

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)
HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 12, 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 Room 266, Second Floor of City Hall located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Ngo called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

City Manager Inez Alvarez called the roll:

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

Council Members Absent: Thomas Wong

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Karl Berger, Assistant City Manager Diana Garcia, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Christine Tomikawa, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang for Open Session only

VIRTUALLY PRESENT: None.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None.

[1.] CLOSED SESSION

The City Council adjourned to Closed Session at 4:30 p.m.

1-A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2): one. Facts and Circumstances: No disclosure required per Government Code section 54956.9(e)(1) (not yet known to a potential plaintiff or plaintiffs)

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.

RECONVENED & ADJOURNMENT

The City Council reconvened and adjourned from Closed Session with all Council Members present at 5:06 p.m.

Action Taken: No reportable action taken in Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

City Attorney Berger announced the consideration of an addition of an item to the agenda. City Manager Alvarez reported the following:

“It is recommended that the City Council, upon 2/3 vote (equating to the four council members present), amend the agenda to add an item to tonight’s agenda. Government Code § 54954.2 allows items to be added to the agenda if the City Council finds that the matter arose after posting of the agenda and requires decision before the next regular meeting.

The reason for amending the agenda is that at approximately 4:30 p.m., the City Council was informed that the Fire Chief position is vacant. The City is currently under a local emergency order based upon the fire events that occurred in January. This emergency – along with its consequences such as the current evacuation orders related to mudslides in other areas of Los Angeles County – require that the City act immediately to ensure continuity of command within the Monterey Park Fire Department is crucial for public health and safety and requires immediate action by the City.

Accordingly, the agenda is amended to add a new item captioned:

RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA REQUESTING APPOINTMENT PER GOVERNMENT CODE § 7522.56(F)(4) AND § 21221(H) FOR THE POSITION OF INTERIM FIRE CHIEF”

Action Taken: The City Council upon 2/3 vote (4 members present), added the proposed item to the agenda pursuant to Government Code § 54954.2.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Lo and seconded by Council Member Sanchez, motion carried by the following vote:

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

1-B. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA REQUESTING APPOINTMENT PER GOVERNMENT CODE § 7522.56(F)(4) AND § 21221(H) FOR THE POSITION OF INTERIM FIRE CHIEF

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-R18 requesting appointment per Government Code § 7522.56(F)(4) and § 21221(H) and authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Monterey Park and the Interim Fire Chief in a form approved by the City Attorney.

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

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

Resolution No. 2025-R18

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPOINTMENT PER GOVERNMENT CODE § 7522.56(F)(4) AND § 21221(H) FOR THE POSITION OF INTERIM FIRE CHIEF

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.



 Maychelle Yee
 City Clerk

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