

MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)
HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 8, 2023

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 Boardroom of the Courtyard Marriott, 555 N. Atlantic Boulevard in the City of Monterey Park on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sanchez called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang called the roll:

Council Members Present: Henry Lo, Vinh Ngo, Jose Sanchez, Thomas Wong,
Yvonne Yiu

Council Members Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Ron Bow, City Attorney Karl Berger, Assistant City Manager Inez Alvarez, City Librarian Diana Garcia, Public Works Director Shawn Igoe, Finance Director Martha Garcia, Fire Chief Matthew Hallock, Police Chief Scott Weise, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Christine Tomikawa, Recreation and Community Services Director Robert Aguirre, Interim 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 to enhance the quality of life for our entire community.

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:

- Overview
- Benefits of Good Government
- Governing Body/Team Effectiveness
- Strategies for Creating a More Collaborative Governing Body
- Refresher on the Council-Manager Form of Government
- Review Accomplishments for 2022, Explore Plans for remainder of 2023 and into 2024
- Hot Topics
- Strategic Plan
- Next Steps

RECESSED AND RECONVENED

The City Council recessed at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened with all council members present at 10:15 a.m.

DISCUSSION: City Consultant, Patrick Ibarra of the Mejorando Group, facilitated a strategic workshop for the City Council to discuss ideas and suggestions towards the future vision of the City. The City Council ensued in discussions regarding Benefits of Good Government; Governing Body/Team Effectiveness; Strategies for Creating a More Collaborative Governing Body; Refresher on the Council-Manager form of government; Review Accomplishments for 2022 and Explore Plans for remainder of 2023 and into 2024; Hot Topics including discussion on Community: coordinating response on next steps, mental health services, homelessness, safety; Economic Development: Downtown Master Plan, parking structures, Atlantic Square, redevelopment; Outreach: public engagement; Infrastructure: condition of city streets; Environmental: sustainability; Housing: affordability housing; Amenities: parking improvements, repair swimming pool; Strategic Plan and Next Steps to include periodic updates and inclusion in future council reports. City Manager Bow announced the appointment of Jessica Serrano as the new Community Development Director.

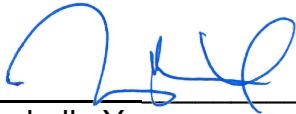
RECESSED AND RECONVENED

The City Council recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened with all council members present at 12:20 p.m.

Action Taken: No reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.



Maychelle Yee
City Clerk

Approved on May 3, 2023, at the Regular City Council Meeting