

**MINUTES  
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL  
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)  
MARCH 3, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Teleconference Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The regular meeting was conducted pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order No. N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020. 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 Executive Order No. N-29-20 and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, remote public participation was allowed in the following ways:

Via Email

Public comment were accepted up to 24 hours before the meeting via email to [mpclerk@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:mpclerk@montereypark.ca.gov) and, when feasible, read into the record during public comment. Written communications are limited to not more than 50 words.

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: **990 6630 8301** 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 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.

**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

**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 arrived at 6:45 p.m., Yvonne Yiu

Council Members Absent: None

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager Ron Bow, City Attorney Karl Berger, City Treasurer Joseph Leon, Assistant City Manager Inez Alvarez, Fire Chief Matt Hallock, Police Chief Kelly Gordon, Director of Management Services Martha Garcia, City Librarian Diana Garcia, Interim Director of Public Works Frank Lopez, Interim Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Danielle Tellez, Police Captain Scott Wiese, Fire Captain Ryan Weddle, Economic Development Manager Joseph Torres, Planning Manager Jason Moquin, Police Sergeant Bob Hung, Deputy Fire Marshall Chris Gomez, Community Communications Coordinator Randy Ishino, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang, Assistant Deputy City Clerk Helena Cho

**AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS**

None.

**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.

This item was heard after Agenda Item No. 1A.

- Diana Garcia, City Librarian, thanked the City Council for their leadership in eliminating Library overdue fines for the residents. She informed the public that the Library and Recreation and Community Services department has set up Story Walks that are available at Barnes Park, Sierra Vista Park, Highland Park, and Garvey Ranch Park. She stated that Story Walk is a way for families to enjoy reading and love of the outdoors at the same time. She encouraged residents to visit any of the four parks.

**1. PRESENTATION**

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

**1A. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UPDATE**

This item was heard before Public Communications.

Economic Development Manager Torres presented a PowerPoint presentation for Development Projects Update.

**1B. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

This item was heard after Public Communications.

Interim Director of Public Works Lopez and Planning Manager Moquin presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Climate Action Plan Update.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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

Matters listed under consent calendar are considered to be routine, ongoing business and are enacted by one motion unless specified.

**Action Taken:** Mayor Yiu declared a property-related conflict of interest as she has ownership of 120 West Hellman Avenue for Agenda Item No. 3D. The City Council and the City Council, acting on behalf of the Successor Agency, approved and adopted Agenda Item Nos. 3A, 3B, 3C, and 3D on Consent Calendar, excluding Agenda Item No. 3E which was pulled for discussion and separate motion, reading resolutions and ordinances by the title only and waiving further reading thereof.

**Motion:** Mayor Yiu did not participate on Agenda Item No. 3D. Moved by Council Member Chan 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

**3A. WAIVE SECOND READING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REPEALING MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE (“MPMC”) CHAPTER 1.16 AND AMENDING CHAPTER 3.12 IN ITS ENTIRETY REGARDING FILING CLAIMS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CLAIMS ACT (GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 810-966.6) AND FILING WRITS PURSUANT TO CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE § 1094.6**

The first reading and introduction of the ordinance took place at the February 17, 2021 regular meeting of the City Council. The February 17, 2021 staff report is attached to the staff report for reference. Second reading and adoption of this Ordinance is recommended; if approved, the Ordinance will take effect 30 days from approval date.

**Action Taken:** The City Council waived second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2202 repealing Monterey Park Municipal Code Chapter 1.16 and amending Chapter 3.12 in its entirety regarding filing claims in compliance with the California Government Claims Act (Government Code §§ 810-966.6) and filing writs pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 1094.6 on Consent Calendar.

**Ordinance No. 2202**, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 1.16 AND AMENDING CHAPTER 3.12 IN ITS ENTIRETY REGARDING FILING CLAIMS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CLAIMS ACT (GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 810-966.6) AND FILING WRITS PURSUANT TO CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE § 1094.6

**3B. WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT AN OMNIBUS ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE AS SPECIFIED, TO CODIFY PORTIONS OF THE MONTEREY PARK BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAM AND REPEAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING FORTUNETELLING**

The Ordinance was introduced and received first reading at the February 17, 2021 City Council meeting. The original staff report (from February 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.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

Adopting the Ordinance is exempt from further environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code §§ 21000, *et seq.*, "CEQA") and CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations §§ 15000, *et seq.*) because it establishes rules and procedures for operation of existing facilities; minor temporary use of land; and minor alterations in land use. The ordinance, therefore, is categorically exempt from further CEQA review under CEQA Guidelines §§ 15301; 15303; and 15304(e). Further, adopting the ordinance is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) because the ordinance is for general policies and procedure-making.

**Action Taken:** The City Council waived the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2203 amending and repealing various sections of the Monterey Park Municipal Code as specified on Consent Calendar.

**Ordinance No. 2203**, entitled:

AN OMNIBUS ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE AS SPECIFIED

**Note:** This item will be brought back for City Council for consideration to waive and adopt the second reading of the Ordinance at the March 17, 2021 meeting.

**3C. WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 9.53 OF THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING NEW CHAPTER 4.50 REGULATING NOISE**

The Ordinance was introduced and received first reading at the February 17, 2021 City Council meeting. The original staff report (from February 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.

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Adopting the Ordinance is exempt from further environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq., "CEQA") and CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations §§ 15000, et seq.) because it establishes rules and procedures for operation of existing facilities; minor temporary use of land; and minor alterations in land use. The ordinance, therefore, is categorically exempt from further CEQA review under CEQA Guidelines §§ 15301; 15303; and 15304(e). Further, adopting the ordinance is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) because the ordinance is for general policies and procedure-making.

**Action Taken:** The City Council waived the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2204 repealing chapter 9.53 of the Monterey Park Municipal Code and adding a new chapter 4.50 regulating noise on Consent Calendar.

**Ordinance No. 2204**, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 9.53 OF THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 4.50 REGULATING NOISE

**3D. FINAL MAP NO. 73665 TO ALLOW THE SUBDIVISION OF AIR RIGHTS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A TWELVE-UNIT MEDICAL OFFICE CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENT – 120 WEST HELLMAN AVENUE**

On July 23, 2019, the Planning Commission approved Tentative Map No. 73665 via Resolution No. 11-19 for a twelve-unit medical office condominium project at 120 West Hellman Avenue (the "Project").

The proposed final map was reviewed by the City Engineer for compliance with applicable law. Except for the required public improvements, the final map meets such requirements. A subdivision improvement agreement must be executed by the applicant to complete approvals for the final map.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

On July 23, 2019, the Planning Commission found that the Project was categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15332 as a Class 32 categorical exemption (Infill Development). The findings and conclusions made by the Planning Commission are incorporated into the attached Resolution by reference.

**Action Taken:** Mayor Yiu declared a property-related conflict of interest as she is the owner of 120 West Hellman Avenue and did not participate. The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12227 authorizing the City Engineer to accept a 15-foot corner property line radius dedication at the northwest corner of West Hellman Avenue and Baltimore Avenue and approving Final Map No. 73665 and authorized the City Manager to execute Subdivision Improvement Agreement for Final Map No. 73665 in a form approved by the City Attorney on Consent Calendar.

**Resolution No. 12227**, entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL MAP NO. 73665 FOR A TWELVE-UNIT MEDICAL OFFICE CONDOMINIUM PROJECT AT 120 WEST HELLMAN AVENUE

**3E. N. ATLANTIC BLVD WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS –AWARD OF CONTRACT**

On September 2, 2020, the City Council rejected all bids received for the N. Atlantic Water & Sewer Improvement project Spec 2020-002 and authorized the re-advertisement of the project as two separate projects. Staff completed the solicitation of bids for only the water main portion of the work. The deadline for the submittal of bids was February 17, 2021. Staff completed the review of the bids and recommends the contract be awarded to Gentry Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$885,503.40; a 15% contingency is also requested for a total project cost of \$1,018,403.40.

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). The Project results in minor alterations to existing public facilities involving no significant expansion of the existing use. The Project is not anticipated to have any significant impacts with regard to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality.

**Action Taken:** The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a public works contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Gentry Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$885,503.40 for the N. Atlantic Water Main Improvements, Specification No. 2021-001 and authorized the Interim Director of Public Works to approve change orders and contingency up to \$132,900 (15%) of the contract amount, for a total project cost of \$1,018,403.40.

**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

#### 4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

##### 4A. **ANNUAL WEED ABATEMENT PROTEST HEARING**

The County of Los Angeles Department of Agriculture Commissioner and Weights and Measures submitted to the City the annual Weed Abatement Declaration List and resolution declaring that weeds, brush, rubbish, refuse, and dirt maintained on certain private properties in the City, are a public nuisance. At the regular City Council meeting on February 17, 2021, the Council adopted Resolution No. 12224 approving the 2021 Weed Abatement Declaration List as posted by the County. By adopting the Resolution, the Council declared its intention to provide for the abatement of said public nuisances. To complete the process, the Council must hold a protest hearing to allow parcel owners identified on the Declaration List an opportunity to object to their inclusion thereon.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

Adoption of the Resolution is exempt for the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3), because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Resolution may have a significant effect on the environment.

**Action Taken:** The City Council opened the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. to receive documentary and public comments, noting that there are no speakers, closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.; and adopted Resolution No. 12228 declaring that weeds, brush, rubbish and refuse upon or in front of specified property in the city are a seasonal and recurrent public nuisance as amended to change the date on Page 2, Section 2, from "March 3, 2021" to "August 4, 2021."

**Motion:** Moved by Council Member Chan and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lo 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. 12228**, entitled:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 39561 DECLARING THAT WEEDS, BRUSH, RUBBISH AND REFUSE UPON OR IN FRONT OF SPECIFIED PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR ABATEMENT

## 5. **NEW BUSINESS**

### 5A. **SUPPORT OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' WHITE PAPER ON LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY (LAHSA) REFORM**

Municipalities in the San Gabriel Valley are committed to be leaders in the fight to combat homelessness. We all have the need and the desire to serve the most vulnerable in our communities and to maximize local ideas, resources, and programs to this end. The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) and its member cities including the City of Monterey Park developed this white paper to demonstrate our commitment to creating a more coordinated, effective homelessness services system which is capable of solving our homelessness crisis.

#### **Public Speakers:**

- Caitlin Sims, Principal Management Analyst from San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, was present and available to answer questions.
- Jaclyn Grant, Senior Consultant from Focus Strategies, was present and available to answer questions.

**Action Taken:** The City Council accepted and authorized the City Manager to express support of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments' White Paper on Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority (LAHSA) Reform.



**Motion:** Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Lo 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

## **5B. HOMELESSNESS PLAN FOR THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK**

In February 2020, the Governing Board of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) formalized funding to support regional cities in the development of city-based plans to prevent and respond to homelessness. The City of Monterey Park elected to participate in this effort and worked with the SGVCOG's consultant, Focus Strategies, from June 2020 through February 2021 to develop the attached Homelessness Response Plan (referred to as "Plan" hereafter, Attachment #1 to the staff report). The Plan provides a roadmap of strategies that maintain and build upon current City efforts (e.g., the outreach activities of the Police Department), leverage partnerships with local and regional programs, and, where possible, align with SGVCOG and Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative Strategies to maximize impact.

### **Public Speakers:**

- Samantha Matthews, Management Analyst at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), stated that the SGVCOG supports adopting the City's Homelessness response plan.
- Jaclyn Grant, Senior Consultant from Focus Strategies, was present and available for questions.

**Discussion:** Police Chief Gordon and Jaclyn Grant presented a PowerPoint on Homelessness Plan for the City of Monterey Park.

**Action Taken:** The City Council adopted the City of Monterey Park's Homelessness Response Plan for the period of March 2021 through December 31, 2023.

**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

## 5C. PURCHASE OF PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO EQUIPMENT

The Police Department is currently utilizing Motorola XTS 5000 and Motorola XTL 5000 radios purchased in 2009, as well as base station consoles and repeaters originally installed in 1999. Approximately 95% of the Police Department's portable, mobile, and base station radio inventory is no longer supported by the manufacturer and replacement parts are no longer available. The Fire Department needs to upgrade its current handheld and vehicle radios, in order to keep pace with new and emerging technology in order to maintain interoperability with the Police Department and as well as with adjacent jurisdictions and other statewide agencies that the Fire Department responds with to fulfill the local, regional, and statewide public safety mission.

Staff recommends purchasing new portable, mobile, and base station radios, including related accessories from Motorola in the amount of \$2,682,300 for the police department and \$744,271 for the fire department to ensure the safety and efficiency of public safety.

**Action Taken:** The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., in a form approved by the City Attorney, not to exceed \$2,700,000 for the purchase of Motorola APX radios and related accessories for the Police Department. Bidding is not required pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC") § 3.20.050(B) and (D) (as amended per Ordinance No. 2199, adopted December 2, 2020); (2) authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc., in a form approved by the City Attorney, not to exceed \$750,000 for the purchase of Motorola APX radios and related accessories for the Fire Department. Bidding is not required pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC") § 3.20.050(B) and (D) (as amended per Ordinance No. 2199, adopted December 2, 2020); and (3) authorized the City Manager to approve a budget allocation of \$750,000 from the General Fund Balance for the purchase of Motorola APX radios and related accessories.

**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

**6. CITY COMMUNICATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Council Member Chan spoke about the increase in hate crimes towards Asian American and Pacific Islanders. He relayed that on February 15, 2017 the City had passed Resolution No. 11895 declaring Monterey Park is dedicated to preserving the rights of all persons within its jurisdiction and on May 3, 2017 the City had adopted Resolution No. 11914 declaring May 6, 2017, day of inclusion on the 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chinese Exclusion Act in Recognition of the Harm caused by racially discriminating immigration measures and honors the contribution of all immigrants and refugees who have enriched our communities. He stated that on May 5, 2019 and May 20, 2020 the City adopted Resolution Nos. 12083 and 12159 declaring the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month. He stated that the City of Monterey Park does not tolerate any racial bias, discrimination, or bigotry. He encouraged all residents to report any hate crimes to the police.

Council Member Liang thanked City Staff, Police Department, and Fire Department for continuing service throughout the pandemic.

Council Member Sornoso mentioned that he is looking forward to the dedication to the playground and fitness center at Barnes Park on March 8, 2021. He inquired when the city can schedule another Community Clean-up day.

Mayor Pro Tem Lo spoke about the increase hate crimes in the surrounding cities. He thanked the Library department for their Read Across America Read-A-Thon program. He reported that he attended the grand opening of Ono Hawaiian BBQ at the Market Place. He informed the public that Herald Christian Health Center is operating a COVID-19 vaccination site at Mark Keppel High School.

Mayor Yiu reported that Herald Christian Health Center is operating a COVID-19 vaccination site at Mark Keppel High School and that they successfully administered 880 shots in a day.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

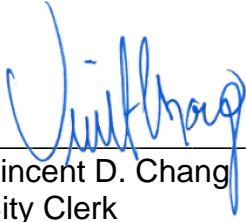
None.

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

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.



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Vincent D. Chang  
City Clerk

*Approved on April 7, 2021 at the Regular City Council Meeting*