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 Teleconference Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. The regular meeting was conducted pursuant to Government Code § 54953(e), as implemented by City Council Resolution. Accordingly, Council Members were provided a meeting login number and conference call number and were not physically present at Council Chambers.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with Government Code § 54953(e) and guidance from the California Department of Public Health on gatherings, remote public participation was allowed in the following ways:

**Via Email**
Public comment will be accepted up to 24 hours before the meeting via email to mpclerk@montereypark.ca.gov. Written communications (if any) will be briefly summarized and include the name of each individual that submitted a comment; the summary will be read via prerecorded video and played during the Public Comment section of the City Council meeting. To view the full text of written communications, please visit www.montereypark.ca.gov/AgendaCenter. All written communications are provided to the City Council and filed as part of the City’s administrative record.

**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: 289 222 5995 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. Press “*6” to unmute yourself when called upon to speak. 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.

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

FLAG SALUTE:
Mayor Lo led the Flag Salute.

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:

ALSO PRESENT: City Treasurer Joseph Leon, City Manager Ron Bow, City Attorney Karl Berger, Assistant City Manager Inez Alvarez, Fire Chief Matt Hallock, Police Chief Kelly Gordon, City Librarian Diana Garcia, Director of Public Works Frank Lopez, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Christine Tomikawa, Director of Recreation & Community Services Robert Aguirre, Interim Director of Community & Economic Development Steve Sizemore, Fire Division Chief Ryan Weddle, Economic Development Manager Joseph Torres, IT Manager Stanley Ardon, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang, Assistant Deputy City Clerk Helena Cho, Community Communications Coordinator Randy Ishino, Senior Clerk Typist Viridiana Martinez

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

City Manager Bow requested tabling Item No. 1A to the March 2, 2022 regular City Council meeting for further discussion.

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 name.

- Topher Mathers from Active San Gabriel Valley (Active SGV) urged the City Council to vote no on Item No. 2A, specifically the Garvey Avenue Capacity Improvements project. He expressed that the proposed Garvey Avenue Capacity Improvement project would reduce the quality of life for residents and would increase air pollution.

- Caleb Kwok expressed support for Item No. 2A. Caleb stated that this will benefit Monterey Park’s downtown area and the local businesses. Caleb conveyed that
the proposed parking restrictions would smooth ongoing traffic and parking structures would bring more business into the City.

- Vinh Ngo voiced his support for Item No. 2A and communicated his viewpoint that building infrastructure would improve the well-being of the City.

- Andrew Yip called on behalf of his aunt and her business on Garvey Avenue. Andrew expressed concerns regarding the parking structures being built in residential areas and the parking restrictions affecting curbside pick up for local restaurants on Garvey Avenue. He implored Council to vote no on Item No. 2A, stating that it will bring traffic, additional congestion, and not benefit the small businesses on Garvey Avenue.

- Josephine Louie from the Business Improvement District Advisory Committee voiced support for Item No. 2A. Josephine expressed that this item will promote local businesses and allow for growth for the future of the City.

- Jaime Rodriguez expressed his opinion that increasing the lanes on Garvey Avenue has no benefit to businesses or residents. Jaime stated that it will increase traffic congestion, air pollution, and traffic injuries.

- Chris Horn expressed that the parking restrictions and parking structures would negatively affect the local businesses on Garvey Avenue. He voiced his opposition to Item No. 2A.

- Kathy Bahm communicated that she was informed of Item No. 2A days prior to the regular City Council meeting and there was insufficient information provided to residents. Kathy implored that parking restrictions will negatively affect the seniors of Monterey Park and the residential areas surrounding Garvey Avenue.

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

- Fire Division Chief Weddle reminded the community of the COVID-19 testing sites located at Langley Senior Center, from Wednesday-Monday and Barnes Park, behind City Hall, on Saturdays. He informed the community that any questions regarding COVID-19 testing in the City can be directed to the Fire Department.

1. **PRESENTATION**

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

1A. **COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, AND BOARDS OVERVIEW**

This item was tabled to the March 2, 2022 regular City Council meeting for further discussion.
1B. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SGVCOG) TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Assistant City Manager Alvarez gave a PowerPoint presentation on the transit feasibility study conducted by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2A. SR-710 NORTH MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUNDING AGREEMENTS AND AUTHORIZE TASK ORDER FOR 710 MOBILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

The SR-710 Mobility Improvement Projects are the result of reallocated Measure R Funds for the SR-710 North Project to new mobility improvement projects within the San Gabriel Valley subregion. These projects are consistent with the purpose and need of the Gap Closure Project to relieve congestion on local streets along the SR-710 alignment between Interstates 10 and 210, with the highest priority for projects proximate to the Interstate 10 freeway. As part of the SR-710 North Mobility Improvements Projects, the City received a total allocation of $100,300,000 from LACMTA to complete six projects.

Public Speakers:

- Martin Reyes, Transportation Deputy for Supervisor Hilda Solis, informed the Council that Supervisor Solis intends to file a motion that will be considered at the Metro Board of Directors meeting on February 24th. He explained that this motion would allow for clarification of the SR-710 North Mobility Improvement Projects funding. There will be clarification on bus infrastructure improvements, bike lanes improvements, and pedestrian improvements. Martin communicated that Supervisor Solis’ motion will direct Metro to provide City staff the opportunity to rescope and reprogram the funds for the SR-710 North Mobility Improvements Projects. He implored the Council to delay the vote on Item No. 2A and to wait until the Metro Board of Directors considers Supervisor Solis’ motion.

- Austin conveyed that the proposed projects would attract more vehicles to Monterey Park and streets should not be used as an alternative to the freeway. Austin expressed that he would like City staff and Council to prioritize safety first.

- Teresa Real Sebastian expressed that the projects presented will benefit both residents and businesses. She suggested Council approve this item and report back with revisions after the Metro Board of Directors considers Supervisor Solis’ motion.

- Armen Sebastian recommends that Council approve Item No. 2A. He stated that over the years the City of Pasadena has revitalized its downtown area through building infrastructure and new businesses.
- Michelle Yee expressed opposition to Item No. 2A. She communicated that more vehicles driving through the City will increase air pollution and stated that the funding should be used for pedestrian safety improvements, bus infrastructure, and street repairs.

- Tammy Sam stated that the proposed projects are surrounded around a car-centric world that would not benefit residents or businesses of Monterey Park. She encouraged Council to delay the vote until after the Metro Board of Directors considers Supervisor Solis’ motion.

- Thomas Wong expressed that more community outreach should’ve been done prior to presenting Item No. 2A to Council. Thomas suggested that Council work with other neighboring Cities to solve traffic congestion and create a downtown area that is more pedestrian and bike friendly.

- Jennifer Love Tang voiced opposition to Item No. 2A. Jennifer encouraged Council and City staff to engage more with the community.

- Donson Liu communicated his opposition to Item No. 2A. He expressed that the proposed projects are not ideal to the Monterey Park downtown area and encouraged Council to delay the vote until after Supervisor Solis’ motion is considered by the Metro Board of Directors.

- Clara voiced opposition to Item No. 2A and stated that the proposed projects will only increase pollution and negatively impact the way of life for residents.

- Jaime Rodriguez expressed opposition to Item No. 2A. He encouraged Council to look for alternative solutions to the proposed projects.

- Je-Show Yang voiced opposition for Item No. 2A. Je-Show encouraged retracting lane expansion in the proposed projects.

- Eddie Sun expressed his opposition to Item No. 2A. He stated lane expansion will not reduce greenhouse gas emissions and suggested Council reevaluate the proposed projects.

- Kevin Chang stated that residents nor businesses will benefit from the approval of Item No. 2A.

- Laura read a letter of opposition to Item No. 2A signed by local businesses on Garvey Avenue.

- Linda voiced opposition to Item No. 2A and implored that there is no urgency to approve the proposed projects. Linda urged Council to create a pedestrian friendly downtown area in Monterey Park.
- Dora Leung spoke in opposition to parking restrictions and suggested a balanced solution between businesses and residents. Dora expressed that Council should invest in access for pedestrian walkways, bike lanes, and bus lanes.

- Mark Rudolph voiced support for Item No. 2A. He stated that City staff’s PowerPoint presentation clarified that the proposed projects are beneficial to both residents and businesses.

- Joe Buonya stated opposition to Item No. 2A. He conveyed that there should be more community outreach and data presented.

- Brian Horn communicated opposition to Item No. 2A. He stated that traffic and safety concerns should be prioritized.

- Connie voiced opposition to Item No. 2A. Connie implored that Council consider the safety of residents and surrounding schools on Garvey Avenue.

- Branden spoke in opposition to Item No. 2A. Branden implored that Council postpone voting on this item and instead be opened to receive more data.

- Thierry Ly expressed opposition to Item No. 2A and voiced concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety.

- Vincent Chang conveyed that he is in support of parking structures in the downtown area of Monterey Park, but is in opposition to the parking restriction being proposed. He implored that Council take into consideration Supervisor Solis motion.

- City Clerk Chang received, filed, and read into the record one hundred written communications for Item No. 2A. Ninety-nine written communications are in opposition of the item. With one written communication from Nancy Arcuri, being neutral of the proposed projects. The names of written communications in opposition to Item No. 2A are listed as follows:

| 1 | Jimmy Lau | 34 | Steve Miloszewski | 67 | Hannah Locop |
| 2 | Anna Yeh | 35 | Yueyang Jiang | 68 | Elizabeth Duenas |
| 3 | Tammy Sam | 36 | Nicolas Tran | 69 | Laura Gallegos |
| 4 | Edgar Holguin | 37 | Sherene Chou | 70 | Evette Kurai |
| 5 | Lorenzo Mutia | 38 | Elizabeth Yip | 71 | Melissa Chea |
| 6 | Olivia Eng | 39 | Ismael Vargas | 72 | Shirley Chu |
| 7 | Venise Lo | 40 | David Wong | 73 | Dean Ng |
| 8 | Evelina Fernandez | 41 | Brian Kim | 74 | Steven Kan & Sue Kim |
| 9 | Victor Luo | 42 | Tammy Scorcia | 75 | Josephine Tang |
| 10 | Tara Kwan | 43 | Siang Lie | 76 | Denise Ballesteros |
The City Clerk’s office received and filed thirty-seven written communications after the submittal period, in opposition to Item No. 2A from: Angel Arredondo, Jessica Jinn, Tammy Sam, Kamren Curiel, Diane Velez, Dale Zapata, David Diaz, Jairo Avalos, Danielle Zamora, Hon Lung Cheng, Machiko Yasuda, Carly Curiel, Nancy Yee, Nina Dinh, Marlene L. Ramirez, Bryan Matsumoto, Ana Ramirez, Ange Garza, Casey Law, Yvonne T. Liu, Marlene Buenrostro, Seleny Rodriguez, Bin Lee, Eddie Sun, May Gonzalez, Diane Qjeda, Valeria Garcia, Karen Thai, Phyllis T., Ana Mezanazi, Nate Yu, Devin Gladys, Andre Tran, Safe Streets for SGV, Susan Martinez, Leigh Phan, Elisa Lee, Eve Perez. The City Clerk’s office received one neutral written communication from Martin Reyes, Transportation Deputy for Supervisor Hilda Solis’ office. These written communications were included in the administrative records as they were emailed by each individual to the City Council.

The City Clerk’s office received twenty-two written communications for Item No. 2A, which were received after the submittal period and therefore not included as part of the administrative records.

**Recommendations:** It is recommended that the City Council consider: (1) Authorizing the City Manager to execute three Funding Agreements, with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA), in a form
approved by the City Attorney, for the SR-710 North Mobility Improvements Projects for Garvey Avenue Capacity Improvements, Parking Structure(s) Construction, and Monterey Pass Road Improvements totaling $86,300,000; (2) Authorizing the City Manager to appropriate project funds for the Garvey Avenue Capacity Improvements, the Parking Structures Construction, and the Monterey Pass Road Improvements projects per the project funding schedule included in the terms and conditions of the Funding Agreements; (3) Authorizing the City Manager to sign a task order for Transtech Engineers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $2.5 million for as-needed overall project and program management for the SR-710 North Mobility Improvement Projects; and (4) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

**Action Taken:** The City Council (1) authorized the City Manager to execute two Funding Agreements with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA), in a form approved by the City Attorney, for the SR-710 Mobility Improvements Projects for Parking Structure(s) Construction and Monterey Pass Road Improvements; (2) authorized the City Manager to appropriate project funds for the Parking Structures Construction, and the Monterey Pass Road Improvements projects per the project funding schedule included in the terms and conditions of the Funding Agreements; (3) authorized the City Manager to sign a task order for Transtech Engineers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $2.5 million for as-needed overall project and program management for SR-710 North Mobility Improvement Projects; and (4) provided direction to staff to contact Los Angeles County Metro to seek alternatives to the lane expansion for the Garvey Avenue Capacity Improvements project.

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

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

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-3F on Consent Calendar, reading resolutions and ordinances by the title only and waiving further reading thereof.

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

- **Ayes:** Council Members: Yiu, Chan, Liang, Sornoso, Lo
3A. MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 19, 2022; and the special meeting of January 19, 2022.

Action Taken: The City Council approved the minutes from the regular meeting of January 19, 2022; and the special meeting of January 19, 2022 on Consent Calendar.

3B. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – JANUARY 2022

As of January 31, 2022 invested funds for the City of Monterey Park is $88,505,306.56.

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

3C. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE TO EXTEND THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZE PUBLIC MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERRING

As the City Council was previously informed, Assembly Bill (AB) No. 361 became effective on September 16, 2021. It amends the Brown Act in several ways but also allows the City to extend its virtual meetings for 30 day increments if a state or local emergency requires social distancing. The City Council previously adopted resolutions on October 6, 2021, November 17, 2021, December 15, 2021, and January 19, 2022 which allow for the ongoing use of videoconferencing for public meetings or take additional, related action that may be desirable.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:
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

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R9 to continue to extend the existence of a local emergency and authorize public meeting via teleconferencing on Consent Calendar.

¹ CEQA findings regarding an anticipated imminent emergency are valid (see CalBeach Advocates v. City of Solana Beach (2002) 103 Cal.App.4th 529).
Resolution No. 2022-R9:
A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND AUTHORIZING PUBLIC MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING

3D. CITY OF MONTEREY PARK COMPREHENSIVE SALARY SCHEDULE

California law requires the City to adopt a comprehensive salary schedule for all full-time and part-time employees. While individual employment contracts, and memoranda of understanding (MOUs) may already establish such classifications, these are scattered among various resolutions adopted by the City Council. It is desirable for all categories of pay to be in one place.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R10 approving the City of Monterey Park Comprehensive Salary Schedule on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 2022-R10:
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SALARY RANGES FOR EMPLOYEES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT SUCH CHANGES

3E. ANNUAL WEED ABATEMENT DECLARATION LIST

The County of Los Angeles Department of Agriculture Commissioner/Weights and Measures (Weed Abatement Division) has submitted the annual Weed Abatement Declaration List to the City. (The Weed Abatement Declaration List ("Declaration List") is a list of parcels in Monterey Park which have been identified by inspection to contain, or have the potential to contain, weeds, brush or other flammable materials sufficient to be considered a fire hazard.) The accompanying Resolution seeks City Council approval to declare the properties on the annual Weed Abatement Declaration List to be public nuisances which may be abated. The authority to remove properties from the Declaration List, upon request and after investigation, will be assigned to the City Manager or designee.

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 Resolution may have a significant effect on the environment.

Action Taken: The City Council approved the Weed Abatement Declaration List; and adopted Resolution No. 2022-R11 on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 2022-R11:
A RESOLUTION ADOPTED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 39561 DECLARING THAT WEEDS, BRUSH, RUBBISH, REFUSE AND DIRT UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR ABATEMENT
3F. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE ADDITION OF THE LINCOLN/GARVEY AVENUE DOWNTOWN PARKING LOT CLEANING FEE TO THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) NO. 1 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET

On December 1, 2021, the City Council approved and adopted a resolution confirming the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) No. 1 2022 budget and assessment fee schedule that will fund street maintenance, promotional activities, and special events to benefit the downtown businesses in the BID. However, the approved 2022 budget did not include the Lincoln/Garvey Avenue downtown parking lot cleaning fee. Therefore, staff is requesting Council to approve the addition of the Lincoln/Garvey Avenue downtown parking lot cleaning fee in an amount not to exceed $15,120.00 annually to the 2022 Downtown BID No. 1 annual budget.

Action Taken: The City Council reviewed and approved the addition of the Lincoln/Garvey Avenue Downtown parking lot cleaning fee in an amount not to exceed $15,120.00 annually to the 2022 Downtown BID No. 1 annual budget; and authorized the City Manager to amend the agreement with Valley Maintenance Corporation, in a form approved by the City Attorney to add cleaning service to the parking lot at Lincoln/Garvey Ave. in the amount not to exceed $15,120 on Consent Calendar.

Mayor Pro Tem Sornoso left the City Council meeting at 10:27 p.m.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – None

5. NEW BUSINESS

5A. CONSIDERATION OF OPPOSING INITIATIVE 21-0042A1, STATE BALLOT INITIATIVE TO LIMIT LOCAL REVENUE AUTHORITY

The League of California Cities requested that cities adopt a resolution opposing Initiative AG# 21-0042A1 which, if approved by voters, would make it more difficult for local voters to pass measures needed to fund local services and infrastructure, and would limit voter input by prohibiting local advisory measures by which voters provide direction on how local tax dollars should be spent. Staff is seeking direction from City Council on its position on Initiative AG# 21-0042A1, and whether to adopt a Resolution opposing the initiative.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R12 expressing the City’s opposition to Initiative AG# 21-0042A1, State Ballot Initiative to Limit Local Revenue Authority.
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

Resolution No. 2022-R12:
A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING INITIATIVE AG #21-0042A1 WHICH WOULD LIMIT LOCAL REVENUE AUTHORITY

6. CITY COMMUNICATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

Council Member Yiu would like to work with Mayor Lo to bring back support of the Reproductive Freedom resolution that was presented at the February 2, 2022 regular Council meeting.

Councilmember Chan reported that he attended the Lunar New Year event hosted by the Greater Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce at the Barnes Park Amphitheater and the San Gabriel Valley/New Service Metro meeting. Council Member Chan congratulated the three San Gabriel Valley students that were chosen as board members of the Metro Youth Council.

Council Member Liang reported that he attended the Lunar New Year event hosted by the Greater Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce at the Barnes Park Amphitheater.

Mayor Lo reported that he attended the Lunar New Year event hosted by the Greater Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce at the Barnes Park Amphitheater and the LAX Roundtable meeting. He announced that Mike Fong was the leading candidate for the 49th Assemblymember seat.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Yiu proposed a discussion with Mayor Lo to bring back the Reproductive Freedom Resolution.

Mayor Lo expressed proposing a Vision Zero Resolution that is based on traffic strategy data that seeks to reduce/eliminate traffic death and serious injury. He also proposed a Complete Street Resolution that presents a comprehensive integrated network that allows safe and convenient travel for vehicular and non-vehicular users.
8. CLOSED SESSION (IF REQUIRED; CITY ATTORNEY TO ANNOUNCE)
None.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

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Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk

Approved on March 16, 2022 at the Regular City Council Meeting