

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
APRIL 7, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Teleconference Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, April 7, 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 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: **2892225995** 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 6:32 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 Manager Ron Bow, City Attorney Karl Berger, 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 Officer Sebastian Jimenez, Economic Development Manager Joseph Torres, Planning Manager Jason Moquin, Recreation and Community Services Manager Robert Aguirre, Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam, 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.

- James Bradshaw spoke about a public notice he received regarding a development of 16 homes on Garvey Avenue and Abajo Drive. He voiced his opposition to the development citing unstable land mass.
- Denise R. Jaramillo, Superintendent of Alhambra Unified School District, thanked the City of Monterey Park for their collaborative effort with Alhambra Unified School District and Herald Christian Health Center in providing Covid-19 vaccination sites to the public.
- City Clerk Chang received, filed, and read into the record a written communication from Sue Arkosy. Ms. Arkosy spoke about the planned 16 home construction on Garvey Avenue and Abajo Drive and communicated her opposition.
- Ken Tang, Board President of the Alhambra Unified School District, spoke about the collaborative efforts between the City of Monterey Park and Alhambra Unified School district in providing vaccination sites for the public.

- Debbie spoke about the 16 home construction project on Garvey and Abajo and expressed her opposition to the project.

1. PRESENTATION

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

1A. ANNUAL SPRING CLEANING AND CHIPPER SERVICE DAY – SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021

Interim Director of Public Works Lopez and Fire Chief Hallock provided information regarding the Annual Spring Cleaning and Chipper Service day on Saturday, April 10, 2021.

1B. AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Police Chief Gordon and Police Officer Jimenez promoted Autism Awareness Month.

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.

Public Speakers:

- Paul Lee expressed his gratitude of service and spoke about Agenda Item 3D. He implored that residents be involved in the planning process of the Lunar New Year event.
- John Bradshaw stated he wished to speak about the 16 homes construction project on Garvey and Abajo.
- Monica Vargas inquired where she can discuss the 16 homes construction project on Garvey and Abajo to voice her opposition.

Action Taken: The City Council and the City Council, acting on behalf of the Successor Agency, approved and adopted Agenda Items Nos. 3A, 3B, and 3C on Consent Calendar, excluding Agenda Items Nos. 3D and 3E 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 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

3A. MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 3, 2021.

Action Taken: The City Council and the City Council (acting on behalf of the Successor Agency) approved the minutes from the regular meetings of March 3, 2021 on Consent Calendar.

3B. WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (DA-20-01) BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK AND BR CASTER CORP. TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRUCTURE FOR SELF-STORAGE UNITS; TO ACTIVATE THE BUSINESS RECOVERY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ZONE (“BRDZ”) IN MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 21.45; AND TO AMEND THE ZONE MAP

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

This matter was previously considered at a public hearing conducted on February 17, 2021. A copy of the staff report from that meeting was attached to the March 17, 2021 staff report for reference (without its attachments).

Second reading and adoption was scheduled for March 3, 2021. Through inadvertence, the item did not get placed onto that agenda; ordinances may only be adopted at a regular meeting.

When the issue was identified on March 1st, there was insufficient time (agendas must be posted 72 hours in advance of a regular meeting) to amend the already posted agenda. Accordingly, this matter must be again considered for introduction and first reading.

Other than changing the dates in the draft documents, there are no other changes from the February 17, 2021 meeting.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

The Project is categorically exempt from additional environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15332 as a Class 32 categorical exemption (In-Fill Development Projects). The Project consists of constructing a self-storage facility on a vacant 0.93 acre triangular shaped lot surrounded by existing development. Other than activating the BRDZ via the draft Development Agreement, there are no proposed changes to the General Plan nor the zoning. The Project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. The technical studies prepared for the Project demonstrate there will not be any significant environmental effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. Finally, the Project can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

Action Taken: The City Council waived the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2206 on Consent Calendar.

Ordinance No. 2206, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK AND BR CASTER CORP. TO FACILITATE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRUCTURE FOR SELF-STORAGE UNITS; TO ACTIVATE THE BUSINESS RECOVERY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ZONE (“BRDZ”) IN MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 21.45; AND TO AMEND THE ZONE MAP

3C. WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION AFFILIATED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA LAW AND CODIFY PARKING REGULATIONS FROM THE MONTEREY PARK BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAM

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

AB 1851, effective January 1, 2021, limits the number of parking spaces a local agency may require in connection with a “religious institution affiliated housing development project” (“RIAHD”), as defined. AB 1851 also requires a local agency to allow for the elimination of up to 50% of the existing parking spaces serving a place of worship in connection with the approval of a RIAHD and prohibits a local agency from requiring replacement of parking spaces that the developer of a RIAHD proposes to eliminate. An amendment to the MPMC is required to bring it into conformance with California law.

Additionally, the Ordinance would codify the parking regulations adopted by the City Council in 2020 as part of the Monterey Park Business Recovery Program.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Res. Code § 21000, et seq.; “CEQA”) and CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, § 15000, et seq.) staff determined that the Ordinance is exempt from additional environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15305 because it consists only of minor alterations in land use limitations necessary to implement a state law mandate (AB 1851) and does not portend new development. Furthermore, staff finds that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment. Consequently, it is exempt from additional environmental review per CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3).

Action Taken: The City Council waived the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2205 on Consent Calendar.

Ordinance No. 2205, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK ADDING SECTIONS 21.22.040 (RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION AFFILIATED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; PARKING REQUIREMENTS) AND 21.22.050 (APPLICATION OF CHAPTER) TO THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE

3D. AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO AMEND AGREEMENT NO. 1718-A WITH WORLD JOURNAL LA, LLC, TO BE THE CO-PRODUCER OF THE MONTEREY PARK LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

Agreement no. 1718-A between the City of Monterey Park and World Journal LA, LLC (World Journal), allowed for three consecutive Lunar New Year Festivals held in 2018, 2019, and 2020. Agreement no. 1718-A also allowed for two additional one-year extension terms and in 2020 the City agreed to the first extension with plans of having the festival in 2021.

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Lunar New Year Festival was cancelled. World Journal has requested that the City consider an amendment to Agreement No. 1718-A to include the first extension for the Lunar New Year Festival to be held in 2022, since the 2021 event was cancelled. If approved, Agreement No. 1718-A would be amended to allow for two additional one-year extensions, beginning with the first one-year extension in 2022 and the option for a second one-year extension in 2023.

If approved, the amendment would provide World Journal adequate time to plan for the 2022 event, secure sponsors and vendors, as well as implement all safety protocols established by state or local health departments.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to amend agreement no. 1718-A and extend the term for two additional one-year terms, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with World Journal LA, LLC, to co-produce the Monterey Park Lunar New Year Festival, on dates to be determined by the City.

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

3E. NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK RESOLUTION

The Monterey Park Police Department is celebrating the week of April 11-17, 2021 as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. This week, sponsored by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International and celebrated annually, honors the thousands of men and women who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render lifesaving assistance to the citizens of the United States. We are enlisting your support in the form of a resolution to honor these men and women in our area for the work that they do every day to protect the residents of Monterey Park.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12233 Declaring the week of April 11 through 17, 2021 to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in the City of Monterey Park.

Motion: 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

Resolution No. 12233, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
DECLARING APRIL 11 - 17 2021, NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY
TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK IN MONTEREY PARK

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

5A. **CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTING – CENSUS DATA UPDATE**

In accordance with the Fair And Inclusive Redistricting for Municipalities And Political Subdivisions (FAIR MAPS) Act (Elections Code § 21600-21609), following each decennial federal census, the City Council must adopt a map showing the district boundaries city council offices so that the districts will be substantially equal in population. Certain requirements must be met before the City Council adopts the final district voting map. This includes holding at least four public hearings, good faith effort in engaging in community involvement, maintaining a dedicated webpage for providing redistricting information, and providing translated materials and live translation upon request.

Recent legislation changed the redistricting process. This report is intended to give the City Council an overview of the redistricting process and the timeline affecting the submittal of the new district map. The combination of the when the next regularly scheduled election date and when the City receives the census data will determine the deadline for submitting the new City Council district boundary map.

The U.S. Census Bureau announced on February 12, 2021 that the 2020 Census redistricting data will be released by September 30, 2021. The Statewide Database will require an additional 30 days to adjust the datasets for redistricts. In accordance with Elections Code § 21602, the boundaries of council districts must be adopted not later than 174 days before the City's next regular municipal election. The City Council has not yet decided whether that election will be held in June 2022 or November 2022. The Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's office's deadline for submittal of new district map is December 9, 2021 for the June 7, 2022 election and May 12, 2022 for the November 8, 2022 election.

Public Speakers:

- City Clerk Chang received, filed, and read into the record a written communication from Bill Lam. Mr. Lam inquired whether the public would be allowed to draw a redistricted map and encouraged that the City Council to schedule the Municipal election in June instead of November.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed this report as amended to correct a typographical error in the Staff Report in the Background section from "March 2021" to "March 2020".

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

6. CITY COMMUNICATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

6A. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK DENOUNCING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) STIGMATIZATION, HATE CRIMES AND XENOPHOBIC VIOLENCE AGAINST ALL ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS (REQUESTED BY MAYOR PRO TEM LO AND COUNCIL MEMBER CHAN)

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12234 denouncing Coronavirus (COVID-19) stigmatization, hate crimes and xenophobic violence against all Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders as amended to add “social equity and social justice” to Section 1, Item G.

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. 12234, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK DENOUNCING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) STIGMATIZATION, HATE CRIMES AND XENOPHOBIC VIOLENCE AGAINST ALL ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Chan communicated that it is National Library week. He requested Fire Chief Hallock to provide updates on the Covid-19 vaccination site at Garvey Ranch Park. He encouraged the public to register to get the vaccine. He wished everyone Happy Easter. He stated that he attended Albert Gin Chong Washington, DC Congressional Gold Medal event on April 3, 2021 and wished Council Member Sornoso’s uncle Frank a happy birthday. He reported that he attended the Tree Memorial for David Kwok on March 25, 2021.

Council Member Liang wished everyone a Happy Easter. He wished happy birthday to Council Member Sornoso's uncle.

Council Member Sornoso thanked City staff for providing a birthday caravan to celebrate his uncle's birthday.

Mayor Pro Tem Lo reported that he attended Council Member Sornoso Uncle's Birthday event and Albert Gin Chong's Washington, DC Congressional Gold Medal event. He expressed that he is looking forward to the Spring Cleaning and Chipper Day event. He acknowledged Veteran Post 397 for hosting a Easter drive-thru event for the community.

Mayor Yiu reported that she attended the following events: East Los Angeles College Covid-19 vaccination site hosted by the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) workers; Council Member Sornoso's uncle 96th birthday event; David Kwok Tree Memorial ceremony; and Albert Gin Chong's Washington, DC Congressional Gold Medal event.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

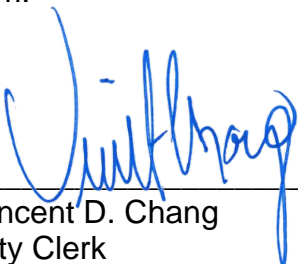
None.

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

City Attorney Berger announced no reportable action taken in closed session of the Special City Council meeting held on April 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk

Approved on May 5, 2021 at the Regular City Council Meeting