

MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)
HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 20, 2022

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 Regular Meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lo called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

The Monterey Park Color Guard – Police Explorers

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Vincent Chang called the roll:

Council Members Present: Peter Chan, Hans Liang, Henry Lo, Yvonne Yiu
 Council Members Absent: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Treasurer Josph Leon, City Manager Ron Bow, City Attorney Karl Berger, Assistant City Manager Inez Alvarez, Police Chief Kelly Gordon, City Librarian Diana Garcia, Interim Director of Public Works Anthony Antich, Water Utility Manager Richard Gonzales, Recreation Supervisor Orlando Muro, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang

VIRTUALLY PRESENT: Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Christine Tomikawa, Director of Management Services Martha Garcia, Director of Recreation and Community Services Robert Aguirre, Interim Director of Community & Economic Development Steve Sizemore, Economic Development Manager Joseph Torres, Community Communications Coordinator Randy Ishino

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS – None.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

- Sarkis Antonian inquired about using Measure R funds to provide proper equipment to the school crossing guards on Hillcrest. He also voiced his opposition against the expansion of lanes on Garvey Avenue during rush hour.

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

Sarkis also inquired about moving the food bank back to Langley Senior Center and allowing for a drive up service.

- The City Clerk's office received and filed one written communication after submittal period from Charles Leon, SEIU 721 representative. The requester stated in his correspondence that the written communication was for Agenda Item No. 2A. This written communication was included in the administrative record as it was emailed by Charles Leon to City Council.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- City Manager Bow introduced Interim Director of Public Works Anthony Antich. Mr. Antich shared his excitement to work for the City and announced that on May 19th there will be a Public Works Open House at the City Yard.
- Recreation Supervisor Muro thanked Transtech and Shirely Hwong for their donations to the Spring Egg Hunt that took place on April 14th at Barnes Park. He reminded the community of the Cinco De Mayo event on May 5th at Barnes Park and the Happy Birthday Play Days event from May 5th to May 8th at Barnes Park. Recreation Supervisor Muro announced that in honor of Earth Day there will be Monterey Park Walkability Routes located at Barnes Park, Highlands Park, and Edison Trails.
- City Librarian Garcia announced that the Library is now checking out California State Park Passes to anyone with a valid Library card and she also invited the community to the Children's Day/Book Day event on Saturday, April 23rd at Barnes Park. She reminded the community of the Financial Forecasts meetings, which brief residents on the City's finances.

1. **PRESENTATION** – None.

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

2. **OLD BUSINESS** – None.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS NOS. 3A-3N**

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 Item Nos. 3A, 3E, 3F, and 3H, 3I, 3L, and 3M on Consent Calendar, excluding Item Nos. 3B, 3C, 3D, 3G, 3J, 3K, and 3N 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 Chan and seconded by Council Member Yiu, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Yiu, Chan, Liang, Lo
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

3A. MINUTES

Approving the minutes from the regular and special meetings of March 16, 2022.

Action Taken: The City Council approved the minutes from the regular and special meetings of March 16, 2022 on Consent Calendar.

3B. DISTRICT NO. 3 CITY COUNCIL SEAT VACANCY

On March 29, 2022, the City Clerk's office received a letter of resignation from Mayor Pro Tem Fred Sornoso, effective April 14, 2022. Pursuant to Government Code §§ 1750(f) and 1770(c), the resignation letter created a vacancy on the City Council on April 14th. The term of office for the vacant position ends November 5, 2024.

Public Speakers

- Teresa Real Sebastian voiced opposition against City Council appointing an elector to fill the District No. 3 seat vacancy. She also communicated that the residents of District No. 3 should be allowed to vote for their Council Member representative in the upcoming November election.
- Maychelle Yee voiced her opposition against allowing City Council to appoint an elector to fill the District No. 3 seat vacancy. She conveyed that City Council should allow for the upcoming November election to fill the vacancy.
- Delario Robinson communicated that he would like to see proper representation fill the District No. 3 seat vacancy.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the District No. 3 City Council seat vacancy report.

3C. PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK RESOLUTION

The Office of the City Clerk is celebrating the week of May 1-7, 2022 as Professional Municipal Clerks Week. This week, sponsored by the International Institute of Municipal Clerk's (IIMC) and celebrated annually, honors and recognizes the Municipal Clerk profession as a vital part of local government

celebrated throughout the world including the United States, Canada and 15 other countries. We are enlisting your support in the form of a resolution to honor Professional Municipal Clerks for providing supports to the Council, departmental staff, other agencies, and residents of Monterey Park.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R20 declaring the week of May 1 through 7, 2022 as Professional Municipal Clerks Week in Monterey Park.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Liang and seconded by Council Member Chan, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Yiu, Chan, Liang, Lo
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

Resolution No. 2022-R20:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK DECLARING MAY 1-7, 2022, PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK IN MONTEREY PARK

3D. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – MARCH 2022

As of March 31, 2022 invested funds for the City of Monterey Park is \$86,005,226.92.

Public Speakers

- City Treasurer Leon gave Council an update on the Monthly Investment report for the month of March 2022.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the March 2022 monthly investment report.

3E. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AMENDMENT WITH FAIRBANK, MASLIN, MAULLIN, METZ AND ASSOCIATES TO CONDUCT PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH

On September 1, 2021, the City entered into an agreement with FM3 to provide public opinion research. FM3's relevant experience conducting public opinion research has been instrumental in identifying the priorities of the residents of Monterey Park. The City is requesting to amend the agreement to allow for additional public opinion research including residential satisfaction and needs assessment, and revenue measure research.

The City is requesting an amendment for an additional amount of \$74,500 for a total not to exceed amount of \$113,000 and an extended term through June 30, 2023.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment with Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz and Associates (FM3) in a form approved by the City Attorney; to conduct public opinion research for an amount not to exceed \$113,000 and extend the term of the amendment through June 30, 2023, on Consent Calendar.

3F. RENEWAL OF THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE §§ 22500, ET SEQ.

In 1993 the City formed a citywide benefit assessment district to finance the operation and maintenance of public street lighting and landscaping. The district was renewed each of the past 29 years and must be renewed for 2022-23 in order for the City to continue collecting assessments. To begin the district renewal, staff recommends a public hearing be held on June 1, 2022. Scheduling the public hearing is a required process and it does not automatically renew the district. The district renewal will follow the City Council's action at the conclusion of the June 1st public hearing.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

The proposed action is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code §§ 21000, *et seq.*; "CEQA") and CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, §§ 15000, *et seq.*) because it establishes, modifies, structures, restructures, and approves rates and charges for meeting operating expenses; purchasing supplies, equipment, and materials; meeting financial requirements; and obtaining funds for capital projects needed to maintain service within existing service areas. The proposed action, therefore, is categorically exempt from further CEQA review under CEQA Guidelines § 15273.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R21 declaring the City Council's intent to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2022-23 in Citywide Maintenance District No. 93-1 pursuant to Streets and Highways Code §§ 22500, *et seq.* and setting a time and place for a public hearing on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 2022-R21:

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL'S INTENT TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 IN CITYWIDE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 93-1 PURSUANT TO STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE § 22587 AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

3G. ADOPT A RESOLUTION RATIFYING CERTAIN ACTIONS COMPLETED BY THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND TERMINATING A LOCAL EMERGENCY

On March 18, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 12142 which confirmed the existence of a local emergency related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Between March 18, 2020 and March 31, 2022 (as noted by multiple resolutions extending the local emergency), the City undertook all actions needed to preserve public health and safety in response to the Pandemic. A review of circumstances demonstrates that the need for conditions of a local emergency no longer exist. Accordingly, the City Manager recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution to terminate the local emergency effective April 20, 2022 and ratify all actions taken by the City Manager between March 11, 2020 and April 19, 2022 while exercising his emergency powers. Such actions were generally described in various resolutions adopted by the City Council; additional actions are listed in the Exhibit to the draft Resolution.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The Resolution itself and the actions ratified by the Resolution were reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000, *et seq.*, “CEQA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 Cal. Code of Regulations §§15000, *et seq.*, the “CEQA Guidelines”). Based upon that review, this action is exempt from further review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a) because the protection of public and private property is necessary to maintain service essential to the public, health and welfare.¹

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R22 ratifying certain actions completed by the City Manager regarding COVID-19 Pandemic and terminating a local emergency.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Chan and seconded by Council Member Liang, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Yiu, Chan, Liang, Lo
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

Resolution No. 2022-R22:

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING CERTAIN ACTIONS COMPLETED BY THE CITY MANAGER AND TERMINATING A LOCAL EMERGENCY

¹ CEQA findings regarding an anticipated imminent emergency are valid (*see CalBeach Advocates v. City of Solana Beach* (2002) 103 Cal.App.4th 529).

3H. CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANT SUBAWARD – HIGH FREQUENCY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Monterey Park Fire Department (Fire Department) received Notice of Funding Opportunity from Cal OES; regarding a formal invitation to submit a full application for the consideration of Cal OES subaward funds. The funding opportunity is for the purchase of high frequency communications equipment. If the City is offered a grant award, the total proposed budget request is \$60,000.

The Fire Department has identified Collins Aerospace as the vendor of choice. The product Urgentlink operates on a nationwide high frequency spectrum specifically authorized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Moreover, Verdugo Fire Communications (Verdugo), a partnered agency of the Fire Department, currently utilizes this system. Acquiring this equipment will allow the Fire Chief and Battalion Chiefs a mechanism to communicate with Verdugo and other local, state, and federal entities in the event of a natural or manmade disaster.

Staff seeks City Council consideration and approval of the City of Monterey Park's Cal OES application. The application date was extended to April 21, 2022, for the City of Monterey Park. When the grant award decision is made and if the grant award is received, staff will inform the City Council.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R23 authorizing the City Manager to apply for, receive, and execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) in the amount of \$60,000 on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 2022-R23:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES — HIGH FREQUENCY EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

3I. WEED ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK

On June 12, 2012, the City of Monterey Park entered into an Agreement with the County of Los Angeles, Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures to provide weed abatement services. The County of Los Angeles submitted a letter to the City of Monterey Park stating that the current Weed Abatement Agreement expires on June 30, 2022. Staff is requesting that the City Council consider approving the Agreement thereby extending service for an additional five-year term, until June 30, 2027.

Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the County of Los Angeles, in a form approved by the City Attorney, for Weed Abatement Services

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with the County of Los Angeles, in a form approved by the City Attorney, for Weed Abatement Services on Consent Calendar.

3J. "DENIM" DAY RESOLUTION

"Denim Day" was established in 1999 after the California Legislature's Women's Caucus learned of a protest of a court decision that occurred in Italy. Enraged by the verdict and the judge's statement, within a matter of hours the women of the Italian Parliament launched into immediate action and protested by wearing jeans to work. This call to action motivated the California legislators to do the same. Peace Over Violence, a Los Angeles County based Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence victims' advocacy organization promoted the idea and the first "Denim Day-L.A." was created. "Denim Day" is now recognized throughout the United States.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R24 ratifying certain actions completed by the City Manager regarding COVID-19 Pandemic and terminating a local emergency.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Liang and seconded by Council Member Chan, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Yiu, Chan, Liang, Lo
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

Resolution No. 2022-R24:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 27, 2022 TO BE "DENIM DAY MONTEREY PARK", SUPPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS AND THE BELIEF THAT THERE IS NO EXCUSE AND NEVER AN INVITATION TO RAPE

3K. NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK RESOLUTION

The Monterey Park Police Department is celebrating the week of May 1-7, 2022, as National Correctional Officers Week. In 1984, President Ronald Regan announced the first week in May as National Correctional Officers Week, and it has been celebrated annually ever since. It honors the thousands of men and women responsible for managing those brought into custody by law enforcement and awaiting trial. These individuals face difficult and often dangerous work environments and play a vital role in the criminal justice system. We are enlisting your support in the form of a resolution to honor these men and women in our area for their work every day to protect the residents of Monterey Park.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R25 declaring the week of May 1-7, 2022, to be National Correctional Officers Week in the City of Monterey Park.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Chan and seconded by Council Member Liang, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Yiu, Chan, Liang, Lo
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

Resolution No. 2022-R25:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK DECLARING MAY 1-7, 2022, NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK IN MONTEREY PARK

3L. FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO. 2249-AB WITH OPERATIONAL TECHNICAL SERVICES LLC FOR STAFF AUGMENTATION SERVICES FOR THE WATER DIVISION

In August 2021, the Water Division executed a contract with Operation Technical Services LLC to provide technical services that were the responsibility of the Water Production Supervisor who had retired a month earlier. The Professional Services Agreement is for an amount not to exceed \$60,000. Because the recruitment of the supervisor position is still pending and additional Water Division staff have since retired or resigned, staff is requesting the approval of the First Amendment to the Agreement for additional staffing support and to increase the budget from \$60,000 to \$300,000.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the First Amendment, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to Agreement No. 2249-AB with Operational Technical Services LLC. This Amendment is for staff augmentation services for the Water Division in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 on Consent Calendar.

3M. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO EUROFINS, WECK AND CLINICAL LAB FOR LAB TESTING

The Water Division is requesting approval of Professional Services Agreements with three laboratory analyses firms – Eurofins, Weck, and Clinical Lab – for laboratory analyses services. The term for the contracts is three years for a combined total not to exceed \$400,000 annually.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute three-year Agreements, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Eurofins Eaton Analytica, LLC, Weck Analytical Environmental Services, Inc., and Clinical Lab of San Bernardino, Inc. to provide laboratory analysis services for the Water Division for a combined total not to exceed \$400,000 annually on Consent Calendar.

3N. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR 2019-20 STREET REHABILITATION AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS SPECIFICATION NO. 2021-003

Pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 11701, the Public Works Director recorded the Notice of Completion for 2019-20 Street Rehabilitation at Various Locations project on January 26, 2022 (final recording date is February 24, 2022). The project is now complete, and the work was inspected and approved by the City Engineer.

Public Speakers

- Delario Robinson urged City Council to take action and improve the road quality of the City.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the Notice of Completion recorded by the Public Works Director on January 06, 2022 accepting the 2019-20 Street Rehabilitation at Various Locations Specification No. 2021-003 completed by Sialic Contractors Corporation dba Shawnan.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Chan and seconded by Council Member Yiu, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Yiu, Chan, Liang, Lo
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

4. PUBLIC HEARING – None.

5. NEW BUSINESS – None.

6. CITY COMMUNICATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

6A. A TRIBUTE RESOLUTION OF HEARTFELT APPRECIATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MONTEREY PARK HONORING FRED SORNOSO FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE AS MAYOR PRO TEM AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPRESENTING DISTRICT NO. 3 (Requested by Mayor Henry Lo)

Action Taken: The City Council adopted tribute Resolution No. 2022-R26 of heartfelt appreciation by the City Council of Monterey Park honoring Fred Sornoso

for his outstanding public service as Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member representing District No. 3.

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

Ayes: Council Members: Yiu, Chan, Liang, Lo
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

Resolution No. 2022-R26:

A TRIBUTE RESOLUTION OF HEARTFELT APPRECIATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MONTEREY PARK HONORING FRED SORNOSO FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE AS MAYOR PRO TEM AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPRESENTING DISTRICT NO. 3

Council Communications

Council Member Yiu reported that she attended the City of San Gabriel's Outstanding Older American Award ceremony honoring Florence Lin. She also reported that she attended the grand opening of the Starbucks and Shell gas station on Garfield Avenue.

Council Member Chan attended the Metro Service Council meeting and the Spring Clean Day Event on April 9th. He also reported that he attended the grand opening of the Starbucks and Shell gas station on Garfield Avenue.

Council Member Liang reported that he attended the grand opening of the Starbucks and Shell gas station on Garfield Avenue.

Mayor Lo reported that he attended the City of San Gabriel's Outstanding Older American Award ceremony honoring Florence Lin. He announced that on Saturday, April 23rd he will attend the Mark Keppel High School, Fear the Speak 5K run.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

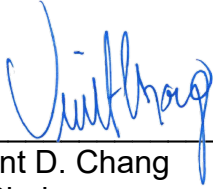
None.

8. CLOSED SESSION (IF REQUIRED; CITY ATTORNEY TO ANNOUNCE)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk

Approved on May 18, 2022 at the Regular City Council Meeting