

**MINUTES  
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL  
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)  
MAY 5, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Teleconference Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, May 5, 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: **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 6:31 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, City Treasurer Joseph Leon, Assistant City Manager Inez Alvarez, Assistant City Attorney Tim Campen, 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, Fire Division Chief Ryan Weddle, Police Officer Sebastian Jimenez, Economic Development Manager Joseph Torres, Planning Manager Jason Moquin, Recreation and Community Services Manager Robert Aguirre, Water Utility Manager Richard Gonzales, 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.

- Jennifer stated that there has been an increase in flights above her neighborhood. She inquired if the City Council will have a discussion with Los Angeles World Airport regarding their flight paths.
- Thomas Wong, Board President of San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, spoke about Agenda Item No. 3F and voiced his support.
- Robert Aguirre, Recreation and Community Services Manager, reported that the Cinco de Mayo Loteria Drive-In and the Mother's Day Gift Baskets were completely sold out. He promoted that the City will celebrate its 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday and encouraged the public to participate in the Digital Photo Album by submitting photos representing 105 years of Monterey Park to [events@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:events@montereypark.ca.gov). He announced that the Recreation and Community Services Department are accepting registration for the Major League Baseball Junior Home Run Derby. The public can visit [JRHRD.com](http://JRHRD.com) or the city's website for more details.

1. **PRESENTATION**

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

1A. **HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MONTEREY PARK – OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

Jim Iwaki, Treasurer of the Historical Society, presented an overview of programs and activities for the Historical Society of Monterey Park. He stated that the Historical Society supports and contributes to events in the West San Gabriel Valley. He mentioned that they provide historical display at request of the City or Chambers of Commerce. He announced that they provide school tours for West San Gabriel Valley and others upon request. He mentioned that the Museum is open on weekends free of charge and that the Historical Society cares for and maintains exhibits within the museum. He expressed that the museum needs volunteers to stay open and that the public can contact him at 626-307-1267 for more information.

2. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

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

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

**Discussion:** City Council inquired whether there would be a conflict of interest for Agenda Item No. 3G stating that council members reside close to the streets for resurfacing. City Attorney Berger stated that the Fair Political Practices Commission rules for regulations has changed last year and based upon review there is no apparent conflict of interest.

**Action Taken:** The City Council and the City Council, acting on behalf of the Successor Agency, approved and adopted Agenda Items Nos. 3A, 3B, 3C, 3E, and 3F on Consent Calendar, excluding Agenda Items Nos. 3D and 3G which were pulled for discussion and separate motion, reading resolutions and ordinances by the title only and waiving further reading thereof.

**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

### 3A. MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the special and regular meetings of March 17, 2021 and April 7, 2021.

**Action Taken:** The City Council and the City Council (acting on behalf of the Successor Agency) approved the minutes from the special and regular meetings of March 17, 2021 and April 7, 2021 on Consent Calendar.

### 3B. WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE 2020 MONTEREY PARK BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAM FROM JULY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 30, 2022

The Ordinance was introduced and received first reading at the April 21, 2021 City Council meeting. The original staff report (from April 21, 2021) is attached for reference to the staff report. Second reading and adoption of this Ordinance is recommended. If adopted, the Ordinance will take effect in 30 days.

Since March 11, 2020, the City (and the nation) has been in a declared state of local emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic (the "Emergency"). This Emergency has had a devastating effect on the City's battered restaurant industry, risking permanently losing businesses, jobs, and community assets. Following staff's analysis of the overwhelming effect this Emergency has had on our City's restaurant community, staff has determined that it is in the City's best interest to extend the outdoor dining and events permit regulations (the "Program") to December 30, 2022. This will give the City Manager additional time to recommend appropriate changes to the Monterey Park Municipal Code that will help promote the City Council's intent to assist local businesses recover from the Emergency.

**Action Taken:** The City Council waived the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2207 on Consent Calendar.

**Ordinance No. 2207**, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2020 MONTEREY PARK BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAM AND EXTENDING ITS EFFECTIVE DATE TO DECEMBER 30, 2022

### 3C. TREE MEMORIAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION FOR 2021

Nominations for the Tree Memorial Award were advertised and accepted during the month of March 2021. The Recreation and Community Services Department received a nomination application for Mitchell and Gloria Ing.

Subsequently, the Tree Memorial Program Committee consisting of three Community Participation Commissioners and two Recreation and Parks Commissioners met to review the nomination of Mitchell and Gloria Ing and discuss their consideration for a Tree Memorial based on the criteria established in Resolution Nos. 10485 and 11484 (Attachment 1) to the staff report.

The Committee reviewed each nominee application. After reviewing the information provided on the nomination application for Mitchell and Gloria Ing (Attachment 2) to the staff report, the committee voted unanimously to recommend City Council approves to honor Mitchell and Gloria Ing with a Tree Memorial for their service and positive impact on the Monterey Park Community.

**Action Taken:** The City Council approved to honor Mitchell and Gloria Ing with a memorial tree on Consent Calendar.

**3D. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 9-15, 2021 AS “POLICE WEEK”**

The week of May 9-15, 2021 is recognized as National Police Week and May 15, 2021 is “Peace Officers Memorial Day.” The City Council is requested to approve a Resolution to observe both National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day.

**Action Taken:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12240 declaring the week of May 9-15, 2021 as “Police Week” and May 15, 2021 as “Peace Officers Memorial Day” 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: Chan, Liang, Sornoso, Lo, Yiu  
Noes: Council Members: None  
Absent: Council Members: None  
Abstain: Council Members: None

**Resolution No. 12240**, entitled:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 9-15, 2021 AS “POLICE WEEK” AND MAY 15, 2021 AS “PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY” IN THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK

**3E. RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING A PUBLIC WORKS STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FY 2021-22 BUDGET AND FUNDED BY SENATE BILL 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017**

Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 addresses the significant multi-modal transportation funding shortfall statewide. As of November 2017, portions of SB 1 revenues are deposited into a Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) and made available to eligible cities and counties, which must comply with RMRA funding requirements as determined by the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

RMRA funds made available for the Local Streets and Roads Funding Program are prioritized for expenditure on basic road maintenance and rehabilitation projects, and on critical safety projects. The CTC provided a number of example projects and uses for RMRA funding that include, but are not limited to, the following: Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation, Safety Projects, Railroad Grade Separations, Complete Streets Components (including active transportation purposes, pedestrian and bicycle safety projects, transit facilities, and drainage and stormwater capture projects in conjunction with any other allowable project), and Traffic Control Devices.

**Action Taken:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12241 identifying a street maintenance project to be included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 budget and funded with Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Act (RMRA) funds, in a form approved by the City Attorney on Consent Calendar.

**Resolution No. 12241**, entitled:

A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING A STREET MAINTENANCE PROJECT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FY 2021-22 BUDGET AND FUNDED BY SENATE BILL 1: ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017

**3F. ACCEPTANCE OF SGVMWD LOW-INCOME WATER BILL ASSISTANCE GRANT**

In response to the pandemic, the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD) is offering member cities grant funding to assist with water bills for low-income residents. The allotment to Monterey Park is \$150,000.

**Action Taken:** The City Council accepted grant funding in the amount of \$150,000 from the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District (SGVMWD) to pay down delinquent customer water bill accounts and authorized the City Manager to execute the Grant Agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with SGVMWD for this grant program on Consent Calendar.

### **3G. 2019-20 STREET REHABILITATION – AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE**

Staff has prepared bid specification for the 2019-20 Street Rehabilitation project and is requesting the City Council's authorization to advertise the project for construction bids.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

Since the proposed work is a minor alteration to an existing public facility, this project is Class 1 Categorically Exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**Action Taken:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12242 approving the design and plans for the 2019-20 Street Rehabilitation Project and authorized staff to advertise the 2019-20 Street Rehabilitation Project.

**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

**Resolution No. 12242**, entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGN AND PLANS FOR THE 2019-20 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 830.6 AND ESTABLISHING A PROJECT PAYMENT ACCOUNT

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

None.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **5A. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO INTRODUCE AND WAIVE FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9.90 OF THE MPMC REGARDING GRAFFITI VIOLATIONS**

Within the City, the effect of graffiti in the form of spray paint, tagging with indelible ink, etching surfaces, and stickers on public and private property have proven to be a blight, particularly in certain areas. Published sociological studies and the experience of law enforcement indicate a correlation between the presence of graffiti and increased instances of littering, theft and other crimes in those same neighborhoods.

While acts of vandalism are a crime under state law (see Penal Code § 594, *et seq.*), the California Constitution and Penal Code empowers the City to enact and enforce ordinances regulating conditions that may be public nuisances or health

hazards, or that promote social, economic, or aesthetic considerations. Government Code § 38771 permits general law cities to identify public nuisances by ordinance.

This Ordinance would revise Chapter 9.90 of the MPMC to designate acts related to graffiti as public nuisances and unlawful. It is specifically intended to be responsive to the many different ways in which graffiti is currently being applied, how graffiti implements are made available to violators, to prohibit the possession of implements intended to be used for graffiti, and provide a means of enforcement through the Monterey Park Police Department and City Attorney's office by making these violations misdemeanors.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

Adoption of this Resolution is exempt from 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 Ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment.

**Action Taken:** The City Council introduced and waived first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 9.90 of the Monterey Park Municipal Code in its entirety to regulate graffiti in conformance with California law.

**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

**Ordinance, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, entitled:**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 9.90 IN ITS ENTIRETY TO REGULATE GRAFFITI AND CONFORM WITH CALIFORNIA LAW

**5B. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BAIL SCHEDULE FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE**

In December 2020, Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascon announced he would no longer prosecute a range of "low level" misdemeanor offenses. This includes quality-of-life crimes, such as trespass, disturbing the peace, criminal threats, resisting arrest, loitering, and public intoxication. District Attorney Gascon's non-prosecution directives also apply to any violation "falling within the spirit" of this policy, which necessarily includes violations of the Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC").



The City does not have a current bail schedule submitted to the Superior Court, and criminal violations of the MPMC are therefore not being accepted for criminal prosecution. Submitting this bail schedule will provide the City the opportunity to more effectively address many quality-of-life crimes that the District Attorney would otherwise decline to accept for prosecution.

If adopted, the draft Resolution would not only establish a bail schedule to allow for the criminal prosecution of violations of the MPMC, but the Superior Court will also use the bail schedule as a guide for imposing fine amounts when a violator is found guilty. For infraction violations, the MPMC establishes a default fine schedule of \$100/\$200/\$500, which is followed in the proposed bail schedule.<sup>1</sup> \$500 is the default bail amount for misdemeanor municipal code violations throughout the County, which is also used in this Bail Schedule. The court can still impose fines up to \$1,000 per misdemeanor violation.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

Adoption of this Resolution is exempt from 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 adopted Resolution No. 12243 establishing a bail schedule for misdemeanor and infraction violations of the Monterey Park Municipal Code.

**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

**Resolution No. 12243**, entitled:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BAIL SCHEDULE AND REQUESTING THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT APPROVE THE ATTACHED BAIL SCHEDULE FOR MISDEMEANOR AND INFRACTION VIOLATIONS OF THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE

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<sup>1</sup> This is slightly higher for violations of the building code and other safety regulations.

## 6. CITY COMMUNICATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

### 6A. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK DECLARING MAY 6, 2021, DAY OF INCLUSION ON THE 139<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT AND DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2021 AS ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH (REQUESTED BY MAYOR PRO TEM LO AND COUNCIL MEMBER CHAN)

**Action Taken:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12244 declaring May 6, 2021, Day of Inclusion on the 139<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act and declaring the month of May 2021 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

**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

**Resolution No. 12244**, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK DECLARING MAY 6, 2021, DAY OF INCLUSION ON THE 139<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT AND DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2021 AS ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Chan reported that the Metro Service Council held a budget hearing on April 22, 2021. He wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day. He relayed that the Los Angeles County announced that the county is qualified for the yellow tier in the California State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy framework. He urged the public to continue to stay vigilant while travelling outdoors.

Council Member Liang reported that he attended the City of Montebello Anti Asian and Pacific Islander Hate Crime event. He stated he attended a luncheon celebrating World Press Freedom Day organized by Mayor Yiu. He requested that the City Council adjourn the regular meeting in the memory of Los Angeles County Detention Service Officer Michael Wall.

Council Member Sornoso announced that he appointed Peter Fung to the planning commission. He wished everyone a Happy Cinco de Mayo. He thanked the Recreation and Community Services department for working on the Major League Baseball Junior Home Run Derby. He reported that he toured the Garvey Ranch City Observatory. He wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Mayor Pro Tem Lo informed the public that the City Hall is open on an appointment only basis. He relayed that the Los Angeles County announced that the county is qualified for the yellow tier in the California State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy framework. He reported that he attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Champion for Youth Breakfast hosted by San Gabriel Valley Boys and Girls Club. He stated he attended the World Press Freedom Day luncheon organized by Mayor Yiu. He wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Mayor Yiu stated that she celebrated World Press Freedom Day and received positive feedback on the event. She communicated she attended the City of Montebello Anti Asian and Pacific Islander Hate Crime event. She reported that the Los Angeles International Airport/Community Noise Roundtable voted on suggesting rerouting the North Down Wind Alternative Route and stated that no decision has been made yet.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

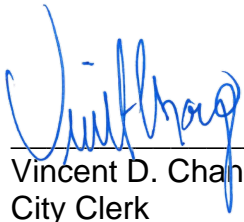
None.

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

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Los Angeles County Probation Department Detention Services Officer, Michael Wall at 7:55 p.m.

  
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Vincent D. Chang  
City Clerk

*Approved on June 16, 2021 at the Regular City Council Meeting*