The City Council of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Chan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:
The Monterey Park Police Explorers

ROLL CALL:
City Clerk Vincent Chang called the roll:
Council Members Present: Peter Chan, Mitchell Ing, Stephen Lam, Hans Liang, Teresa Real Sebastian
Council Members Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Ron Bow, City Attorney Mark Hensley, Fire Chief Scott Haberle, Police Chief Jim Smith, Director of Community & Economic Development Michael Huntley, Director of Management Services Annie Yaung, Director of Public Works Mark McAvoy, Director of Recreation & Community Services Inez Alvarez, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Tom Cody, Acting City Librarian Diana Garcia, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang, Senior Planner Samantha Tewasart

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS
None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Sarkis Antonian, voiced his opposition in moving to a district based voting system citing that this is a form of dictatorship and said we should all stop saluting the flag and celebrate 4th of July.

1. PRESENTATION
None.

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
2. **OLD BUSINESS**
   None.

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 and the City Council, acting on behalf of the Successor Agency, approved and adopted Items Nos. 3A, 3B and 3D on Consent Calendar, except for Items Nos. 3C, 3E, 3F and 3G which were pulled for discussion and separate motion, reading resolutions and ordinances by the title only and waiving further reading thereof.

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

   - **Ayes:** Council Members: Lam, Real Sebastian, Ing, Liang, Chan
   - **Noes:** Council Members: None
   - **Absent:** Council Members: None
   - **Abstain:** Council Members: None

3A. **WARRANT REGISTER FOR SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF FEBRUARY 6, 2019**

   Disbursements will be made from the funds referenced in the attached Resolution in Warrants numbered 374.

   **Action Taken:** The City Council, acting on behalf of the Successor Agency, approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution SA-165 of the Successor Agency to the former Monterey Park Redevelopment Agency allowing certain claims and demands per warrant register dated February 20, 2019 totaling $458.00 and specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

   **Resolution No. SA-165,** entitled:
   A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SA) ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2019 TOTALING $458.00 AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID
3B. SUCCESSOR AGENCY MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – JANUARY 2019

As of January 31, 2019 invested funds for the Successor Agency of the City of Monterey Park is as follows:

- Successor Agency (SA) Checking 146,699.98
- Successor Agency (SA) RORF 137,861.00

Total $284,560.98

Action Taken: The City Council, acting on behalf of the Successor Agency, received and filed the monthly investment report on Consent Calendar.

3C. WARRANT REGISTER FOR THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2019

Disbursements will be made from the funds referenced in the attached Resolution in Warrants numbered 322598-322737 and ACH numbered 000274-000292.

Action Taken: The City Council approved payment of warrants and adopted Resolution No. 12060 allowing certain claims and demands per Warrant Register dated February 20, 2019 totaling $588,141.87 specifying the funds out of which the same are to be paid on Consent Calendar.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Real Sebastian and seconded by Council Member Lam, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Lam, Real Sebastian, Ing, Liang, Chan
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

Resolution No. 12060, entitled:
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS PER WARRANT REGISTER DATED FEBRUARY 20, 2019 TOTALING $588,141.87 SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID

3D. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – JANUARY 2019

As of January 31, 2019 invested funds for the City of Monterey Park is $86,819,033.39.
Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the monthly investment report on Consent Calendar.

3E. MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the special and regular meeting of January 16, 2019

Action Taken: The City Council approved the minutes from the special and regular meeting of January 16, 2019 as amended to clarify that the Assistant City Attorney Berger pulled Item No. 3G instead of the City Council.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Real Sebastian and seconded by Council Member Lam, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Lam, Ing, Real Sebastian, Liang, Chan
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

3F. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE ("MPMC") BY ENACTING VARIOUS PROVISIONS TO ENFORCE THE CITY-WIDE PROHIBITION UPON CANNABIS ACTIVITIES NOT OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY CALIFORNIA LAW

The ordinance declares unlicensed cannabis facilities to be public nuisances and authorizes the City Manager, City Attorney, and Building Official to abate such nuisances. Among other things, the ordinance would establish a maximum $5,000 daily fine for the continued operation of an unlicensed cannabis facility. Separately, effective January 1, 2019, Government Code § 53069.4 the City to enact an ordinance providing for the immediate imposition of administrative fines or penalties for violations of building, plumbing, electrical or other similar structural, health, safety or zoning regulations, where these violations exist as a result of, or to facilitate, illegal cannabis activities.

Action Taken: The City Council waived the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2158.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Liang and seconded by Council Member Lam, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Lam, Real Sebastian, Liang, Chan
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: Ing
Ordinance No. 2158, entitled:
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE CITY’S POLICE POWERS AND GOVERNMENT CODE § 53069.4 TO AMEND THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE BY ENACTING VARIOUS PROVISIONS TO ENFORCE THE CITY-WIDE PROHIBITION UPON CANNABIS ACTIVITIES NOT OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY CALIFORNIA LAW

3G. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SIDEWALK VENDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 51036, ET SEQ.

Government Code §§ 51036, et seq. became effective on January 1, 2019. Among other things, the new law decriminalizes sidewalk vending. Staff recommends that the City Council amend the MPMC to comply with the new law by adopting regulations governing sidewalk vending.

Action Taken: The City Council waived the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2159.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Real Sebastian and seconded by Council Member Lam, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Lam, Real Sebastian, Ing, Liang, Chan
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

Ordinance No. 2159, entitled:
AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SIDEWALK VENDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 51036, ET SEQ.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

4A. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY REGARDING THE CREATION OF A CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT-BASED ELECTORAL SYSTEM PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE §10010

On November 7, 2018, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 12043 declaring its intent to transition from at-large to district-based elections for City Council commencing with the General Municipal Election in March 2020. Elections Code § 10010 requires that the City conduct four public hearings to receive community input on district boundaries and maps for the formation of City Council districts.

On December 19, 2018, the City Council conducted the second of four Public Hearings. Community input regarding the composition of district boundaries is summarized in Attachment 1 of the staff report.
Based on public input, the City Council's direction, and other legally required criteria, the City's Demographer evaluated and submitted the proposed draft maps for public review and comments.

It is recommended that the City Council give direction regarding which final map product, with any necessary modifications, the City Council would like to consider at the March 6th City Council Meeting.

Public Speakers:

- Robert McEntire, City Consultant and representative of the National Demographics Corporation (NDC) team, presented a summary and reviewed 18 proposed maps, 4 of which were from NDC. He was available to answer questions.

- Bill Lam said he is a student at East Los Angeles College and prefers 5, 7, or 9 districts as he does not want an at-large mayor. He said he used schools, parks and communities to draw his maps. He said he believes the council should be expanded to include new voices and thinks districts will increase representation of underrepresented groups.

- James Garcia said he is disturbed by the idea of dividing the city. He urged the people not to listen to the consultant but to Dr. Martin Luther King to come together. He said not to view people as dollar signs.

- City Clerk Chang read into the records written communication via emails from Matthew Mori, in favor; K. C. Solic, against; Terree Walton, against; Jim Tanaka, against; and Sarkis Antonion, against; district elections.

Discussion: City Attorney Hensley explained that maps with more than 5 districts cannot be considered as the City was incorporated with 5 seats. A City Council beyond 5 seats will require voter's approval to increase the numbers of seats. He also clarified that there are currently no rulings on 4 districts with an at-large mayor system. Council Member Real Sebastian requested that individuals submit no more than 2 maps. The City Council by consensus, eliminated Maps Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, for reasons including over or under 5 districts, population imbalance or may have protected class dilution or other challenges. The City Council moved forward for consideration at the next public hearing, Map Nos. 3, 4, 5, 9, 17, and 18.

Action Taken: The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:47 pm and received public testimony and closed the Public Hearing at 8:08 p.m. The City Council continued the public hearing to March 20, 2019, and set Friday, March 8, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. as the deadline for submission of maps.
Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Liang and seconded by Council Member Lam, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Lam, Real Sebastian, Ing, Liang, Chan
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

Action Taken: The City Council limited allowing only 5 districts maps for consideration at the next public hearing.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Lam and seconded by Council Member Real Sebastian, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Lam, Real Sebastian, Ing, Liang, Chan
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

Action Taken: The City Council requested that for the next Public Hearing regarding this item to only present those maps that are population balanced and that do not present dilution challenges or any other challenges to the California Voting Rights Act and to group maps that have met the criteria and those who have not met the criteria into separate packets.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Real Sebastian and seconded by Council Member Ing, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Lam, Real Sebastian, Ing, Liang, Chan
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

RECESSED AND RECONVENED
The City Council recessed at 8:57 p.m. and reconvened with all council members present at 9:08 p.m.

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 6, 2019, the Council adopted Resolution No. 12059 approving the 2019 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 whose parcels are included on the Declaration List an opportunity to challenge their parcels inclusion on the Weed Abatement Declaration List.

**Public Speakers:**

- Conrad Burton, County of Los Angeles Agricultural/Weights & Measures Inspector III-Weed Abatement, was present and available to answer questions.

- Stuart Miller and Roger Hsu, attorneys and representative of Progressive Investment 2014 LLC representing 780 W. Garvey Ave., presented their protest to be on the Weed Abatement Declaration List.

- Vimana Andrade stated her protest to be on the Weed Abatement Declaration List for address 927 W. Newmark Ave.

- Sharon Kwan presented her protest to be on the Weed Abatement Declaration List for address 1555 Sombrero Dr.

**Action Taken:** The City Council to allow the video clip from Stuart Miller and Roger Hsu to be reviewed by the City Attorney and if approved, that the Council review what is being presented in the interest of transparency and in the interest of this item being a protest hearing and it being part of the evidence.

**Motion:** Moved by Council Member Real Sebastian and seconded by Council Member Lam, motion carried by the following vote:

- **Ayes:** Council Members: Lam, Ing, Real Sebastian
- **Noes:** Council Members: Liang, Chan
- **Absent:** Council Members: None
- **Abstain:** Council Members: None

**Action Taken:** The City Council opened public hearing at 9:12 p.m., received public comment, closed the public hearing at 9:47 p.m.; and any complaints received from parcel owners will be referred to L.A. County for follow-up and City staff will monitor the status of any complaints.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

5A. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROJECT AND THE AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT**
As part of the FY 2018/2019 annual budget, the City Council authorized funding to Community and Economic Development Department to prepare an update to the City's General Plan. The existing General Plan was approved by the City Council in 2001 for a planning period of 20 years. Since the useful life of the current General Plan is coming up on the 20 year mark, it is time to reevaluate the existing long range land use policies in the 2001 General Plan.

Staff prepared a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) for circulation to professional planning firms seeking their interest in assisting the City staff in the preparation of a General Plan update. However, due to the significance of the General Plan and its land use policies that guide long-term growth in the community, staff felt it was in the best interest of the project to allow the City Council the ability to review and comment on the draft RFP. The intent was to seek Council comments creating a more comprehensive RFP before the document is circulated to interested professional planning firms.

At the December 5, 2018 meeting, the City Council reviewed and commented on the draft RFP. The City Council then authorized the City Manager to proceed with issuing the RFP. City staff released the RFP for consideration and received two proposals. Staff has reviewed the proposals, interviewed the consultants and is recommending that the Council award a contract to MIG Inc.

Public Speakers:

- Laura Stetson, Principal In-Charge, MIG Inc., was present and available to answer questions.

- Lisa Brownfield, Project Manager, MIG Inc., was present and available to answer questions.

- Joel Falter, Principal Transportation Planner, KOA, was present and available to answer questions.

- Roger Dale, Principal, the Natelson Dale Group, was present and available to answer questions.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with MIG, Inc. to provide professional services related to the General Plan update project; and authorized an additional $349,607 to cover the cost of the General Plan update project.
Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Liang and seconded by Council Member Ing, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Lam, Ing, Real Sebastian, Liang, Chan
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

5B. APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE GENERAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The City Council authorized staff to proceed with circulating a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit proposals from professional planning firms to assist the City with the preparation of an update to the City’s General Plan. Proposals were submitted to the City and reviewed by an internal review committee. Once the City Council awards the contract, it is staff’s intent to meet with the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) to begin the General Plan update process. It is therefore important to appoint the GPAC members so that staff can conduct an orientation and begin the General Plan update process.

Public Speakers:

- Michael Schlegel expressed his interest in serving on the committee and stated his experiences and qualifications.

Action Taken: The City Council consented to and appointed the following members to the General Plan Advisory Committee:

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

Council Member Real Sebastian reported that the League of California Cities is hosting a ballot measure academy on February 21, however, she will not be attending due to a conflict with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments meeting.

She reported that it is rumored that the County wants to place another homeless sales tax on the ballot. She said Measure H cities are receiving only 42% of the 8 million earmarked to address the homelessness issue. She said many cities are moving forward to increasing sales tax to 10.25% and directed the City Manager to bring back this item for further discussion.

Council Member Lam has nothing to report.

Council Member Ing has nothing to report.

Mayor Pro Tem Liang has nothing to report.

Mayor Chan announced that the City's volunteer dinner is on February 26 and the Town Hall meeting will be held at Brightwood school on March 12.

7. **CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

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**Vincent D. Chang**  
City Clerk

Approved on April 3, 2019 at the Regular City Council Meeting