

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)
HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 6, 2022**

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, April 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Lo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

The Monterey Park Fire Explorers

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Vincent Chang called the roll:

Council Members Present: Peter Chan, Hans Liang, Henry Lo, Yvonne Yiu

Council Members Absent: Fred Sornoso

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Ron Bow, Assistant City Manager Inez Alvarez, Fire Chief Matt Hallock, Police Chief Kelly Gordon, Director of Management Services Martha Garcia, Director of Recreation & Community Services Robert Aguirre, Public Works Manager Chris Reyes, Firefighter Scott Kelley, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang, Assistant Deputy City Clerk Helena Cho, Community Communications Coordinator Randy Ishino

VIRTUALLY PRESENT: City Treasurer Josph Leon, City Attorney Karl Berger, City Librarian Diana Garcia, Interim Director of Community & Economic Development Steve Sizemore, Interim Director of Public Works Anthony Antich

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS – None.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

- Sarkis Antonian voiced his opinion on the expansion of Garvey Avenue and the construction of a parking structure on Garvey Avenue. He also inquired about the vote by mail drop boxes located throughout the City.

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

- Nancy Acuri inquired about the Measure R funding being used to expand Garvey Avenue during rush hour traffic.
- Scott Kwong communicated that Council should reconsider adding bike lanes to Monterey Pass Road and the lane expansion of Garvey Avenue.
- John Wong voiced his opposition to adding bike lanes to Monterey Pass Road and expanding the lanes on Garvey Avenue.
- Jennifer Tang, on behalf of 49th District Assemblymember Mike Fong, encouraged residents to contact Assemblymember Fong's office regarding any concerns on upcoming bills or state related matters. She also announced that Assemblymember Fong is looking forward to working with City staff and the City Council.
- City Clerk Chang received, filed, and read into the record a written communication from Ming Lai regarding parking concerns on Fremont Avenue and Monterey Pass Road.
- City Clerk Chang read into the record a letter received on March 29, 2022 from Mayor Pro Tem Fred Sornoso regarding his resignation from City Council due to health concerns, effective April 14, 2022.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- Firefighter Kelley invited the community to attend Fire Service Day on May 14th, 2022 at Fire Station 62.
- Director of Recreation & Community Services Aguirre reminded the community of the MPK Spring Hunt at the Barnes Park Field on April 14, 2022.
- Public Works Manager Chris Reyes informed the community of the Spring Cleaning event on April 9, 2022 at the Barnes Park Service Club House.

1. PRESENTATION – None.

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

2. OLD BUSINESS

2A. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING

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.

The City received half of its allocation (\$7,521,592) in June 2021 with the remaining amount to be received in June 2022. City Council has approved appropriations of \$6,925,837 million to be expensed on allowable purchases.

The City is requesting direction for the remaining ARPA funds.

Recommendation: It is recommended that City Council (1) reviewing, discussing, and providing direction on the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funding; and (2) taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Action Taken: Mayor Lo and Council Member Chan declared a potential property-related conflict of interest as their properties are within 1000 feet of items related to Garvey Ranch Park. They did not participate in discussion on items relating to Garvey Ranch Park. The City Council received and filed the American Rescue Plan Act Funding report.

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

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 Item Nos. 3A, 3B, 3E, and 3F, on Consent Calendar, excluding Item Nos. 3C and 3D which were pulled for discussion and separate motion, reading resolutions and ordinances by the title only and waiving further reading thereof.

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

Ayes: Council Members: Yiu, Chan, Liang, Lo
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: Sornoso
Abstain: Council Members: None

3A. **MINUTES**

Approving the minutes from the regular meeting of March 2, 2022.

Action Taken: The City Council approved the minutes from the regular meeting of March 2, 2022 on Consent Calendar.

3B. WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LAND USE RELATED TIME SUSPENSION PERIOD RELATED TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

The Ordinance was introduced and received first reading at the March 16, 2022 City Council meeting. The original staff report, from March 16, 2022, is attached to the staff report for reference. Second reading and adoption of this Ordinance is recommended. If adopted, the Ordinance will take effect in 30 days.

Action Taken: The City Council waived the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2219 on Consent Calendar.

Ordinance No. 2219:

AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LAND USE RELATED TIME SUSPENSION PERIOD RELATED TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

3C. WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 6.15 REGULATING MANDATORY ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION

The Ordinance was introduced and received first reading at the March 16, 2022 City Council meeting. The original staff report, from March 16, 2022, is attached to the staff report for reference. Second reading and adoption of this Ordinance is recommended. If adopted, the Ordinance will take effect in 30 days.

Public Communications:

- Nancy Acuri voiced her concerns regarding using the green bin disposal for green waste and food waste.

Action Taken: The City Council waived the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2220.

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

Ayes: Council Members: Yiu, Chan, Liang, Lo
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: Sornoso
Abstain: Council Members: None

Ordinance No. 2220:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 6.15 REGULATING MANDATORY ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION

3D. 2020-2021 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR)

The City's auditor, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (CLA), an independent auditor and one of the nation's leading CPA firms, completed the audit of the City's annual financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The audited financial statements are incorporated into an ACFR.

This is the 6th year, CLA audited the City's financial records. The auditor issued an unmodified ("clean") opinion on the City's financial statements. An unmodified opinion indicates that the financial data of the City is fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (or "GAAP") and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in Government Audit Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. These standards require that the auditors plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and accurately reflects the City's financial position. Additionally, the auditors' report does not indicate any negative findings, internal control deficiencies or instances of noncompliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the City's 2020-2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) on Consent Calendar.

3E. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AMENDMENT WITH BARTEL ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR THE CALPERS RETIREMENT PLAN, EMPOWER RETIREMENT PLAN, AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ACTUARIAL VALUATION PROPOSALS AND DATA REQUESTS

On September 2, 2020, City Council authorized a professional services agreement with Bartel Associates, LLC for the purpose of CalPERS Retirement Plan pension override tax study, actuarial valuation proposals and data request. Continued work with Bartel Associates LLC is desirable to assist with on other actuarial valuation proposals and data requests including the CalPERS Retirement Plan, Empower Retirement Plan, and OPEB. Accordingly, it is requested that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an Amendment for a total amount of \$135,800.

Public Communications:

- Mary Beth Redding, Bartel Associate, was available virtually to answer any questions.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an Amendment with Bartel Associates, LLC in a form approved by the City Attorney, to provide CalPERS Retirement Plan, Empower Retirement Plan, and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) actuarial valuation proposals and data requests for an amount of \$135,800 on Consent Calendar.

3F. STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT GRANT YEAR 2020 – AWARD OF AGREEMENT

The County of Los Angeles is a Subgrantee of the State Homeland Security Program Grant Year 2020 ("SHSP 2020") that is provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Per the subrecipient agreement, the County of Los Angeles is authorized to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the City of Monterey Park, which includes a distribution of SHSP 2020 grant funds to the City of Monterey Park in the amount of \$182,720. A portion of the \$182,720 is dedicated to fund a fulltime Regional Training (RiG) Intelligence Chief position for the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association (LAAFCA). Upon approval of the subrecipient agreement, staff will publicize a Request for Proposal, to fill the position by July 1, 2022, and oversee administration of funds for this position. Staff recommends City Council to authorize the City to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the County of Los Angeles for an amount not to exceed 5182,720 for the SHSP 2020 Grant.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R18 authorizing the City Manager to apply for, receive, and execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the County of Los Angeles for an amount not to exceed \$182,720, for the State Homeland Security Program Grant Year 2020 on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 2022-R18:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM FOR GRANT YEAR 2020

4. **PUBLIC HEARING** – None.
5. **NEW BUSINESS** – None.

6. CITY COMMUNICATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

6A. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK ENSURING EQUAL POLICIES FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES (Requested by Mayor Henry Lo and Councilmember Yvonne Yiu)

Written Communications:

- City Clerk Chang received, filed, and read into the record three written communications from Jeff Schwartz, on behalf of the Monterey Park Democratic Club and the California Democratic Party, Linda Tang, and Je-Show Yang voicing their support for Agenda Item 6A and urging City Council to vote yes.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R19 ensuring equal policies for reproductive healthcare services.

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

Ayes: Council Members: Yiu, Chan, Liang, Lo
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: Sornoso
Abstain: Council Members: None

Resolution No. 2022-R19:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK ENSURING EQUAL POLICIES FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Council Communications:

Council Member Yiu expressed her excitement to be back to in person meetings in the Council Chambers.

Council Member Chan stated that it is good to be back to in person meetings in the Council Chambers and reminded the community to continue to stay safe. He reported that he attended the grand opening of the Chinatown Service Center's new office on Atlantic Blvd, the Japanese Consul General's residence to celebrate the Emperor's birthday, and the International Cities Association (ICA) conference.

Council Member Liang announced that he is happy to be back to in person meeting in the Council Chambers and wished Mayor Pro Tem Fred Sornoso all the best.

Mayor Lo reported that he is happy to be back to holding in person meetings in the Council Chambers and thanked the public for attending the meeting. He also voiced appreciation for Mayor Pro Tem Sornoso for serving on City Council.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

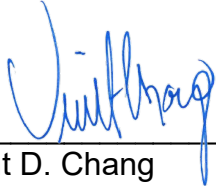
None.

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk

Approved on May 18, 2022 at the Regular City Council Meeting