

**MINUTES**  
**MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL**  
**FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)**  
**HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)**  
**GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)**  
**SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 1, 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 Special Meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Monday, August 1, 2022 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 led the Flag Salute

**ROLL CALL:**

City Clerk Vincent Chang called the roll:

Council Members Present: Peter Chan, Hans Liang, Henry Lo, Yvonne Yiu  
 Council Members Absent: None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Attorney Karl Berger, Assistant City Manager Inez Alvarez, Police Chief Kelly Gordon, Director of Management Services Martha Garcia, Planning Manager Jessica Serrano, Public Works Principal Management Analyst Xochitl Tipan, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang, Community Communications Coordinator Randy Ishino

**VIRTUALLY PRESENT:** City Manager Ron Bow, Director of Recreation & Community Services Robert Aguirre, City Librarian Diana Garcia, Fire Division Chief Ryan Weddle, Economic Development Manager Joseph Torres, Police Captain Scott Wiese

**AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS**

City Attorney Berger announced there is a supplemental staff report for Item No. 2A.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

- Nancy Arcuri spoke in opposition of the Initiative Petition and urged City Council to not adopt it as an ordinance.

**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

- Nayiri Baghdassaian, on behalf of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, urged the City Council to place the Initiative Petition on the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot.
- Paul Young, on behalf of the Hospital Association of Southern California, spoke in opposition of adopting the Initiative Petition as an ordinance.
- Adena Tesslee, on behalf of the Hospital Association of Southern California, voiced her opposition for the Initiative Petition and asked that City Council not adopt it as an ordinance.
- Rolando Calero expressed his support for adopting the Initiative Petition as an ordinance.
- Martha Capra voiced her support for raising the minimum wage for Healthcare Workers.
- Esteban Viramontes urged the City Council to adopt the Initiative Petition ordinance.
- Lisa Edwards expressed her support for the Initiative Petition and asked that the City Council adopt the ordinance.
- Bing Fu Guan voiced his support for raising the minimum wage for Healthcare Workers.
- Mark Garcia encouraged that City Council to adopt the Initiative Petition as an ordinance.
- Jose Jimenez spoke in support of adopting the Initiative Petition ordinance.
- Yue Xi Yang voiced her support for the Initiative Petition and asked that the City Council adopts the ordinance.
- Jorge Hernandez asked that City Council to adopt the Initiative Petition as an ordinance.
- Jairo Castillo voiced his support for adopting the Initiative Petition ordinance.
- Oscar Najarro urged City Council to adopt the Initiative Petition as an ordinance.
- Leo Sanglang expressed his support for the Initiative Petition and urged the City Council to adopt the ordinance.
- Tony Ramirez said he is in support adopting the Initiative Petition ordinance.

- Suzzane Ramirez voiced her support for adopting the Initiative Petition ordinance.
- Maky Peters expressed support for raising the minimum wage for Healthcare Workers and urged the City Council to adopt the Initiative Petition as an ordinance.
- Jaime Rojas, on behalf of the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, spoke in opposition of the Initiative Petition as it is currently written and opposed adopting it as an ordinance.
- Juan Sanjuan, on behalf of the LA Metro Hispanic Chamber, urged the City Council to place the Initiative Petition on the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot.
- Monica Gonzalez, on behalf of the No On the Unequal Pay Measures Coalition, suggested that City Council add the Initiative Petition to the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot.
- Michael Juarez, on behalf of the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, expressed opposition for adopting the Initiative Petition as an ordinance.
- Gabriel Montoya spoke in support of the Initiative Petition and urged the City Council to adopt the ordinance.
- Lorena Vellanoweth voiced her support for the Initiative Petition and urged the City Council to vote yes on raising the minimum wage for Healthcare Workers.
- Linna Chu urged the City Council to adopt the Initiative Petition as an ordinance.
- Arturo Perez voiced his support for raising the minimum wage for Healthcare Workers.
- Clara Nunez urged the City Council to adopt the Initiative Petition as an ordinance.
- Jose Barrera expressed his support for the Initiative Petition and asked the City Council to adopt it as an ordinance.
- April Valle spoke in support of the Initiative Petition and urged the City Council to adopt the petition as an ordinance.
- City Clerk Chang received, filed, and informed the City Council that three written communications were received after the submittal period, with two being in opposition and one being in support of adopting the Initiative Petition as an ordinance.

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS** – None.

1. **PRESENTATION** – None.  
Matters listed under presentation are informational content and for discussion only.
2. **OLD BUSINESS** - None.
- 2A. **IMPACT REPORT REGARDING HEALTHCARE WORKER COMPENSATION INITIATIVE PETITION (THE “INITIATIVE PETITION”)**

On July 6, 2022, the City Council considered Agenda Item No. 5-A. After a staff presentation and public comment, the City Council asked that a report be presented to the City Council outlining the potential impacts to the City were the Initiative Petition to become law.

This Report outlines the positions of the proponents and opponents of the Initiative Petition. Additionally, it provides the City Council information regarding the projected cost to the City were the petition to become law. Contrary to the assertions of the proponents, were the Initiative Petition to become effective, the City will incur costs associated with the Initiative Petition. While somewhat speculative, the ongoing administration and enforcement costs would be approximately \$125,000 per year. This does not include any costs associated with defending against already threatened lawsuits by the opponents to the Initiative Petition. Nor does it include the approximately \$30,000 that must be paid to Los Angeles County to place the matter onto the ballot.

**Action Taken:** Council Member Yiu declared a potential conflict of interest as her spouse’s employment is in the healthcare industry, therefore she recused herself from the dais and did not participate in discussion. Upon the City Clerk’s certification of the qualifying petition, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R62.

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

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

**Resolution No. 2022-R62:**

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT AN INITIATIVE ENTITLED “AN INITIATIVE REQUIRING PERSONS EMPLOYING PARTTIME AND FULL-TIME HEALTHCARE WORKERS INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, CLINICIANS, NURSES, CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS, AIDES, TECHNICIANS, MAINTENANCE WORKERS, JANITORIAL OR HOUSEKEEPING STAFF PERSONS, GROUNDSKEEPERS, GUARDS, FOOD SERVICE WORKERS, LAUNDRY WORKERS, PHARMACISTS, NONMANAGERIAL ADMINISTRATIVE WORKERS, AND BUSINESS CLERICAL WORKERS (BUT NOT MANAGERS OR SUPERVISORS) TO PAY A MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE OF \$25 TO BE INCREASED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.” QUALIFIES FOR THE BALLOT

**Action Taken:** Council Member Yiu declared a potential conflict of interest as her spouse’s employment is in the healthcare industry, therefore she recused herself from the dais and did not participate in discussion. The City Council voted to adopt Ordinance No. 2223.

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

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

**Ordinance No. 2223:**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN INITIATIVE ENTITLED “AN INITIATIVE REQUIRING PERSONS EMPLOYING PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME HEALTHCARE WORKERS INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, CLINICIANS, NURSES, CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS, AIDES, TECHNICIANS, MAINTENANCE WORKERS, JANITORIAL OR HOUSEKEEPING STAFF PERSONS, GROUNDSKEEPERS, GUARDS, FOOD SERVICE WORKERS, LAUNDRY WORKERS, PHARMACISTS, NONMANAGERIAL ADMINISTRATIVE WORKERS, AND BUSINESS CLERICAL WORKERS (BUT NOT MANAGERS OR SUPERVISORS) TO PAY A MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE OF \$25 TO BE INCREASED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.” AND CODIFYING THAT INITIATIVE INTO A NEW CHAPTER 6.40 IN THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED “HEALTHCARE WORKER COMPENSATION.”

**RECESSED AND RECONVENED**

The City Council recessed at 8:01 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

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

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, 3C, 3D, 3E, 3F, and 3G on Consent Calendar.

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

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

### **3A. MINUTES**

Approving the minutes from the regular meeting of June 15, 2022, and the special meeting of June 29, 2022.

**Action Taken:** The City Council approved the minutes from the regular meeting of June 15, 2022, and the special meeting of June 29, 2022 on Consent Calendar.

### **3B. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO RECORD A NOTICE OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY (APN 5254-002-031)**

Adopting the resolution attached to the staff report, will allow the City to recover costs, including attorney's fees, incurred the City's abatement of the public nuisance present on certain real property located in the City (APN 5254-002-031) (the "Property") owned by Center Int'l Investments Inc. ("CII"). The Resolution authorizes recording the associated Notice of Nuisance Abatement Lien in the amount of \$4,436,217.07. This will be the second lien on the Property for the time period of April 1, 2022 and June 30, 2022. After recording this lien, the liens against the Property will total \$5,689,830.53.

#### CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

Adoption of this Resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the action proposed by the proposed resolution would have a significant effect on the environment.

**Action Taken:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R63 to record a Notice of Nuisance Abatement Lien on Consent Calendar.

**Resolution No. 2022-R63:**

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE GOODVIEWS ABATEMENT PROJECT (“GAP”) PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 8630 AND AUTHORIZING THE RECORDATION OF A NUISANCE ABATEMENT LIEN AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY (APN 5254-002-031)

**3C. IDENTIFYING A TAX RATE FOR COLLECTING VOTER AUTHORIZED PROPERTY TAXES FOR EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT BENEFITS BASED ON THE ASSESSED VALUATION ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR’S OFFICE**

The City of Monterey Park’s retirement costs are, in part, funded by a special voter approved property tax. Each year the City is required to establish a tax rate to generate the retirement property tax based on the assessed valuation established by the County Assessor’s Office.

**Action Taken:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R64 identifying the amount of tax revenue required to fulfill the voters’ intent in funding the City’s retirement system on Consent Calendar.

**Resolution No. 2022-R64:**

A RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING THE AMOUNT OF TAX REVENUE REQUIRED TO FULFILL THE VOTERS’ INTENT IN FUNDING THE CITY’S RETIREMENT SYSTEM DURING FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF APPROPRIATE TAXES

**3D. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AMENDMENT WITH MV CHENG AND ASSOCIATES FOR GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING CONSULTING SERVICES**

The Management Services Department currently has six full time staff positions vacant. The City is struggling to find qualified applicants and has contracted with MV Cheng and Associates to provide governmental accounting services for the Management Services Department while qualified candidates are identified and hired with the City.

The City is requesting to amend the contract with MV Cheng and Associates to increase the not to exceed amount from \$60,000 to \$150,000.

**Action Taken:** The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment with MV Cheng and Associates in a form approved by the City Attorney; to provide governmental accounting services for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 on Consent Calendar.

**3E. SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT 2260-A WITH THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN ITS REGIONAL FOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM**

Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) requires cities to implement mandatory organics recycling programs that provide organic waste collection services to all residents and businesses and to establish a food recovery program. The City joined the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) Regional Food Recovery Program to comply with SB1383's food recovery components and assist businesses to comply with the law. Staff recommends the City amend the agreement with SGVCOG to participate in the expansion of the Food Recovery Program (Tasks 7-9) to increase food recovery capacity in the region.

**Action Taken:** The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to Agreement 2260-A with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, for participation in Tasks 7-9 of the Food Recovery Program on Consent Calendar.

**3F. CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS) STEP GRANT FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023**

The City of Monterey Park Police Department was notified of a tentative award of \$189,000.00 from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant. The police department will utilize the grant to continue its education and enforcement of traffic related laws to reduce injury and fatal traffic collisions.

**Action Taken:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R65 authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept, and execute any documents, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the California Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$189,000 for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant; and authorized an amendment to the City's FY 2022-23 Budget to allocate \$189,000 in grant funding on Consent Calendar.

**Resolution No. 2022-R65:**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO RECEIVE AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

**3G. OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (OTS) PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023**

The City of Monterey Park Police Department was notified of a tentative award of \$25,000 from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program Grant.



The police department will utilize the grant to educate the community on pedestrian and bicycle safety to reduce injury and fatal traffic collisions.

**Action Taken:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R66 authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept, and execute documents, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the California Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$25,000 for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program Grant; and amended the FY 2022-23 Budget to allocate \$25,000 on Consent Calendar.

**Resolution No. 2022-R66:**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO RECEIVE AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM

4. **PUBLIC HEARING** – None.

5. **NEW BUSINESS** – None.

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

Council Member Yiu reported that she attended Council Member Fred Sornoso's memorial event at the Langley Senior Center and thanked Council Member Liang for hosting the memorial.

Council Member Chan reported that he attended Council Member Fred Sornoso's memorial event at the Langley Senior Center. He also reported that he attended the Woman's Club Fashion Show event.

Council Member Liang reported that he attended Council Member Fred Sornoso's memorial event at the Langley Senior Center and his funeral services at Rose Hills.

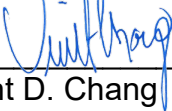
Mayor Lo reported that he attended Council Member Fred Sornoso's memorial event at the Langley Senior Center and thanked the Monterey Park Hospital for caring for Mr. Sornoso during his final days.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. in memory of former Council Member Fred Sornoso.

  
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Vincent D. Chang  
City Clerk

*Approved on October 5, 2022 at the Regular City Council Meeting*