

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
JOINT SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 3, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Monterey Park held a Joint Special and Regular Teleconference Meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The joint special and regular meetings were 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:

Participants are encouraged to join the meeting 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.

Public comment will be accepted via email to mpclerk@montereypark.ca.gov during the meeting, before the close of public comment, and read into the record during public comment, when feasible. We request that written communications be limited to not more than 50 words.

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: 935 3190 3044 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.

The public may also watch the meeting live on the city's cable channel MPKTV (AT&T U-verse, channel 99 or Charter Communications, channel 182) or by visiting the city's website at <http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/133/City-Council-Meeting-Videos>.

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 Liang called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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, Assistant City Attorney Karl Berger, Fire Chief Matt Hallock, Police Chief Kelly Gordon, Director of Public Works Mark McAvoy, Director of Management Services Martha Garcia, Director of Recreation & Community Services Inez Alvarez, Interim Director of Human Resources Danielle Tellez, City Librarian Diana Garcia, Deputy Fire Marshall Chris Gomez, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang, Assistant Deputy City Clerk Helena Cho

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

The City Council requested Agenda Items Nos. 1A, 5B, and 6A be heard after Public Communications.

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 names.

- Caller ending 557 stated that she does not speak English and provided her comment in Chinese.
- Manqin He spoke about Project Room Key and stated that it may have unintended consequences. He stated that the rising homeless populations are congregating around 127 Garvey Ave and the other side of Bank of America and leaving trash behind.
- Marco Suego spoke about inoperative vehicle in driveways and referenced Monterey Park Municipal Code (MPMC) 9.03.010 stating that this code section needs to be enforced.
- John Yong stated that a plan is needed to react to and stop a potential acquisition of hotels and motels, within the City's jurisdiction, by State and County for the purpose of opening a permanent homeless shelter. He stated that Monterey Park does not have a homeless problem and that those shelters would transplant the homeless problems from the City of Los Angeles and surrounding communities to Monterey Park.

- Caller ending 664 voiced their disapproval regarding the use of Lincoln Hotel and Garvey Inn as permanent homeless shelters. She declared that they are deeply concerned and inquired if the County can require the City to convert the hotels into permanent housing and asked if the City has a mitigation plan to address this issue.
- Justine Wang spoke about Project Room Key and conveyed that a petition was signed by a thousand people opposing the continuation of Project Room Key and implored the Council to think of an exit plan and communicate it with the Monterey Park residents. She encouraged the City to provide more counseling, job training, and job education to the homeless.
- Jenny Wong Luo declared that she does not like the idea of using Lincoln Hotel and Garvey Inn as permanent homeless shelters. She stated that it is too close to schools, businesses and residents.
- Maychelle requested clarification on which agenda items were combined and whether residents were allowed to speak on each item or if the public was limited to one comment.
- Amy stated that she supports Project Room Key and the changes to the Land Use Element to allow for permanent supportive housing and density bonuses for low and affordable housing.
- Teresa Real Sebastian voiced her support of Project Room Key but expressed her concerns about providing permanent homeless housing. She asked if Council could get a letter from the State and County stating that they do not intend to use any hotels in the City of Monterey Park as permanent homeless shelters. She requested documents regarding the Starbucks project located on Garfield. She asked for clarification on the start time for City Council Meeting and mentioned that the Land Use Element should include a residential zoning on Sybil Brand and to designate it as veteran and senior housing. She inquired about Agenda Item No. 5A and requested clarification.
- Jei Hua stated that there are more homeless individuals on the street and communicated her concerns regarding the safety of her children. She stated that Lincoln Hotel and Garvey Inn are too close to schools and should not be used as permanent homeless shelters.
- James Song expressed his strong opposition regarding the proposed option by the Los Angeles County to purchase hotels in Monterey Park as permanent homeless shelters. He stated that there is a petition from the residents requiring that the City add an injunction to the Municipal Code to prohibit setting permanent homeless shelter within ½ mile from public schools and requested that the City Council instruct the City Attorney to develop a mitigation action plan to protect the City from

any plans that the Los Angeles County has to change hotels to permanent shelters and present the plan at the next City Council meeting on June 17, 2020.

- Ling Lee conveyed her disapproval of Project Room Key and communicated her point of view that when homeless people come, drug use and crime will follow.
- Serena Chan asserted that she does not want Lincoln Hotel and Garvey Inn to become a permanent homeless shelter. She requested that the City Council make a public statement on whether they support the change of use from a hotel to permanent homeless shelter and demanded that the City Council instruct the City Attorney to develop a mitigation action plan and present it at the next City Council meeting on June 17, 2020.
- Juntao Lee requested that the City Council state their opinion on converting the Lincoln Hotel to a permanent homeless shelter. He voiced his opposition against the proposal and hopes the City Council can support the residents and find a better solution.
- Sylvia inquired about where on the Agenda they are currently on and if Agenda Item No. 4B has been presented.
- Alan Leung indicated his support of a temporary shelter and voiced his concerns regarding Lincoln Hotel and Garvey Inn. He stated that he opposes permanent shelters in Monterey Park and made a public request to obtain all document and material regarding or related to Project Room Key.
- Thomas Wong spoke about Project Room Key and stated that he believes there is misinformation in the community. He commended the City Council for supporting Project Room Key and applauded the community for helping others during the pandemic.
- James Q Public declared that it is everyone's responsibilities to help ensure every person receives the support they deserve as a fellow human being. He implored the City Council to not allow fear dictate their decision making process but they do their job as elective representative to offer solutions to real problems.
- John Velasco revealed that he is a resident of Project Room Key. He thanked Monterey Park for what they are doing for the homeless population.
- Wei conveyed that she does not feel safe due to the use of Lincoln Hotel and Garvey Inn as a homeless shelter. She requested that the City Council, City Attorney, City Manager or any City Officials state if they have any personal relations with the hotel owners or businesses.
- Kevin Chang expressed his support of Project Room Key however he does not support converting hotels to permanent supportive housing. He implored the

Council to consider Sybil Brand, the vacant land on Atlantic Boulevard and Garvey Avenue, and converting some of Atlantic Square to mixed-use to fill the housing requirements.

- City Clerk Chang received, filed, and read into the record a written communication from David Barron. Mr. Barron inquired when churches, City Hall, and restaurants are allowed open. He asked why City Halls phone are not covered by a designated person during break or when staff are away.

1. **PRESENTATION**

1A. **INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WITHIN THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK**

Police Chief Gordon presented an update on individuals experiencing homelessness in Monterey Park.

Public Speakers:

- Hao Ling spoke about homelessness and stated that she does not like the idea of providing individuals with permanent shelter. Instead, she recommended that homeless individuals be taught how to live on their own.
- Maychelle proposed that the Police Chief consider the increase in contact with homeless population occurred after the City started accepting homeless individuals.

2. **OLD BUSINESS**

2A. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO WAIVE FIRST READING AND INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING HOTEL/MOTEL GUEST REGISTRIES**

The proposed amendments to the MPMC (specifically those regulating the inspection of guest registers) are intended to address an issue identified by the federal court in *Patel v. City of Long Beach* (DC No. 2:08-cv-02806-ABC-VBK) and *Patel v. City of Los Angeles* (9th Cir., 2013) 738 F.3d 1058.

Recommendation: (1) Waive first reading and introduce a draft Ordinance amending the Monterey Park Municipal Code (“MPMC”) regulating guest registries; or (2) Alternatively, discussing and taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Draft Ordinance, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 5.88 TO THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO CLARIFY WHEN HOTEL OPERATORS MUST DISCLOSE GUEST REGISTRIES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

Public Speakers:

- City Clerk's Office received and filed a written communication from Maychelle Yee that was disseminated to the City Council but was not read into the record.

Action Taken: The City Council continued the agenda item to the June 17, 2020 City Council meeting.

2B. CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE ("MPMC") BY ADDING CHAPTER 16.37 ENTITLED "PERMIT PROCESS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS"

This item was continued from the May 20, 2020 City Council meeting. See Attachment 1 attached to the staff report for the completed agenda packet from the May 20th meeting.

This item was heard after Agenda Item No. 4B.

Action Taken: The City Council introduced and waived first reading of an Ordinance adding Chapter 16.37 entitled "Permit Process for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations".

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Chan and seconded by Council Member Lo

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

Ordinance, 1st Reading, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE ("MPMC") BY ADDING CHAPTER 16.37 ENTITLED "PERMIT PROCESS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS."

2C. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS RETENTION AND PURGING POLICY; SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

This item was continued from the May 20, 2020 City Council meeting. See Attachment 1 attached to the staff report for the completed agenda packet from the May 20th meeting.

Recommendation: (1) Adopt a resolution establishing a Social Media Policy and a Resolution amending the City's retention policy as to electronic communications; (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with a social media archiving service vendor, in a form approved by the City Attorney; and (3) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Draft Resolution, entitled:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR UTILIZING SOCIAL MEDIA (THE "SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY")

Action Taken: The City Council continued the agenda item to the June 17, 2020 City Council meeting.

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

3A. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT THE CITY CLERK TO PERFORM THE BIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE CITY'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Under the Political Reform Act (Government Code § 8100, *et seq.*), every local agency must review its Conflict of Interest code ("COI") on a biennial basis. If positions or titles changed in the local agency's organization, then the legislative body must amend the COI before October 1, 2020.

Recommendation: (1) Directing the City Clerk to perform the biennial review of the City's Conflict of Interest Code and report back before October 1, 2020; and (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Public Speakers:

- City Clerk's office received and filed a written communication from Maychelle Yee that was disseminated to the City Council but was not read into the record.

Action Taken: The City Council continued the agenda item to the June 17, 2020 City Council Meeting.

3B. WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE §14.12.185 TO PROVIDE A FORMULA FOR CALCULATING EITHER THE ELIGIBLE CEILING, INCOME THRESHOLD OR THE DISCOUNT RATE FOR THE LIFELINE PROGRAM

The ordinance was introduced at the May 20, 2020 City Council meeting. At that meeting, the City Council conducted the first reading. The staff report from the May 20, 2020 meeting is attached to the staff report for reference. Second reading and adoption of this ordinance is recommended; the ordinance takes effect in 30 days.

This item was heard after Agenda Item No. 5C.

Action Taken: The City Council waived second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2174 amending Monterey Park Municipal Code § 14.12.185 to establish the discount rate and eligibility criteria for participation in the City's Lifeline Program.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2174, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE § 14.12.185 TO ESTABLISH THE DISCOUNT RATE AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CITY'S LIFELINE PROGRAM

3C. WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO DELINQUENT WATER BILLS AND CREATING A POLICY ON THE DISCONTINUATION OF RESIDENTIAL WATER SERVICE FOR NONPAYMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE WATER SHUTOFF PROTECTION ACT (HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §§ 116900-116926)

The ordinance was introduced at the May 20, 2020 City Council meeting. At that meeting, the City Council conducted the first reading. The staff report from the May 20, 2020 meeting is attached to the staff report of reference. Second reading and adoption of this ordinance is recommended; the ordinance takes effect in 30 days.

Action Taken: The City Council waived second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2175 amending the Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC") in compliance with Health and Safety Code §§ 116900-116926 regarding residential potable water shutoff procedures.

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

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

Ordinance No. 2175, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE (“MPMC”) IN COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE §§ 116900-116926 REGARDING RESIDENTIAL POTABLE WATER SHUTOFF PROCEDURES

4. PUBLIC HEARING

4A. CONSIDER ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CITYWIDE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 93-1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 PURSUANT TO STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE §§ 22500, ET SEQ.

In 1993 the City formed a citywide benefit assessment district to finance the operation and maintenance of public street lighting and landscaping. The district was renewed each of the past 27 years and must be renewed for 2020-21 in order for the City to continue the collection of assessments. The City started the process to renew its Citywide Maintenance District No. 93-1 for the 2020-21 fiscal year at its April 15, 2020 meeting. At that time, the City Council approved the Engineer's Report; adopted the Resolution of Intention (Resolution No. 12144) and scheduled the required public hearing for June 3, 2020. The district renewal will follow the City Council's action at the conclusion of the June 3rd public hearing.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

The proposed action is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code §§ 21000, *et seq.*; “CEQA”) and CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14, §§ 15000, *et seq.*) because it establishes, modifies, structures, restructures, and approves rates and charges for meeting operating expenses; purchasing supplies, equipment, and materials; meeting financial requirements; and obtaining funds for capital projects needed to maintain service within existing service areas. The proposed action, therefore, is categorically exempt from further CEQA review under CEQA Guidelines § 15273.

Action Taken: The City Council opened the public hearing at 10:51 p.m. and received documentary and testimonial evidence; there being no speakers closed the public hearing at 10:54 p.m. and adopted Resolution No. 12163 authorizing the Levy and Collection of Assessments for Fiscal Year 2020-21 in Citywide Maintenance District No. 93-1 pursuant to Streets and Highways Code § 22587.

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

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

Resolution No. 12163, entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 IN CITYWIDE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 93-1 PURSUANT TO STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE § 22587

4B. ANNUAL WEED ABATEMENT PROTEST HEARING

The County of Los Angeles Department of Agriculture Commissioner and Weights and Measures submitted to the City the annual Weed Abatement Declaration List and resolution declaring that weeds, brush, rubbish, refuse, and dirt maintained on certain private properties in the City, are a public nuisance. At the regular City Council meeting on February 5, 2020, the Council adopted Resolution No. 12138 approving the 2020 Weed Abatement Declaration List as posted by the County. By adopting the Resolution, the Council declared its intention to provide for the abatement of said public nuisances. To complete the process, the Council must hold a protest hearing to allow parcel owners identified on the Declaration List an opportunity to object to their inclusion thereon.

This item was heard after Agenda Item No. 6A.

Public Speakers:

- Sylvia stated that she sent an email to Fire Chief Matt Hallock and requested for clarification regarding the inspection fee.
- Deputy City Clerk Trang received, filed, and read into the record four written communications. Three written communications from Damia Joa, Khin Saw Nyein, and Donald Toy who requested to be removed from the weed abatement declaration list and one written communication from David Truong who inquired on how resident's parcels get placed on the Declaration List and how could resident's be removed from the list.

Action Taken: The City Council opened the public hearing at 10:03 p.m., received public comments and closed the public hearing at 10:22 p.m.; and adopted Resolution No. 12162 declaring that weeds, brush, rubbish and refuse upon or in front of property in the city are a public nuisance, and declaring its intention to provide for abatement.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Chan and seconded by Mayor Liang motion carried by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 12162, entitled:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 39561 DECLARING THAT WEEDS, BRUSH, RUBBISH AND REFUSE UPON OR IN FRONT OF SPECIFIED PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR ABATEMENT

5. NEW BUSINESS

5A. ADOPT A RESOLUTION RATIFYING CERTAIN ACTIONS COMPLETED BY THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND CONTINUE TO EXTEND THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

On March 18, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 12142 which declared a local emergency resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic (the “COVID-19 Pandemic”). Pursuant to Resolution No. 12142 and Monterey Park Municipal Code (“MPMC”), the City Manager implemented certain emergency policies and procedures (“EP&P”) to protect public health and safety. Generally, these relate to designation of quarantine sites; protection of public employees; and continuity of government.

On April 15, the City Council adopted Resolution No.12151 ratifying certain actions completed by the City Manager and extending the existence of a local emergency.

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.¹

This item was heard after Agenda Item No. 4A.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12164 ratifying certain actions completed by the City Manager.

¹ CEQA findings regarding an anticipated imminent emergency are valid (*see CalBeach Advocates v. City of Solana Beach* (2002) 103 Cal.App.4th 529).

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Chan and seconded by Mayor Liang motion carried by the following vote:

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

Resolution No. 12164, entitled:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK RATIFYING CERTAIN ACTIONS COMPLETED BY THE CITY MANAGER AND EXTENDING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

EXTENSION OF COUNCIL MEETING

Action Taken: The City Council extended the council meeting to 11:15 p.m.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Liang and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chan

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

5B. OVERVIEW OF PROJECT ROOMKEY BY MONTEREY PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

At the direction of the Governor, the County of Los Angeles and City of Los Angeles implemented an unprecedented effort to establish temporary housing for at-risk homeless individuals at hotels and motels in local communities. Utilizing the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the County is procuring hotel and motel rooms to shelter these individuals. The operation is identified as Project Room Key. Two hotels in the City of Monterey Park were selected as Project Room Key sites.

This item was heard after Agenda Item No. 1A.

Public Speakers:

- Caller ending 804 reiterated on a statement made by a previous speaker who stated that this is an issue of misinformation and lies. She expressed her opinion that this issue is not about homelessness but about elected officials, city staff, and commissioners abusing their power.

- Teresa Eisler stated that being homeless is a temporary condition and that the people placed in Project Room Key are from Monterey Park and the surrounding cities. She stated that there are many misconceptions and fears regarding homeless people.
- Caller ending 688 inquired about the City Council opinion on the Los Angeles County's potential purchase of the hotels as permanent shelters in the future. She also spoke about ensuring the safety of children from homeless individuals with mental issues.
- Gavin requested for more information on the County's RV exit plan. He mentioned that he had a conversation with the City Manager regarding a potential homeless shelter at University of Southern California (USC) and inquired why the information he was provided was not presented.
- Qua implored the Council to direct the City Attorney to develop a mitigation plan to protect the residents and to discuss the plan at the June 17, 2020 City Council meeting. She requested Council to publically state whether they support the conversion of the hotel's use to a permanent homeless shelter.
- Andrew Ying requested that the Mayor, City Council and City Manager state if they support the change of use from a temporary to permanent homeless shelter. He inquired if the Los Angeles County or State could force the City to change the use of the hotel. He implored the City Council to direct the City Attorney to develop a mitigation action plan and present it at the June 17, 2020 City Council meeting.
- Margaret Leung stated that she would like to hear from City Council and City Manager if they are in favor of a permanent homeless shelter in Monterey Park. She demanded that the City Council direct the City Attorney to develop a mitigation plan and to present the item at the next meeting.
- Caller ending 585 conveyed that written data she had, indicated an increased number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients. She implored the City Council to contact Los Angeles County on why there was an increase. She requested that the Council state their opinion on whether they support a permanent shelter.
- Edith Gonzalez thanked Pastor Velasco for sharing his experience and thanked the City Mayor, Council, and Police Chief for sharing accurate information on Project Room Key.
- Deputy City Clerk Trang received, filed, and read into the record eleven written communications from: Felix Huang, Bethany Chow, Allison Henry, Hovey Yu, Enoch Chow, Emily Van Ostran, Sonya Berndt, Christopher Yee, Thomas Wong, Eric Sunada, Patrick Mangto who all expressed their support of Project Room Key.

- City Clerk Chang received, filed, and read into the record thirty written communications. Twenty communications in support of Project Room Key: Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council, Asian Youth Center, Central City Community Health Center, Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless, San Gabriel Valley Entrepreneur Lions Club, United Way of Greater Los Angeles, Vet Hunters Project, Shower of Hope, San Gabriel Valley Civic Alliance, Maryvale, Chinatown Service Center, Volunteers of America, Boys & Girls Club of the West San Gabriel Valley, El Monte Union High School District, Monterey Park Democratic Club, San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness, United Democrats of the San Gabriel Valley, Former Monterey Park Mayor Anthony Wong, Monterey Park Resident Ryan Kigawa, and ten written communications in opposition: Lucy Zheng, Serena Chen, Ray Lu, Lillian Ying, Jun Shi, Hui Gao, Jun Shi, Man Qin He, Wendy Wang, and Justine Wang.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed this report.

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

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

5C. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MONTEREY PARK LAND USE ELEMENT (LUE) OF THE GENERAL PLAN

The City Council adopted a new land use element (“LUE”) on December 5, 2019. That LUE was placed on the March 2020 ballot as Measure II for voter approval. Measure II, however, was not adopted by voters and, accordingly, did not become effective.

It is recommended that the City Council consider amending the LUE and placing that version of the LUE on the November 2020 ballot for voter consideration. As explained more fully below, the recommended LUE would reflect the original version that was recommended by the Planning Commission and first considered by the City Council on October 28, 2019. It would not include provisions added by the City Council between October and December 2019 that included various housing overlays to the LUE in reaction to new California law taking effect in January 2020.

Staff reports from the City Council meetings of October 28, 2019; November 20, 2019; and December 5, 2019 are attached to the staff report (without exhibits) for a comprehensive review of the City’s drafting and ultimate adoption of the LUE. Since Measure II was not approved by the voters, however, the City Council

should consider amending the LUE as described below. A public hearing to consider such an amendment is noticed for June 17, 2020.

This item was heard after Agenda Item No. 2B.

Public Speakers:

- Qua requested that the City Planner, City Manager and City Council indicate in simple clear wording for residents to understand the amendment to the Monterey Park Land Use Element.
- Andrew Ying stated that based on voter rejection of Measure II, City Council and the Planning Department should clearly state no added new housing overlay to Corporate Center Drive and to indicate in simple wording the revision.
- Deputy City Clerk Trang received, filed, and read into the record three written communications from Kevin Cheng, Charly Wang, and Matt Williams voicing their suggestions for the LUE.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed this report and directed staff to follow the recommendation to revert the Land Use Element to the October 28, 2019 version with the consideration of maintaining the Market Place height limit of 80 feet and adding no homeless shelter within half a mile from schools.

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

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

5D. DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY: LOS ANGELES COUNTY CIVIL UNREST

Following May 25, 2020, protests throughout Los Angeles County have resulted in widespread arson, looting, assaults, vandalism and rioting, which continue to the present. On May 30, 2020, the Governor issued a Proclamation of Emergency for Los Angeles County. On May 31, 2020, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors imposed a curfew for the protection of public order and safety.

In order to safeguard the rights of peaceful assembly and protest, to protect the safety of Monterey Park residents, property and businesses as well as emergency and law enforcement providers, it was necessary to establish a curfew to quell anticipated violence and destruction of property during hours of darkness – when it is especially difficult to preserve public peace and safety. The dangers presented by the widespread civil unrest in Los Angeles County caused the City Manager to proclaim the existence of a local emergency beginning on May 31, 2020.

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.¹

This item was heard after Agenda Item No. 5A.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12165 declaring a local emergency resulting from the civil unrest in Los Angeles County and ratifying the City Manager’s Administrative Declaration of Emergency dated May 31, 2020.

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

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

6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTERS

6A. CONSIDERATION OF HOTEL/MOTEL ACQUISITIONS BY STATE AND COUNTY AUTHORITIES (REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER YIU)

This item was for discussion only.

Public Speakers:

- Maychelle clarified that she did not state that the Senior Planner was involved with Project Room Key.
- Siri spoke about homelessness and inquired from Council Member Yiu where in Monterey Park would be an ideal location for a homeless shelter.
- Gavin requested that Council Member Henry Lo provide a clear statement on whether he supports a permanent shelter.

¹ CEQA findings regarding an anticipated imminent emergency are valid (*see CalBeach Advocates v. City of Solana Beach* (2002) 103 Cal.App.4th 529).

Action Taken: The City Council moved to file an injunction to stop State and County from acquiring Lincoln Hotel and Garvey Inn to use as a permanent homeless shelter.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Yiu with a lack of a second. Motion failed.

- Margaret Leung communicated that the County of Los Angeles has stated after 90 days there is an option to purchase the hotel. She urged the Council to direct the City Attorney to develop a mitigation action plan and to agendaize it for discussion at the next council meeting.
- Deputy City Clerk Trang received, filed, and read into the record five written communications. Two communications in support of Project Room Key from Calvin Truong and Ashley Molina and three in opposition of a permanent homeless shelter from Antonio Ng, Vincent M, and Elysian Design Inc.
- City Clerk Chang received, filed, and read into the record a written communication from Jennifer Tang voicing her support of Project Room Key and that converting hotels into permanent housing is not currently on the table.
- Deputy City Clerk Trang received, filed, and read into the record forty-four written communications. Forty-three written communications were in opposition of permanent homeless shelters in Monterey Park: Helen (Simei) He, Alan He, Amber Yu, Dell Zhang, Brian Zhang, April Xu, Reginald Shum, Joyce, Sarah Lui, Larry Wong, William Deth, Eric Tsai, Linda Liu, Throw Away, Ray Lu, Kwok Cheung, Simon Luo, Margaret Cheng, Bill Chen, Carol, Jeannie, Jade Hu, Jenny Wong Luo, Zhiqi Chen, Rosa Tang, Yunxian Yan, Connie Liu, Shiping Song, Ting Xu, Minsi Zeng, Kewen Zeng, Nathan Wong, Dell Zhang, Tiffany Wong, Julie Ngo, Tom Tan, Yvonne Wong, Michelle Wang, Bin Li, Vincent M., Antonio Ng, Calvin Truong, and Ashley Molina. One written communication from Jasmine White who thanked Council Member Yiu and Sornoso for placing this item on the agenda.

Action Taken: The City Council moved to direct the City Attorney to prepare a mitigation action plan to present at the June 17, 2020 City Council meeting as a New Business Item.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Yiu with a lack of second. Motion failed.

6B. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER (LGBT) PRIDE MONTH (REQUESTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LO)

This item was heard after Agenda Item No. 5D.

Public Speakers:

- Deputy City Clerk Trang received, filed, and read into the record eighteen written communications. All eighteen communications from Calvin Truong, Ashley Molina, Chris Olson, Barbara Ngai, Pranett Chhunpen, Rose Scobie, Michael Chavez, Jennifer Tang, Jeshow Yang, Travis Kaya, Thomas Wong, Jason Hicks, Kali Ghazali, Sam Ritchie, Patrick Mangto, Aaron Saenz, Angela Shen, and Maria Elena Diaz were in support of the resolution recognizing the month of June as LGBT Pride Month.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 12166 recognizing the month of June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month.

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

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

Resolution No. 12166, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER (LGBT) PRIDE MONTH

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Yiu thanked the Monterey Park American Legion Post 397 for 90 years supporting veterans and those in needs. She inquired if the City has any funding to help non-profit organizations during the pandemic.

Council Member Lo thanked American Legion Post 397 for helping the community during the Pandemic and thanked City Staff and Public Safety Officers for being vigilant and looking out for the safety of the community.

Council Member Sornoso had nothing to report.

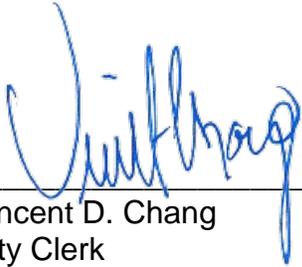
Mayor Pro Tem Chan thanked the police officers, fire fighters, and city staff for doing their job during these circumstances. He wished a Happy Fathers Day to all the fathers in the world.

Mayor Liang declared on behalf of the City of Monterey Park that our hearts and prayer goes out to the family of George Floyd and also to the protester that are peacefully protesting against racism in our society today.

7. **CLOSED SESSION (IF REQUIRED; CITY ATTORNEY TO ANNOUNCE)**
None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.



Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk

Approved on September 2, 2020 at the Regular City Council Meeting