

**MINUTES  
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL  
FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)  
HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)  
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)  
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 18, 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 Regular Meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Wednesday, May 18, 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 Police 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 Manager Ron Bow, City Attorney Karl Berger, Assistant City Manager Inez Alvarez, Police Chief Kelly Gordon, Director of Recreation and Community Services Robert Aguirre, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Christine Tomikawa, Interim Director of Public Works Anthony Antich, Principal Management Analyst Xochitl Tipan, Principal Human Resources Analyst Alicia Ramirez, Police Lieutenant Paul Yniguez, Police Sergeant Brenda Iglesias, Police Corporal Alice Porter, Police Officer Izzy Flores, Police Office Delon Lam, Police Officer Tony Huynh, Recreation and Community Services Supervisor Guillermo Chavez, Assistant Deputy City Clerk Helena Cho, Community Communications Coordinator Randy Ishino

**VIRTUALLY PRESENT:** Fire Chief Matt Hallock, Director of Management Services Martha Garcia, City Librarian Diana Garcia, Economic Development Manager Joseph Torres, Police Lieutenant Bob Hung

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

City Manager Bow requested moving Public Hearing Item No. 4A after Presentation Item No. 1A.

**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

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

- Delario Robinson inquired about City Finances and grants.
- Kailia Garfield shared additional information regarding water conservation and water saving rebates available to Monterey Park residents through the San Gabriel Municipal Water District.
- Vinh T. Ngo inquired about adding a stop sign to the T-intersection located on Pomelo and Graves.
- Paul Isozaki gave suggestions to City Council on being more neighborly and praised Former Council Member Fred Sornoso for everything he did for the City. He also inquired about creating community walks or community clean up events in honor of Former Council Member Fred Sornoso.
- Jennifer Tang thanked City staff and Council for considering the return of the Spirit Bus. She expressed her support for Council taking action on making City streets safer for residents. Tang suggested City Council consider studying alternate Spirit Bus route that would increase rider share.
- Nancy Acruí thanked City Council for allowing the voters of District 3 to elect their City Council Member in the upcoming November election.
- Maychelle Yee inquired about the City's future water conservation plans.
- Angie Chu inquired about installing an Olympic size swimming pool in Monterey Park.

## **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Human Resources and Risk Management Director Tomikawa introduced Principal Human Resources Analyst Alicia Ramirez.

Recreation and Community Services Director Aguirre shared his appreciation to everyone that attended the Cinco De Mayo event and the Happy Birthday Monterey Park Play Days event. He invited the community to attend the Memorial Day Celebration on May 30<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual San Gabriel Valley Pride & Parade Festival on June 4<sup>th</sup>, and the Jr. MLB Homerun Derby on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**1. PRESENTATION**

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

**1A. NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT TEAM**

Police Chief Gordon gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Police Department's Neighborhood Engagement Team and introduced the assigned personnel to the team.

**2. OLD BUSINESS - None.**

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

Matters listed under consent calendar are considered to be routine, ongoing business and are enacted by one motion unless specified.

Consent calendar was heard after Item No. 4A.

**Action Taken:** The City Council approved and adopted Item Nos. 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E, 3F, 3H, 3I, and 3K on Consent Calendar, excluding Item Nos. 3A, 3G, and 3J which were pulled for discussion and separate motion, reading resolutions and ordinances by the title only and waiving further reading thereof.

**3A. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – APRIL 2022**

As of April 30, 2022 invested funds for the City of Monterey Park is \$84,788,372.50.

Public Speaker

- City Treasurer Leon gave an update on the City's monthly investments and inquired about moving idle funds to the County pool.

**Action Taken:** By consensus, the City Council received and filed the April monthly investment report.

**3B. MINUTES**

Approving the minutes from the regular meetings of April 6, 2022 and April 20, 2022 and the special meeting of April 20, 2022.

**Action Taken:** The City Council approved the minutes from the regular meetings of April 6, 2022 and April 20, 2022 and the special meeting of April 20, 2022 on Consent Calendar.

**3C. WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE § 2.82.60 REGULATING THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES FOR BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

The Ordinance was introduced and received first reading at the May 4, 2022 City Council meeting. The original staff report, from May 4, 2022, is attached to the staff report for reference. Second reading and adoption of this Ordinance is recommended. If adopted, the Ordinance will take effect in 30 days.

**Action Taken:** The City Council waived the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2221 on Consent Calendar.

**Ordinance No. 2221:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.82.60 REGULATING THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES FOR BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

**3D. WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE APPROVING A MONTEREY PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 481**

The first reading and introduction of the Ordinance took place at the May 4, 2022, City Council meeting. The original staff report (from May 4, 2022) 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 adopting the Ordinance No. 2222 on Consent Calendar.

**Ordinance No. 2222:** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY

**3E. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ENDEAVOR ADVANCED SOLUTIONS FOR THE FACILITIES SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE PROJECT, PHASE II**

The City of Monterey Park's current security surveillance system is an antiquated patchwork of cameras from various vendors and not currently meeting the security needs of the City. Many of the city owned properties and facilities do not have security camera coverage.

**Action Taken:** The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Endeavor Advanced Solutions of Long Beach, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to install two hundred and forty-eight (248) Verkada cameras,

associated networks, and electrical services at the various designated sites for \$770,000.00; and authorized staff to utilize the remaining \$56,350.14 of the appropriated budget, as a contingency for expenses related to the Facilities Security and Surveillance Project on Consent Calendar.

**3F. ADOPT A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND EXTENDING A LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE GOODVIEWS ABATEMENT PROJECT (“GAP”)**

On May 4, 2022, the City Council adopted various resolutions to, among other things, recover a portion of the City’s costs associated with implementing the Goodviews Abatement Project (“GAP”). Representatives of the property owner, Center Int’l Investments, Inc. (“CII”), provided public comment during that meeting. Those comments were, at best, misleading and, at worst, outright fabrications.

While the City Council is well-aware of the actual history regarding the GAP, we thought it prudent for the matter to be fully within the public record, i.e., the City Council’s meeting agenda, and to be posted on the City’s dedicated GAP website. Additionally, such comprehensive information also gives the City Council an opportunity to extend the local emergency related to the GAP – which it first made by resolution last June and then extended in April – pursuant to California law. This reporting requirement was suspended during the statewide declaration of emergency implemented by the Governor in 2020. Now, however, the reporting and extension requirements resumed following the City Council’s termination of a local emergency related to the COVID-19 Pandemic in April.

**Action Taken:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R34 confirming and extending a local emergency for the GAP on Consent Calendar.

**Resolution No. 2022-R34:** A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND EXTENDING A LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE GOODVIEWS ABATEMENT PROJECT (“GAP”) BASED UPON THE REPORT SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 8630

**3G. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGN AND PLANS AND AUTHORIZING THE MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS AT THE GEORGE ELDER COMMUNITY CENTER**

The City of Monterey Park and Montebello Unified School District have a joint-use agreement for the use of the George Elder Community Center. Each party has the right to make improvements to the center at their own expense with the approval of the other entity. The Montebello Unified School District prepared pro forma bid specifications for certain improvements at the George Elder Community Center including updates to the fire alarm system and a renovation of the restrooms. Those specifications require approval by the California Division of State Architect but are sufficient to determine that the proposed improvements for the George Elder

Community Center may be reviewed by City staff. City staff including the Building Official, City Engineer and Fire Marshal, have reviewed the pre-construction design and plans for the Project and agree with the District that the project may be constructed following the approval by the California Division of State Architect.

Before submitting its design to the State Architect, the Montebello Unified School District needs a Resolution providing authorization to proceed from the City of Monterey Park.

**Action Taken:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R35 to provide an approval of the design and plans pursuant to government code §830.6, and authorized the Montebello Unified School District to construct improvements at the George Elder Community Center.

**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

**Resolution No. 2022-R35:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGN AND PLANS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 830.6, WAIVING CITY BID REQUIREMENTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS AT THE GEORGE ELDER COMMUNITY CENTER

### **3H. TREE MEMORIAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION FOR 2022**

Nominations for the Tree Memorial Recognition Program were advertised and accepted during the month of March 2022. The Recreation and Community Services Department received a nomination application for Sharon Woo.

Subsequently, the Tree Memorial Program Committee consisting of three Community Participation Commissioners and two Recreation and Parks Commissioners met to review the nomination of Sharon Woo and discuss her consideration for a Tree Memorial based on the criteria established in Resolution Nos. 10485 and 11484 (Attachment A in the staff report).

The Committee reviewed the nominee's application. After reviewing the information provided on the nomination application for Sharon Woo (Attachment B in the staff report), the committee voted unanimously to recommend City Council approves to honor Sharon Woo with a Tree Memorial for her service and positive impact on the Monterey Park Community.

**Action Taken:** The City Council approved to honor Sharon Woo with a memorial tree on Consent Calendar.

**3I. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JOHN L. HUNTER & ASSOCIATES FOR STORM WATER PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND USED OIL RECYCLING GRANT**

John L. Hunter and Associates (JLHA) has administered the City's Stormwater program since 1995. The proposed agreement would allow the company to continue to provide professional services for the implementation of the City's Storm Water Program and Used Oil Recycling Grant.

**Action Taken:** The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with John L. Hunter & Associates, in a form approved by the City Attorney, for professional services for the implementation of the City's Storm Water Program and Used Oil Recycling Grant on Consent Calendar.

**3J. THIRD AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO. 1636-A WITH FIRST TRANSIT, INC FOR FIXED-ROUTE TRANSIT SERVICE**

The City's fixed-route transportation service, Spirit Bus, was suspended in 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Prior to its suspension, the Spirit Bus contractor, First Transit, had been operating the system on a month-to-month agreement, after its contract with the City expired on June 30, 2019. The City recommends amending the First Transit agreement to resume Spirit Bus Services for one year with the option to extend for an additional one-year term. This will allow the City to continue evaluating its fixed-route system while continuing to provide this service to the Monterey Park community.

Public Speaker

- Dora Leung, Board President of the Greater Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce expressed support in renewing the City's Spirit Bus contract and encouraged City staff to add new bus routes that would increase rider share.
- City Clerk Chang received, filed, and read into the record forty-four written communications in support of reinstating the Spirit Bus and suggesting a study of alternate routes to increase rider share. City Clerk Chang also announced that the Clerk's office received an additional six untimely written communications, which were received and filed as part of the records.

**Action Taken:** The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute the Third Amendment to Agreement No. 1636-A with First Transit, Inc, in a form approved by the City Attorney, for fixed route transit service in an amount not to exceed \$1,075,000.

**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: None  
Abstain: Council Members: None

### **3K. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) CYCLE 4 GRANT**

The City was awarded \$1,367,000 from the California Department of Transportation Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 4 for the Monterey Park School and Crosswalk Safety Enhance Project. Staff requests the City accept the grant funds and authorize the City's Management Services Department allocate \$155,000 in grant funds to the City's FY21-22 budget for the planning and design phase.

**Action Taken:** The City Council accepted grant funding in the amount of \$1,367,000 from the California Department of Transportation Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 4 for the Monterey Park School and Crosswalk Safety Enhancement Project; and authorized the City's Management Services Department to allocate \$155,000 in grant funding to the FY21-22 budget on Consent Calendar.

## **4. PUBLIC HEARING**

### **4A. PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF THE SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2021-2022 HUD ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO RECEIVE AND ADMINISTER THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN PROGRAM**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development provides funding to states, counties and cities in the form of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds.

In 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was enacted by Congress. The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides funds to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country. These grant funds will be administered through HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME-ARP). Since the City of Monterey Park is an Entitlement City, the City is eligible to receive HOME-ARP funds.

Before Monterey Park can receive these funds, the City must develop a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan that meets the requirements in the HOME-ARP Notice.

To receive its HOME-ARP allocation, the City of Monterey Park must:

- Engage in consultation with at least the required organizations



- Provide for public participation including a 15-day public comment period and one public hearing, at a minimum; and,
- Develop a plan that meets the requirements in the HOME-ARP Notice.

This item was heard after Item No. 1A.

**Action Taken:** The City Council opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. with there being no testimonial and documentary evidence; 2) closed the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. and approved the Substantial Amendment to the 2021-2022 One-year Action Plan (Action Plan) to include the HOME-ARP Program("HOME-ARP"); 3) directed staff to prepare and transmit the final documents to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"); and 4) authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to take all actions necessary or desirable to implement the HOME-ARP Programs, and Subrecipient Agreements.

**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: None  
Abstain: Council Members: None

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### 5A. **RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA COMPLETE STREETS ACT OF 2008**

If approved, the proposed action would establish a citywide Complete Streets Policy providing guiding principles and practices for planning, designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining transportation improvements that encourage walking, bicycling, and transit use while promoting safe operations for all commuters. Additionally, adopting a Complete Streets Policy will maintain the City's eligibility for future Federal and State grant funding including Metro capital grant funding programs such as the Call for Projects and ExpressLanes Net Toll Revenue Re-Investment Grant Program.

#### Public Speaker

- Vincent Chang, Board President of the Greater Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce expressed support in renewing the City's Spirit Bus contract and encouraged City staff to add new bus routes that would increase rider share.

**Action Taken:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R36 establishing a Complete Streets Policy.

**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

**Resolution No. 2022-R36:** A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 65040.2 AND 65302

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

Council Member Yiu shared her experience applying for and using TSA precheck.

Council Member Chan shared his experience applying for & using TSA precheck. He reported that he attended the Happy Birthday Monterey Park Play Days event and Cinco De Mayo event. He also reported that he attended City of El Monte's API Heritage Month event with Council Member Yiu and Fire Service Day at Fire Station 62. Council Member Chan reported that he attended the Metro Service Council meeting and announced that his last meeting as member of Metro Service Council will be in June.

Council Member Liang reported that he attended the Cinco De Mayo event and reported that he attended the celebration recognizing volunteers. He also reported that he attended Fire Service Day at Fire Station 62.

Mayor Lo thanked the community for attending the Happy Birthday Monterey Park Play Days event. He also proposed organizing a Friendly Fred Walk or Friendly Fred Bulky Item Pick Up Day in honor of former Council Member Fred and his dedication to keeping the City clean.

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

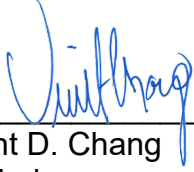
None.

## **8. CLOSED SESSION (IF REQUIRED; CITY ATTORNEY TO ANNOUNCE)**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.



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Vincent D. Chang  
City Clerk

*Approved on July 6, 2022 at the Regular City Council Meeting*