

MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)
HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 10, 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 Special Meeting of the Council in Room 266, Second Floor of City Hall located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Monday, April 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sanchez called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang called the roll:

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

Council Members Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Ron Bow, Assistant City Manager Inez Alvarez, Director of Finance Martha Garcia, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Christine Tomikawa

VIRTUALLY PRESENT: Assistant City Attorney Tim Campen, Steve Berliner of Liebert Cassidy & Whitmore (City's special counsel for labor matters)

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None.

1. OPEN SESSION

1-A. APPOINTMENT OF REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Action Taken: The City Council appointed the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Director of Finance, and City Attorney as the real property negotiators for Closed Session Item No. 2-B.

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

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

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

1-B. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS WITH TEVA, ALLERGAN, CVS, WALGREENS, AND WALMART

On July 21, 2021, a \$26 billion offer to settle was made by opioid manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals (parent company of Johnson & Johnson) and the “big three” distributors (McKesson, AmerisourceBergen, and Cardinal Health) (“the Distributors”) to resolve their liabilities in over 3,000 opioid crisis-related lawsuits nationwide. The City is participating in these settlement agreements and receives payments from the State each year that are derived from Janssen and the Distributors.

In late 2022, agreements were announced with three pharmacy chains (CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart) and two additional manufacturers (Allergan and Teva). In January 2023, each of those pharmacy chains and manufacturers confirmed that a sufficient number of states had agreed to the settlements to move forward. As with the 2021 National Settlements, cities that want to participate in the 2022 National Settlements now will have the opportunity to “opt in.” The greater the level of subdivision participation, the more funds will ultimately be paid out. The City must opt-in by April 18, 2023, or it will be precluded from participation.

Under both the 2021 and 2022 National Settlements, at least 85% of the funds going directly to participating cities must be used for abatement of the opioid epidemic, with the overwhelming bulk of the proceeds restricted to funding future abatement efforts by state and local governments.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-R24 authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to enter into National Opioid Settlements with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart.

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

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

Resolution No. 2023-R24

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS WITH TEVA, ALLERGAN, CVS, WALGREENS, AND WALMART

2. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council adjourned to Closed Session at 5:40 p.m.

2-A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6

City Negotiators: Steve Berliner and Christine Tomikawa
Employee Organizations: Confidential Employees' Association, Firefighters' Association, Mid-Management Association, Police Captains' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Officers' Mid-Management Association, Professional Chief Officers' Association, and Service Employees International Union, Local 721

2-B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS - GOVERNMENT CODE § 54956.8: 1 item

Property: 3500 W. Ramona Blvd. and 3700 W. Ramona Blvd.; AIN 5237-001-902
City Negotiators: Ron Bow, City Manager
Karl H. Berger, City Attorney
Inez Alvarez, Assistant City Manager
Martha Garcia, Director of Finance
Negotiating Parties: John Tallichet, President (Specialty Restaurants Corporation)
Under Negotiation: Lease

2-C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6

City Negotiators: Ron Bow, City Manager and Karl H. Berger, City Attorney
Employee Organization: Executive Management Team - Assistant City Manager, City Librarian, Director of Community Development, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management, Director of Finance, Director of Public Works, Director of Recreation & Community Services, Fire Chief, and Police Chief

**2-D. CONFERENCE LEGAL COUNSEL, EXISTING LITIGATION - GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 54956.9(d) - Number of Cases: 1**

Mary Pat Dodson v. City of Monterey Park (filed November 12, 2021)
LASC Case No. 21STCV41669

RECONVENE & ADJOURNMENT

The City Council reconvened from Closed Session with all Council Members present.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Action Taken: No reportable action taken.



Maychelle Yee
City Clerk

Approved on May 3, 2023, at the Regular City Council Meeting