

MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)
HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 7, 2023

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 Room 266, Second Floor of City Hall located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sanchez called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Sanchez called the roll:

Council Members Present: Henry Lo, Vinh Ngo, Jose Sanchez, Thomas Wong,
Yvonne Yiu
Council Members Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Ron Bow, City Attorney Karl Berger, Assistant City Manager Inez Alvarez, Director of Finance Martha Garcia, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Christine Tomikawa

VIRTUALLY PRESENT: Steve Berliner of Liebert Cassidy & Whitmore

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Jesus Hernandez, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 721, spoke about salary negotiations.
- John Lieu, SEIU 721, talked about contract negotiations with the city.
- Jose Mendivil, SEIU 721, spoke about contract negotiations with the city.

1. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council adjourned to Closed Session at 5:35 p.m.

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

1-A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)): NUMBER OF CASES: 1.

Chen v. Monterey Park, (filed March 7, 2023) LASC Case No. 23AHCV00498

1-B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Threat of litigation pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2)): 1 matter.

Facts and Circumstances: Letter dated October 6, 2022 (Claim No. 2245-CL).

1-C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE § 54957.6

City Negotiators: Steve Berliner and Christine Tomikawa

Employee Organizations: Confidential Employees' Association, Firefighters' Association, Mid-Management Association, Police Captains' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Officers' Mid-Management Association, Professional Chief Officers' Association, and Service Employees International Union, Local 721

1-D. CONFERENCE WITH CITY'S LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GOV'T CODE §54957.6): 1 item

Employee Organization: City Manager (unrepresented)
City Designated Representative: City Attorney


1-E. EVALUATION OR APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE (Gov't Code § 54957(b)(1)): 1 item.

Position: City Manager

RECONVENE & ADJOURNMENT

The City Council reconvened from Closed Session with all Council Members present. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Action Taken: City Attorney Berger reported out of Closed Session the retirement of City Manager Ron Bow as of July 7, 2023 and the appointment of Inez Alvarez as Interim City Manager.



Maychelle Yee
City Clerk

Approved on September 6, 2023, at the Regular City Council Meeting