

MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)
HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 18, 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 Regular Meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lo called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

The Monterey Park Police Explorers

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Maychelle Yee called the roll:

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

Council Members Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Attorney Karl Berger, City Manager Ron Bow, City Treasurer Amy Lee, Assistant City Manager Inez Alvarez, Police Chief Scott Wiese, Fire Chief Matt Hallock, City Librarian Diana Garcia, Director of Public Works Shawn Igoe, Director of Recreations and Community Services Robert Aguirre, Director of Finance Martha Garcia, Director of Human Resources Christine Tomikawa, Interim Planning Director Jessica Serrano, Finance Manager Laura Borjon, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang, Senior Planner Beth Chow

VIRTUALLY PRESENT: None.

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

- Vincent Chang, resident, spoke about a plaque dedication to a Grammy nominated local Chicano Rock group band, Tierra. He mentioned that this piece of landmark is located on the corner of Garfield, by the new Starbucks. He said the corner will be known as Tierra Corner due to their location of their recording studio. Mr. Chang thanked the community and staff that were involved with the installation of the plaque. He also informed the public that the Greater Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce is having its annual dinner on Thursday January 26, 2023 at Luminarias.
- Helen Romero Shaw, Public Affairs Manager (representing Southern California Gas Company), provided the community with information on the recent high gas bills. She said she brought a brochure that explains the assistance programs they offer.
- Amy Lee, resident, relinquished her time to Maychelle Yee.
- Maychelle Yee, resident, wanted to clarify her comment from the last city council meeting. She conveyed her disapproval of how the staff report was written for the Goodviews Project. She expressed that the staff report was not transparent on the fiscal impact of the project to the city budget.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- Community Development: Senior Planner Chow gave a presentation update on the Going Green Program. She mentioned that they partnered with MPK Rewards on offering incentives for completing a survey. She said the Going Green Program will have a booth at the Lunar New Year Festival event on Saturday January 21, 2023 in Downtown Monterey Park on Garvey Avenue. She reported that they will be having several workshops within the next few weeks at various locations throughout the city.
- Library Services: City Librarian Garcia reminded the community about the updated library hours. She announced they are offering Free Legal Assistance Clinic on Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. She mentioned the library will be offering computer classes in different languages on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m., and Wednesdays are tech hour to practice those skills. She also said that the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Clinic will be returning on February 2, 2023 – April 6, 2023, on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. for families whose income is less than \$60,000.
- Public Works: Public Works Director Igoe gave an update on the recent storms that impacted the city and thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for their assistance.

- Recreation and Community Services Department: Recreation Director Aguirre gave a brief update on the upcoming events, such as the Lunar New Year Festival on Saturday January 21, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Sunday January 22, 2023, from 10:00 am – 7:00 p.m. He mentioned a shuttle service will be running over the weekend from Mark Keppel Highschool and Repetto School to the festival. He said the Farmer’s market moved to a new location in Barnes Park on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m, and that beginning February 2, 2023, Langley center will be extending their hours.

1. PRESENTATION

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

1-A. MARK KEPPEL GIRLS TENNIS TEAM – 2022 CIF DIVISION 4 TEAM CHAMPIONS

- Michael Ten, Former Mayor and Council Member of South Pasadena; and tennis coach for Mark Keppel Highschool, introduced the girl’s tennis team. He said it’s their first time winning the CIF Division tennis.
- Vivian Dong, spoke on behalf of her team. She mentioned the hard work and dedication the team demonstrated to get to where they are today.

1-B. STREET PROJECTS UPDATE

- Public Works Director Igoe provided a PowerPoint presentation on various street developments they were working on, including road rehabilitation, pedestrian safety, and traffic improvements. He said these enhancements are anticipated to begin on the upcoming months.

2. OLD BUSINESS - None.

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

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 approved and adopted Agenda Item No. 3D, 3E, 3F, 3G, and 3H on consent calendar, excluding item No. 3A, 3B, and 3C which were pulled for discussion, separate motion, reading resolutions and ordinances by the title only and waiving further reading thereof.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Wong and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sanchez, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Yiu, Ngo, Wong, Sanchez, Lo
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

3-A. MONTHLY INVESTMENTS REPORT – DECEMBER 2022

As of December 31, 2022 invested funds for the City of Monterey Park is \$76,294,782.27.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the monthly investment report.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Wong and seconded by Council Member Yiu, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Yiu, Ngo, Wong, Sanchez, Lo
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

3-B. RESOLUTIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TREASURY POOL; LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND; AND CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION

On November 8, 2022, the voters of Monterey Park passed Measure MP, a $\frac{3}{4}$ cent transactions and use (sales) tax to provide funding for local city services. The CDTFA Resolution seeks Council's authorization to designate, in writing, the officer(s), employee(s), and any other person(s) authorized to examine transactions and use tax records as required by the CDTFA.

On December 7, 2022, a new Monterey Park City Treasurer took office. The County and LAIF Resolutions seek Council authorization to designate, in writing, the officer(s), employee(s), and any other person(s) authorized to deposit, withdraw, and invest in such funds.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-R1, 2023-R2, and 2023-R3 to update authoritative titles for the Los Angeles County Investment Pool (County), Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), and California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA).

Motion: Moved by Council Member Yiu and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sanchez motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Yiu, Ngo, Wong, Sanchez, Lo
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None

Resolution No. 2023-R1:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND REQUESTING THE INVESTMENT OF EXCESS FUNDS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TREASURY POOL

Resolution No. 2023-R2:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC MONIES IN THE LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND (LAIF) AND AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES ON ALL ACCOUNTS OF THE CITY

Resolution No. 2023-R3:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK AUTHORIZING EXAMINATION OF SALES OR TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAXES RECORDS

3-C. APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION, BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In 2013, the City Council added Chapter 2.82 to the Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC") restructuring the establishment of the Commissions, Boards and Committees, collectively "Commissions," and redefines the appointment procedures. In accordance with the MPMC, each council member appoints his/her respective representative(s) to the 9 commissions to serve a maximum of two 4-year terms. If an individual separates from serving on a board or commission because the individual has completed serving terms, such person cannot be reappointed to the same board or commission for at least twelve consecutive months unless authorized by City Council to extend their term. Commissions term is automatically rolled over unless otherwise directed by council members.

Public Speakers:

- Maychelle Yee, resident, reiterated a prior public speaker, Tammy Sam's comments on professional qualifications for Board Committees. She suggested that the council conduct more outreach to inform the community about vacant commission seats. She informed the public that one way they can give back to the community is by volunteering for an open commission seat.

Discussion: (1) Council Member Wong appointed three new commissioners: Gabriel Grajeda to the Design and Review board, Laura Gallegos to the Environmental Commission, and Oriana Chan to the Community Participation Commission. (2) Council Member Ngo appointed Fabian Raygosa to the Community Participation Commission.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the list of Commission/Board/Committee members as listed in Attachment 1 to the staff report.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Yiu and seconded by Council Member Wong motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Yiu, Ngo, Wong, Sanchez, Lo
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None

3-D. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 12195 GOVERNING PROCEDURES FOR CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION AND ROTATING MAYORAL RESPONSIBILITIES

On September 16, 2020, the City Council amended Resolution No. 12155 and adopted Resolution No. 12195 memorializing actions taken by City Council and establishing procedures for City Council reorganization and rotating mayoral responsibilities. The draft resolution amends Resolution Nos. 12155 and 12195 to clarify the rotation order and set subsequent appointments of mayor and mayor pro tempore. No other changes are proposed.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-R4 amending Resolution Nos. 12155 and 12195 Governing Procedures for City Council Reorganization and Rotating Mayoral Responsibilities on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 2023-R4:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION AND ROTATING MAYORAL RESPONSIBILITIES

3-E. TERMINATE LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM EXPOSURE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

On December 6, 2022, the City Manager was informed that at least one of the newly elected public officials tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. To protect public health and safety, the City Manager issued an administrative Declaration of Emergency regarding the December 7th meeting. Among other things, the City Manager implemented teleconferencing and electronic protocols to help reduce the chance that persons attending the December 7th meeting might be exposed

to COVID-19. At this time, staff recommends terminating a local emergency declared by Resolution 2022-R93, effective January 13, 2023.

Action Taken: The City Council terminated a local emergency declared by Resolution No. 2022-R93 resulting from exposure to the Covid-19 virus on Consent Calendar.

3-F. ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE 2023 WINTER STORMS AND RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S ADMINISTRATIVE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DATED JANUARY 12, 2023

On January 4, 2023, the Governor declared a statewide emergency because of the multiple Winter Storms sweeping over California. The President of the United States subsequently issued a federal declaration of emergency on January 8, 2023 for the same reasons. In response, the City Manager declared an administrative emergency dated January 12, 2023 and effective January 8, 2023. The City Council must ratify such actions within seven days after the administrative declaration of emergency. If adopted, the proposed Resolution would declare there to be a local emergency because of the 2023 Winter Storms and ratify the actions undertaken by the City Manager since January 8, 2023.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act)

The Resolution itself and the actions anticipated by the Resolution were reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000, *et seq.*, "CEQA") and the regulations promulgated thereunder (14 Cal. Code of Regulations §§15000, *et seq.*, the "CEQA Guidelines"). Based upon that review, this action is exempt from further review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a) because the protection of public and private property is necessary to maintain service essential to the public, health and welfare.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution 2023-R5 declaring a local emergency resulting from 2023 Winter Storms and ratifying the City Manager's Administrative Declaration of Emergency dated January 12, 2023 on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 2023-R5:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK CONFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

3-G. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR 2022 SLURRY SEAL AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, SPECIFICATION NO. 2022-005

Pursuant to City Council Resolution No. 11701, the Public Works Director is authorized to record a Notice of Completion for the 2022 Slurry Seal at Various Locations, Specification No. 2022-005. The project is now complete, and the work was inspected and approved by the City Engineer.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the Notice of Completion recorded by the Public Works Director on December 19, 2022 accepting the 2022 Slurry Seal at Various Locations Specification No. 2022-005 completed by Onyx Paving Company, Inc. on Consent Calendar.

3-H. AMENDMENT TO UNITED STORM WATER INC. AGREEMENT 2309-A, AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CATCH BASIN MAINTENANCE

On June 2022, City Council approved a Public Works contract with United Storm Water, Inc., to install Connector Pipe Screen (CPS) units at 130 catch basin locations throughout the City. The Public Works contract was for a total amount of \$99,450, and contingency up to \$9,945 or 10% of the contract amount. To reach the City's 99% trash discharge reduction goal, the City's Stormwater Program consultant, John L. Hunter determined that retrofitting an additional 100 catch basins will be required. Staff recommends amending the current agreement with United Storm Water for the installation of an additional 100 CPS units, increasing the approved contract amount from \$109,395 to \$199,395.

Furthermore, the City is currently responsible for maintaining all City owned catch basins by conducting routine inspections and cleaning to avoid flooding issues. Once the CPS units are installed, the City will also be responsible for maintaining the retrofit device and county-owned catch basin per the County of Los Angeles Maintenance Standards. Staff recommends the award of a maintenance contract to United Storm Water for the inspection and cleaning of retrofitted County owned catch basins and all City owned catch basins. The proposed agreement would be for three years with the option to extend for two one-year terms. The estimated term cost for services is \$60,000 per year, with annual CPI increases.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act)

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

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the First Amendment, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to Agreement No. 2309-A with United Storm Water, Inc., to retrofit an additional 100 catch basins with Connector Pipe Screens in the amount of \$90,000 including labor and 15% contingency; and authorized the City Manager to execute a three-year Maintenance Agreement with an option to extend for an additional two one-year terms, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with United Storm Water, Inc, in an amount of \$60,000 per year with annual CPI increases, for the maintenance of all City-owned catch basins and retrofitted County owned catch basins with Connector Pipe Screen (CPS) Units on Consent Calendar.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

5-A. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA APPOINTING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS**

The City Council generally appoints representatives to various regional and community organizations annually. Appointments are recommended by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

Public Speakers:

- Joseph Leon, resident, said he would like to continue to serve as a representative on the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control board.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-R6 appointing representatives to specific organizations.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Wong and seconded by Council Member Ngo motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Yiu, Ngo, Wong, Sanchez, Lo
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None

Resolution No. 2023-R6:

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CITY COUNCILMEMBERS TO SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS.

6. **CITY COMMUNICATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)**

Council Member Yiu announced her attendance at the Lunar New Year Press Conference on Tuesday January 17, 2023. She reminded everyone about the City's big Lunar New Year celebration that will begin on Saturday January 21, 2023 and encourages family to go. She wished everyone Happy Lunar New Year.

Council Member Ngo welcomed everyone back from the holidays. He reminded everyone to stay safe, especially with the recent and upcoming rain storms. He invited everyone to the Lunar New Year event that celebrates the great diversity of the city.

Council Member Wong stated his attendance at the Lunar New Year Press Conference and is excited to usher in the year of the rabbit. He reminded residents

with the amount of rain received; we still need to conserve water. Drought conditions continue to persist. He wishes everyone Happy Lunar New Year and thanked the staff in preparation for this big event.

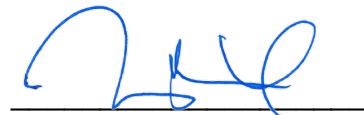
Mayor Pro Tem Sanchez announced his attendance at the Lunar New Year Press Conference and is excited to participate in the festival. He also attended the Farmers Market that was held at Barnes Park. He had the opportunity to talk to most of the vendors and they mentioned with the new location, they are getting more foot traffic and sales. He thanked the city staff for coordinating the events. His family and other families of Monterey Park appreciate the programs that are being offered by the city.

Mayor Lo informed the public of his attendance to the Lunar New Year Press Conference and invited the community to the Lunar New Year celebration. He mentioned that Monterey Park is usually one of the first cities to kick off this celebration. He reminded the community that the Mayoral rotation will be on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. He enjoyed his term being Mayor and saved his remarks for the next Council meeting. He also announced the Police Chief Swearing-In ceremony that will take place on Thursday January 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. and thanked Police Chief Wiese for being the face of the community and its public safety needs.

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 8:40 p.m. in memory of Pat Reichenberger, Former Mayor, Council Member and Resident.



Maychelle Yee
City Clerk

Approved on March 1, 2023 at the Regular City Council Meeting