

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
JOINT SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETING
JULY 15, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Monterey Park held a Joint Special and Regular Teleconference Meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 6:30 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:

Via Email

Public comment were accepted up to an hour before the meeting via email to mpclerk@montereypark.ca.gov and read into the record during public comment, when feasible. We request that written communications be 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: 985 8980 9672 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. 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 Liang called the meeting to order at 6:31 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, City Treasurer Joseph Leon, 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, Economic Development Manager Joseph Torres, Recreation and Communication Services Manager Robert Aguirre, Deputy Fire Marshall Chris Gomez, 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 names.

- Robert Aguirre, Recreation and Communication Services Manager, announced that the Recreation and Community Services Department will be hosting a Community Scavenger Hunt between the days of July 13, 2020 to July 31, 2020.
- City Clerk Chang received, filed, and read a written communication from Irma Gorrocino. Ms. Gorrocino spoke about a tragic bicycle incident along Crest Vista Drive and stated that she submitted a request to City Staff for a traffic study analysis to help minimize the risk of future incidents.

1. PRESENTATION

1A. INTRODUCTION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER – JOSEPH TORRES

City Manager Bow introduced Joseph Torres, the new Economic Development Manager. Economic Development Manager Torres briefly introduced himself along with his experience and goals for the city.

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 Items Nos. 3A-3C on Consent Calendar.

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

3A. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – JUNE 2020

As of June 30, 2020 invested funds for the City of Monterey Park is \$96,818,906.18

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

3B. WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCES REGARDING IMPLEMENTING A BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR RESTARTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY

The Ordinance was introduced at the July 1, 2020 City Council meeting. On July 1, 2020, the City Council conducted the first reading. The original staff report (from July 1, 2020) is attached to the staff report for reference. Second reading and adoption of this Ordinance is recommended; it will take effect in 30 days.

Action Taken: The City Council waived second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2181 to restructure the Monterey Park Planning Agency and Ordinance No. 2182 implementing Phase I of the Monterey Park Business Recovery Program on Consent Calendar.

Ordinance No. 2181, entitled:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Ordinance No. 2182, entitled:

AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE ADOPTING NON-LAND USE REGULATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE MONTEREY PARK BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAM

3C. WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE (“MPMC”) BY AMENDING CHAPTER 3.100 “PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS”

The Ordinance was introduced at the July 1, 2020 City Council meeting. On July 1, 2020, the City Council conducted the first reading. The original staff report (from July 1, 2020) is attached to the staff report for reference. Second reading and adoption of this Ordinance is recommended; it will take effect in 30 days.

Action Taken: The City Council waived second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2183 amending Chapter 3.100 of the Monterey Park Municipal Code governing informal bidding of public works contracts on Consent Calendar.

Ordinance No. 2183, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3.100 TO TITLE 3 OF THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED “PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS”

4. PUBLIC HEARING

4A. CONSIDERATION OF COSTS RESULTING FROM ABATING WEED NUISANCES AND AUTHORIZING COLLECTION VIA SPECIAL ASSESSMENT (PUBLIC HEARING)

On February 5, 2020, 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.

Action Taken: The City Council opened the public hearing at 6:54 p.m. to receive public comment and noting that there are no public speakers closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.; and adopted Resolution No. 12183 approving the Weed Abatement Clearance Charge List and authorizing collection of such costs through special assessment as amended to update page 34 of Exhibit A to read 3 improved parcels with a cost of \$2981.63 and 1 unimproved parcel with a cost of \$2462.85.

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

Resolution No. 12183, 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. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING IMPLEMENTING PHASE II OF THE 2020 MONTEREY PARK BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR RESTARTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY

On July 1, 2020, the City Council implemented Phase I of the 2020 Monterey Park Business Recovery Program. It also directed that seven different policies be considered during a public hearing scheduled for July 15, 2020. Those policies are integrated into the proposed ordinances which, if adopted, would implement Phase II of the 2020 Monterey Park Business Recovery Program.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

The proposed Program was 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, these Ordinances are 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 Additionally, these Ordinances are exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Ordinances, by themselves, may have a

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

significant effect on the environment. Any project utilizing the Program will undergo separate CEQA review.

Public Speakers:

- Sarah Withers expressed her support for the Business Recovery Program Phase II and proposed that restaurants currently exempt from drive-throughs be given the same considerations under this policy.
- City Clerk Chang received, filed, and read into the record five written communications. Two written communications from Max A. Ordonez and Sarah Withers, who requested that City Council include restaurants permitted under the zoning code, which are currently exempt from drive-throughs be given the same consideration under the policy. One communication from SoCalGas that requested a meeting with the City Manager to discuss options for parking requirements. Two written communications from Nancy Arcuri and Dora Leung who voiced their support of the Business Recovery Program Phase II.
- Nicole Sun requested the status of the Design Review Board Meetings.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. regarding Phase II of the 2020 Monterey Park Business Recovery Program (the "Program"); (2) after receiving verbal and written testimony, closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.; (3) after discussing the evidence, adopted an Urgency Ordinance No. 2184 implementing the program immediately upon a 4/5ths vote.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Liang 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

Urgency Ordinance No. 2184, entitled:

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2020 MONTEREY PARK BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS TEMPORARY LAND USE REGULATIONS INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, A NEW BUSINESS RECOVERY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ZONE PURSUANT TO CITY COUNCIL DIRECTION ON JULY 1, 2020

Action Taken: The City Council introduced and waived first reading of an Ordinance implementing the program. Second reading and adoption would occur on August 5, 2020.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Sornoso 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

Ordinance 1st reading, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2020 MONTEREY PARK BUSINESS RECOVERY PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS TEMPORARY LAND USE REGULATIONS INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, A NEW BUSINESS RECOVERY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ZONE PURSUANT TO CITY COUNCIL DIRECTION ON JULY 1, 2020

Discussion: The City Council did not provide direction to the City Manager for placing additional items to be integrated into the program on a future City Council meeting agenda as noted in the staff report recommendations.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

6. **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AND MAYOR/COUNCIL AND AGENCY MATTERS**

6A. **MANTA RAYS POSSIBLE LEASE OF GEORGE ELDER POOL (REQUESTED BY MAYOR PRO TEM CHAN)**

This item was for discussion only.

Public Speakers:

- Ben Wong voiced his support for the lease of George Elder Pool.
- Laura Sosa voiced her support for the lease of George Elder Pool.

Action Taken: By consensus the City Council directed staff to bring back a report at the next City Council meeting for consideration.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Yiu briefly introduced her Economic Development Commissioner Amy Newman and Environmental Commissioner Alice L. Chan.

Council Member Lo reported that the Los Angeles International Airport/Community Noise Roundtable amended their by-laws regarding the noise burden in the region.

Council Member Sornoso announced Community Clean Up day on July 18, 2020. He wished a Happy Birthday to William Sanchez for his 102nd birthday.

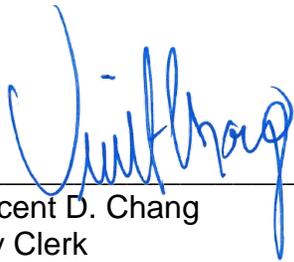
Mayor Pro Tem Chan spoke about the strategic session and reported that the Metro Service Council are discussing service route changes and will go out for approval on August 24, 2020.

Mayor Liang announced that it was his mother's birthday and wished William Sanchez a Happy Birthday.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk

Approved on September 16, 2020 at the Regular City Council Meeting