

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
HOUSING AUTHORITY
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
AUGUST 4, 2021**

The City Council and the Financing Authority of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Teleconference Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, August 4, 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: **289 222 5995** 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, Fire Chief Matt Hallock, Police Chief Kelly Gordon, City Librarian Diana Garcia, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Christine Tomikawa, Director of Management Services Martha Garcia, Director of Public Works Frank Lopez, Director of Recreation & Community Services Robert Aguirre, Police Captain Scott Wiese, Economic Development Manager Joseph Torres, Water Utility Manager Richard Gonzales, Program Coordinator Guillermo Chavez, 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.

- Andre Reyes Martinez, member of CORE (Community Organized Relief Effort), announced that they will host a mobile Covid-19 testing site at Barnes Park every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. until the end of August and the service is free to everyone with no registration or insurance required.
- Robert Aguirre, Director of Recreation & Community Services, reminded residents that on August 5, 2021, there will be Concert in the Park at the Farmers Market located in George Elder Park and Movies in the Park on August 6, 2021, at Barnes Park. He encouraged the public to attend the events.
- Alexander Fung, Chair of Economic Development Advisory Commission, spoke in opposition of Agenda Item No. 5A from the July 21, 2021 Regular City Council meeting. He urged City Council to oppose the dissolution and consolidation of certain commissions if the Council brings it back for consideration at a future City Council meeting.

- Victoria Chavez, Community Participation Commission commissioner, spoke about Agenda Item No. 5A from the July 21, 2021 Regular City Council meeting regarding the dissolution and consolidation of certain commissions. She stated that she did not receive any notifications regarding the dissolution and consolidation of commissions. She urged City Council to inform all commissioners if they consider dissolving or consolidating commissions.
- City Clerk Chang received, filed, and read into the record three written communications that spoke in opposition of Agenda Item No. 5A from the July 21, 2021, Regular City Council meeting. All three written communications urged the City Council to oppose the dissolution and consolidation of certain commissions from: Belinda Mei Nar Lau, Kenny Man Kit Fung, and Jennifer Tang.

1. PRESENTATION

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

1A. GENERAL CRIME STATISTICS

Police Chief Gordon presented a PowerPoint presentation on General Crime Statistics in the City of Monterey Park.

1B. TRIP REDUCTION INSPECTION PROGRAM (TRIP) – PILOT SIDEWALK INSPECTION PROGRAM

Fire Chief Hallock and Jared Milkes, volunteer, presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Trip Reduction Inspection Program (TRIP).

2. OLD BUSINESS

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS NOS. 3A-3C

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

Action Taken: The City Council and the City Council, acting on behalf of the Successor Agency, approved and adopted Agenda Item No. 3A-3C on Consent Calendar, reading resolutions and ordinances by the title only and waiving further reading thereof.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Chan and seconded by Mayor Yiu 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 June 16, 2021, and the special meeting of July 24, 2021.

Action Taken: The City Council (and the City Council acting on behalf of the Successor Agency) and the Housing Board of Directors approved the minutes from the regular meeting of June 16, 2021 and the special meeting of July 24, 2021 on Consent Calendar.

3B. IDENTIFYING A TAX RATE FOR COLLECTING VOTER AUTHORIZED PROPERTY TAXES FOR EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT BENEFITS BASED ON THE ASSESSED VALUATION ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The City of Monterey Park's retirement costs are funded by a special voter-approved property tax. Each year the City is required to establish a tax rate to generate the retirement property tax based on the assessed valuation established by the County Assessor's Office.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12261 identifying the amount of tax revenue required to fulfill the voters' intent in funding the City's retirement system on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 12261, entitled:

A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING THE AMOUNT OF TAX REVENUE REQUIRED TO FULFILL THE VOTERS' INTENT IN FUNDING THE CITY'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM DURING FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF APPROPRIATE TAXES

3C. PROPOSITION A – DISCRETIONARY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Each year, the City of Monterey Park voluntarily collects and reports data for the National Transit Database (NTD) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The NTD data includes ridership and financial information for the City's fixed-route transit system, Spirit Bus, as well as the Dial-A-Ride program. In return, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) authorizes payment of Proposition A (Prop A) Discretionary Incentive funds to each participating agency in an amount equal to the Federal Funds generated for the region by each agency's reported data. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will then be approved by LACMTA after agencies successfully meet all NTD and FTA requirements in order to generate Federal 5307 funds for the LA County region. Once the MOU is executed, agencies can invoice LACMTA and receive the revenue payment.

The City of Monterey Park provided FTA with NTD data during FY 2018-19 and is now requesting funds under this Prop A Discretionary Incentive Program in the amount of \$154,156 that will become the City's Prop A revenue for FY 2021-22; there is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. By executing the MOU with LACMTA, the City will receive \$154,156 in Prop A revenue funds for FY 2021-22. Staff recommends the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the LACMTA agreement.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) to receive Proposition A (Prop A) Discretionary Incentive grant program revenue in the amount of \$154,156 for FY 2021-22 as a result of collecting and reporting data for the National Transit Database (NTD) for Report Year 2019 (MOUPAIMONP21000) on Consent Calendar.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

4A. CONSIDERATION OF COSTS RESULTING FROM WEED NUISANCES & AUTHORIZING COLLECTION VIA SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

On February 17, 2021, the City Council determined that weeds, brush, rubbish, refuse and dirt maintained on certain private properties in the City constitute a public nuisance. The Los Angeles County Department of Agriculture Commissioner/Weights and Measures ("County") is contracted to provide weed abatement services to the City. The County compiled its annual list of properties within the City which contain, or have the potential to contain, weeds, brush or other flammable materials sufficient to be considered a fire hazard (the "Weed Abatement Declaration List"). Persons identified as owning property on the Weed Abatement Declaration List were provided sufficient notice to either protest their inclusion thereon, or voluntarily remove the nuisance conditions identified on their property. The deadlines for voluntary compliance or protest have passed, and the County has abated the noncompliant properties on the Weed Abatement Declaration List.

The final step in the City's Weed-Abatement process is for the Council to consider approving the County's costs related to abatement and directing that these costs be collected via special assessment.

Public Speakers:

- C. Burton, Agricultural Commissioner Weights & Measures inspector, was present and available for questions.

Action Taken: The City Council opened the public hearing at 7:39 p.m. to receive public comment, noting that there were no public speakers, closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m.; and adopted Resolution No. 12262 approving the Weed Abatement Clearance Charge List and authorized collection of such costs through special assessment.

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. 12262, entitled:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ITEMIZED WEED ABATEMENT CHARGE LIST OF WEED ABATEMENT COSTS AND DIRECTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER TO COLLECT THESE COSTS THROUGH PROPERTY TAX BILLINGS

4B. ADOPT RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF MONTEREY PARK FINANCING AUTHORITY SALES TAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2021 TO BE USED FOR CITYWIDE STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER AND HIS DESIGNEES TO UNDERTAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO CAUSE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH BONDS

As directed by the City Council at the July 7, 2021 City Council meeting, staff has engaged a team to present a financing mechanism to begin the Citywide Pavement Management Plan (PMP) that will improve the condition of streets throughout the City. Given the size, scope and nature of this capital project, it is necessary to finance the estimated \$20 million cost. In order to accomplish this financing plan, staff is proposing that the Monterey Park Financing Authority (Authority) issue Monterey Park Financing Authority Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 (Bonds). Proceeds from the Bonds will be used for certain roadway improvements and street resurfacing.

Public Speakers:

- Michael Busch, Municipal Advisor from Urban Futures Inc., presented a PowerPoint presentation and was available for questions.
- Michael Mejia, Senior Vice President at Samuel A. Ramirez & Co., Inc, presented a PowerPoint presentation and was available for questions

- Vanessa S. Legbandt, Bond and Disclosure Counsel from Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth, was present and available for questions.

Action Taken: The City Council and Financing Authority Board of Directors (1) opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m. to receive public comment and closed the public hearing at 8:08 p.m.; (2) adopted Resolution No. 12263 and Financing Authority Resolution MPFA-2 approving the issuance and sale of Monterey Park Financing Authority Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, series 2021 (Enclosure 2 and 3 to the staff report); (3) adopted and approved documents authorizing the execution and delivery of a Trust Agreement, an Installment Sale Agreement, a Bond Purchase Agreement, and a Continuing Disclosure Agreement (Enclosure 4, 5, 7, and 8 to the staff report); (4) approved the form of and authorizing distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement (Enclosure 6 to the staff report); and (5) authorized the City Manager and his designees to approve and execute documents in connection with the offering, sale and issuance of Monterey Park Financing Authority Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 and to undertake all necessary actions to cause the issuance and sale of said Bonds.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Liang and seconded by Mayor Yiu 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. 12263, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE MONTEREY PARK FINANCING AUTHORITY OF SALES TAX REVENUE BONDS, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000, FOR THE FINANCING OF CERTAIN PUBLIC CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY, AUTHORIZING THE FORMS OF AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A TRUST AGREEMENT, INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT, BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT, PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE; AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY ACTIONS AND EXECUTION OF OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Financing Authority Resolution No. MPFA-2, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MONTEREY PARK FINANCING AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE MONTEREY PARK FINANCING AUTHORITY SALES TAX REVENUE BONDS; THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY BY THE AUTHORITY OF AN INSTALLMENT SALE AGREEMENT, TRUST AGREEMENT AND BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF A PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES AND RELATED ACTIONS

5. NEW BUSINESS

5A. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS AND RELATED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

On March 11, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, a \$1.9 trillion federal aid package designed to help the American people and American economy recover from the prolonged impacts felt from COVID-19. The bill includes \$350 billion in direct financial relief for all state, local, tribal, and territorial governments known as the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), \$15,043,184 of which has been allocated to the City of Monterey Park.

While there are limitations on the use of the direct aid funds allocated to cities, they may be used to support a city's operations to the extent that the city lost the equivalent amount of revenue. The term for use of ARPA funds is from March 2021 to December 2024.

Action Taken: The City Council reviewed, discussed, and provided direction on the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funding and authorized budget and staffing changes as outlined in the financial Impacts and Budget Actions section of the staff report.

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

6. CITY COMMUNICATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

Council Member Chan said he attended the opening of El Encanto, the opening of a charter school in Montebello, and the National Night Out event. He reported that he attended California State Senator Susan Rubio and California State Assembly Member Blanca Rubio press conference regarding 20 million dollar funding for the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust which was held at the Mosaic Gardens in Monterey Park. He encouraged the public to get vaccinated because the Covid-19 Delta variant is surging.

Council Member Liang reported that he attended the National Night Out event and encouraged the public to stay safe and be vigilant during the pandemic.

Council Member Sornoso implored for City Council support regarding secondhand smoke in multi-family housing units, alley improvements and to consider plan to convert the unused street near a church into something the public can use.

Mayor Pro Tem Lo said he received the survey regarding indoor secondhand smoking in multi-family housing units from the HEARTS (Healthy Environment Against Residential Tobacco Smoke) coalition and that he is in support of adopting an ordinance. He reported that on July 23, 2021, the city had a partnership with California State Assembly Member Ed Chau, Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, and the Chinatown Service Center to provide a mobile Covid-19 vaccination clinic at Barnes Park where approximately 50 vaccines were administered. He said he was also in attendance of the press conference at the Mosaic Gardens.

Mayor Yiu stated she attended the Movies in the Park event. She talked about the July 24, 2021 Special City Council meeting held at the Courtyard by Marriot and reported also in attendance of the press conference at the Mosaic Gardens.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

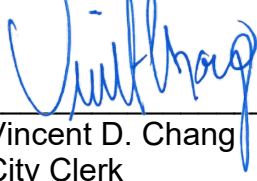
None.

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.



Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk

Approved on September 15, 2021 at the Regular City Council Meeting