

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)
HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 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 2nd Floor Boardroom of the Holiday Inn & Suites, 400 N. Atlantic Boulevard in the City of Monterey Park on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Ngo called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Assistant Deputy City Clerk Helena Cho 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, City Attorney Karl Berger, Assistant City Manager Diana Garcia, City Librarian Kristin Olivarez, Public Works Director Shawn Igoe, Finance Director Martha Garcia, Fire Chief Chris Thompson, Police Chief Scott Wiese, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Christine Tomikawa, Recreation and Community Services Director Robert Aguirre, Community Development Director Jessica Serrano, Secretary to the City Manager Diana Wong

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Monterey Park is to provide excellent services, foster growth and opportunity, and create a joyous and collaborative environment.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 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 Councilmembers 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
- Know your Role
- Mutual Purpose/Common Ground
- High Road Leadership
- Interview Summary
- Future Challenges and Needs
- Current Goals/Updates
- Check the Sails – Do the 3- Year Goals need adjusting?
- Progress Indicators for the Future
- Setting SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound) Objectives
- What are the resources needed to move the needle?
- Next Steps

RECESSED AND RECONVENED

The City Council recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened with all council members present at 10:40 a.m.

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The City Council recessed at 12:02 p.m. and reconvened with all council members present at 12:38 p.m.

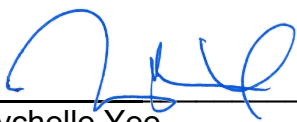
DISCUSSION: City Consultants, Marie Knight, Owner, and Doll Knight, Assistant, of Knight Leadership Solutions, facilitated a strategic workshop for the City Council and executive staff including City Manager Alvarez, City Attorney Berger, Assistant City Manager Garcia and Department Directors to discuss ideas and suggestions towards the future vision of the City. The City Council ensued in discussions about the goal set in 2024 and made modifications to some of those goals:

- To enhance access to resources for mental health wellness, social services, and homelessness needs. This goal was modified to enhance access to resources and programs that serve the needs of residents.
- To maintain public safety by establishing priorities based on community and civic needs of the city, with a flexible and enhanced service model.
- To maintain, build, and modernize infrastructure and facilities to support the current and future needs of the city and community.
- To strengthen the local economy and enhance housing opportunities.
- To enhance public communication and civic engagement to reach all members of the community.
- To maintain long term stability of the city's financial resources. This goal was modified to maintain stability of the City's financial and human resources.

Action Taken: No reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.



Maychelle Yee
City Clerk

Approved on April 16, 2025, at the Regular City Council Meeting