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Verkada Inc., in a form approved by the City Attorney, to purchase a security surveillance camera system through Relevant-IT, a certified partner and Verkada assigned distributor for \$775,374.66; (2) adopted Resolution No. 12283 to authorize solicitation of bids to install two hundred and forty-eight (248) new Verkada cameras, associated network, and electrical services at the various designated sites (estimated at \$874,204.00); and (3) authorized a budget augmentation in the amount of \$1,700,000 from the Enterprise, Shop, and American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) funds.

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

Resolution No. 12283, entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGN AND PLANS FOR THE VERKADA SECURITY CAMERA PROJECT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 830.6 AND ESTABLISHING A PROJECT PAYMENT ACCOUNT

3G. CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT TO AKM CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE WATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The City's Water Master Plan was last updated in April 2012. In February 2021, the Water Division released a request for proposal to update the City's Water Master Plan. Staff is requesting that City award contract to AKM Consulting Engineers.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with AKM Consulting Engineers, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the Water Master Plan Update; and appropriated \$20,000 in Water Operations Funds for the project on Consent Calendar.

3H. TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS, HSIP CYCLE 7 (HSIPL-5231(016)) – AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE CONSTRUCTION BID PACKAGE

Staff has prepared a construction bid package (plans and specifications) for the Traffic Signal Improvements, HSIP Cycle 7 (HSIPL-5231(016)) project and is requesting the City Council's authorization to advertise the project for construction bids.

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).

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12284 approving the design and plans for the Traffic Signal Improvements, Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 7 (HSIPL- 5231(016)) project; and authorized solicitation of bids.

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

Resolution No. 12284, entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGN AND PLANS FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS, HSIP CYCLE 7 (HSIPL-5231(016)) PROJECT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 830.6 AND ESTABLISHING A PROJECT PAYMENT ACCOUNT

4. PUBLIC HEARING

4A. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE TESTIMONY REGARDING REDRAWING COUNCIL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE § 21601

In 2019, the City transitioned to district-based elections. In accordance with the Fair and Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities and Political Subdivisions (FAIR MAPS) Act (Elections Code § 21601-21609), following the federal decennial

census every ten years, districts boundaries must be redrawn so that each district is substantially equal in population. It is important in ensuring that each City Councilmember represents about the same number of constituents. The maps must meet certain requirements and has a total deviation of less than 10% difference.

At the second public hearing on October 20, 2021, National Demographics Corporation (NDC) presented the findings from the "Still Balance Analysis" using the 2020 Census adjusted data and concluded that the existing district map meets the FAIR MAPS Act criteria with a deviation of 2.84%.

The City Council received and filed public comments, took action to move forward with the existing map (Option A), and scheduled the third public hearing for November 17, 2021; fourth public hearing and introduction of an ordinance to adopt final map for December 1, 2021; and scheduled December 15, 2021 for adoption of the ordinance and the final map.

This item was heard after Agenda Item No. 3B.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m., to receive testimony on redrawing council district boundaries pursuant to Elections Code § 21601; (2) closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. with no registered public speakers.; and (3) introduced and waived the first reading of an Ordinance maintaining the existing City Council District boundaries.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Liang and seconded by Mayor Yiu, 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

4B. PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA CONFIRMING THE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT AND THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS FOR DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2022

On October 20, 2021, the City Council set the date for a public hearing regarding the assessment of businesses within Business Improvement District No. 1. BID Assessment revenues will fund promotional activities and special events to benefit downtown businesses.

This hearing was noticed in the Monterey Park Progress newspaper and every business in the BID was sent a hearing notice in Chinese, English, and Spanish. At the conclusion of this public hearing, the Council can choose to adopt the

resolution confirming the levy of assessments for the BID or make adjustments as needed.

The Business Improvement District No. 1 (BID) was established in 1986 in accordance with the Parking and Business Improvement Area Law of 1989 (Streets and Highways Code §§ 36000-36004). The BID in the following discussion is business-based, meaning that an assessment is collected from businesses based upon fees rather than real property.

California law requires the BID to file an annual report with the City Clerk's office summarizing its activities and expenditures for the past year and proposing its budget for the upcoming year. The law also requires the BID assessments to be renewed annually after conducting a public hearing. The Advisory Committee to the BID requested that the City Council set a public hearing to consider the 2022 Levy of Assessment Fees. The BID Advisory Committee is not seeking an increase in assessments for the 2022 program year to help the businesses in the BID weather the financial burdens brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Annual revenue and expenditures may be found within the 2021 Annual Report attached as Attachment 2 to the staff report or at the City Clerk's office where it is available for viewing.

This item was heard Agenda Item No. 3H.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) reopened the continued public hearing at 8:24 p.m.; receiving both written and oral comments; (2) closed the public hearing at 8:28 p.m., with no registered public speakers; and (3) adopted Resolution No. 12285 confirming the 2018-2021 Annual Report and the levy of assessments for Business Improvement District No. 1 for Program Year 2022, as amended to correct the typographical errors on the page referencing '2021 Actual Expenditures as of 10/2021', "Ending Reserves as of 10/2021: \$136,151.12" and the page referencing the '2022 Estimated Expenditures', "Reserves as of 10/2021: \$136,151.12" the amounts do not match, direction was given to make the changes to reflect the correct amount.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Liang and seconded by Council Member Sornoso, 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

Resolution No. 12285, entitled:

A RESOLUTION LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR 2022 IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE § 36624

5. NEW BUSINESS

5A. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO CAST VOTES FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY BOARD

The San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA) was established by the State Legislature (SB 1679) in 1992 to develop, finance and implement groundwater treatment programs in the San Gabriel Valley. The WQA is under the direction and leadership of a 7-member board, one member of each of the three overlying municipal water districts, one from a city with prescriptive water pumping rights, one from a city without prescriptive water pumping rights, and two representing water producers in the San Gabriel Basin.

According to the bylaws of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority, a city with prescriptive water pumping rights, of which Monterey Park falls under, may nominate and elect a representative to the Water Quality Authority Board. All votes cast must be for only one candidate.

Each City with pumping rights has one vote for each 10,000 residents or majority thereof, as determined by U.S. Census Data. The City of Monterey Park has six votes to be cast. The term of the board member and alternate representing cities with pumping rights will expire January 1, 2022. An election for this seat will take place on December 15, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at the WQA office.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12286 voting for ROBERT GONZALEZ from the City of Azusa to represent cities with prescriptive pumping rights on the Board of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority; and directed the City Clerk's office to send a copy of Resolution No. 12886 to the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority to receive no later than December 14th, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

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

Resolution No. 12286, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CASTING OF ITS VOTES FOR COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT GONZALEZ TO REPRESENT CITIES WITH PRESCRIPTIVE PUMPING RIGHTS ON THE BOARD OF THE SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY

6. CITY COMMUNICATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

6A. A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK'S DECLARATION OF NOVEMBER 14 – 20, 2021 AS "UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK"

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12287 declaring November 14-30, 2021 as "Untied Against Hate Week".

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Lo and seconded by Council Member Sornoso, 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

Council Communications:

Council Member Chan attended the flag raising at Station 62 and attended the Coffee with a Cop event at Williams Donuts on the corner of Garfield and Newmark Avenues.

Council Member Liang attended the flag raising at Station 62, as well as an informal meeting at Sierra Vista Park with Asians Taking Action LA. He reminded the Community to stay vigilant of the new COVID-19 variants and to continue to stay safe.

Council Member Sornoso thanked Fire Chief Hallock for inviting his Uncle Frank to raise the flag at Station 62 and for inviting both of them to lunch at Station 61. He inquired about the activities that will be available at the Holiday Snow Village on December 9, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Lo acknowledge Rufus Sprague who he appointed to the Commission of Aging. He reported that he was invited by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG) to tour and spend the night at Esperanza Village, a village of tiny homes to provide shelter to the homeless community.

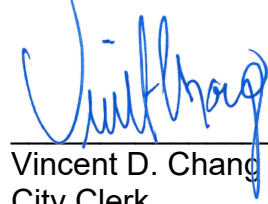
Mayor Yiu announced that she will be delivering 200 small Christmas gifts for City staff that were put together by her sister and her mother.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.



Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk

Approved on January 19, 2022 at the Regular City Council Meeting