

**MINUTES  
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL  
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 24, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Monterey Park held a Special Meeting of the Council at Courtyard by Marriott, Boardroom, located at 555 N. Atlantic Blvd in the City of Monterey Park, Saturday, July 24, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Yiu called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Deputy City Clerk Trang called the roll:

Council Members Present: Peter Chan, Hans Liang, Henry Lo, Fred Sornoso, and 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, City Librarian Diana Garcia, Director of Management Services Martha Garcia, Director of Public Works Frank Lopez, Police Chief Kelly Gordon, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Christine Tomikawa, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang, Secretary to City Manager Diana Wong, and Moderator, Patrick Ibarra of the Mejorando Group.

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

None.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

- George Bocaregra, member of the Carpentry Union, spoke about the Workforce Development Program and encouraged the City Council to utilize local skilled and trade labors for projects within the City.
- Jeshow Yang urged the City Council to prioritize policies around climate change, transportation, and housing.
- Jennifer Tang talked about the Inclusionary Housing ordinance, community workforce agreement, disposable utensils ordinance, and the Spirit bus. She urged the City Council to prioritize policies around climate change, transportation, and housing.
- Laura Gallegos shared the sentiments of other speakers and also urged the City Council to prioritize policies around climate change, transportation, and housing.

**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

- Calvin Truong spoke about the need for affordable housing and rent control. He urged the City Council to prioritize policies around climate change, transportation, and housing.
- Edwin Sun urged the City Council to prioritize policies and spoke about affordable housing and climate change.
- Kathy Ko urged the City Council to prioritize policies around climate change, transportation, and housing. She mentioned pedestrian and traffic safety and requested the City Council to revisit bike lane.

The City Clerk's office received and filed eleven written communications urging the City Council to prioritize policies around climate change, transportation, and housing from: Andy Fung, Jeshow Yang, Austin Phung, Sarah Chang, Tara Kwan, Jimena Romano, Ania Ty, Barbara Ngai, Connie Ho, Jean Park and Alison Silaphet.

## **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; 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:

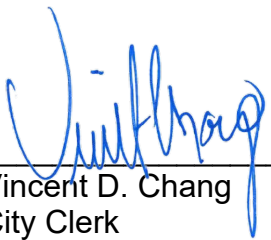
- Overview
- Lasting Community Impacts
- Refresher on Form of Government
- Review Work to Date for 2021, Explore Plans for remainder of 2021 and into 2022
- Headwinds: Change as Process, not an Event
- Hot Topics
- Strategic Plan
- Next Steps

**Discussion:** 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 Lasting Community Impacts; Refresher on the Form of Government; Review Work to Date for 2021, Explore Plans and Goals for 2021/22; “Headwinds: Change as a Process, not an Event”; Hot Topics including discussion on community, governance, economic development, infrastructure, internal/operational, environmental, housing, amenities, and public safety; Strategic Plan; and Next Steps to include climate action plans, housing elements, homelessness, tax ballot, public art, and community beautification and esthetic.

**Action Taken:** No reportable action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.



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Vincent D. Chang  
City Clerk

*Approved on August 4, 2021 at the Regular City Council Meeting*