

MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)
HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 20, 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, July 20, 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 Treasurer Joseph Leon, City Manager Ron Bow, Deputy City Attorney Joaquin Vasquez, Assistant City Manager Inez Alvarez, Fire Chief Matt Hallock, City Librarian Diana Garcia, Director of Recreation & Community Services Robert Aguirre, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Christine Tomikawa, Director of Management Services Martha Garcia, Police Captain Scott Wiese, Planning Manager Jessica Serrano, Interim City Engineering Manager Ziad Mazboudi, Public Works Manager Chris Reyes, Public Works Principal Management Analyst Xochitl Tipan, Senior Librarian Reference Deborah Niblick, Deputy City Attorney Joaquin Vasquez, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang, Community Communications Coordinator Randy Ishino

VIRTUALLY PRESENT: City Attorney Karl Berger, Police Chief Kelly Gordon, Economic Development Manager Joseph Torres, CounterRisk Inc. RTG Intelligence Chief Candidate Michael T. Little, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP Principal Daphnie Munoz, FM3 Research Partner Richard Bernard

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

City Manager Bow requested to move presentation to be heard after Consent Calendar items or upon the arrival of Senator Susan Rubio.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

- Nancy Arcuri expressed her opposition to the Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance.
- Paul Young, on behalf of the Hospital Association of Southern California, voiced his opposition to the Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance.
- Vinh T. Ngo, on behalf of the Garvey School District, recognized the Police Department for visiting Monterey Vista Elementary School and Hillcrest Elementary School.
- Christina Smith spoke in support of the Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance.
- Rolando Calero expressed the importance of adopting the Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance.
- Erica Ruiz expressed her support for the Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance and urged the City Council to adopt the ordinance.
- Jordan Sorto voiced his support for the Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance.
- Christiane Ruiz spoke about the importance of adopting the Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance.
- Jennifer Acosta voiced her support for the Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance and urged City Council to adopt the ordinance.
- April Valle spoke in support of the Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance.
- Marta Alvarado expressed her support for the Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance.
- Lisa Edwards voiced her support for the Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance.

- Cheer Liv expressed the importance of adopting the Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance.
- Iris Tejada voiced her support for the Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance.
- Deputy City Attorney Joaquin Vasquez shared a written communication from City Attorney Karl Berger, on behalf of the Hensley Law Group, proposing creating a “Dodger Day” memorial fund in honor of the late Council Member Fred Sornoso. He informed Council that the memorial fund would provide assistance to young Dodger Fans experiencing financial hardships and unable to attend games.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- Director of Recreation & Community Services provided an update on prior and upcoming City events. He also reported that the Night at Dodger Stadium event on August 5th and the Hollywood Bowl Trip on August 27th are sold out.
- Senior Librarian Niblick informed the community of “Through the Lens an Asian American Experience” photo exhibition opened at the Library from July 8th to August 8th.

RECESSED AND RECONVENED

The City Council recessed at 7:14 p.m. and reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

1. PRESENTATION – None.

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

- State Senator Susan Rubio provided a Powerpoint presentation regarding Legislative updates.

2. OLD BUSINESS - None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS NOS. 3A-3J

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, 3C, 3F, 3G, and 3H on Consent Calendar, excluding Item Nos. 3B, 3D, and 3E which were pulled for discussion and separate motion, 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, Lo
Noes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

3A. MINUTES

Approving the minutes from the regular and special meetings of June 1, 2022, and the special meeting of June 8, 2022.

Action Taken: The City Council approved the minutes from the regular and special meetings of June 1, 2022, and the special meeting of June 8, 2022 on Consent Calendar.

3B. MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – JUNE 2022

As of June 30, 2022 invested funds for the City of Monterey Park is \$93,077,402.30.

Public Communication:

- City Treasurer Leon gave an update on the June 2022 monthly investment report and the City's investment policy.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the monthly investment report of June 2022.

3C. AUDITING SERVICES AGREEMENT - AWARD OF CONTRACT EXTENSION

The City signed a five-year contract (three years plus two optional years) with public accounting firm White Nelson Diehl Evans, LLP (WNDE) on April 20, 2016 for audit services of fiscal years 2016 to 2020. To maintain continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic and while the City transitioned to its new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, City Council approved an extension for audit services through fiscal year 2022.

In November 2020, CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP (CLA), became successor to White Nelson Diehl Evans, LLP. Robert J. Callanan continued as the lead audit engagement principal.

Government Code § 12410.6(b) prohibits the lead audit principal having primary responsibility for the audit from performing audit services for a local agency for more than six consecutive years; Robert J. Callanan has been the lead engagement principal for that amount of time. Therefore, the City is requesting to continue with CLA LLP and change the engagement principal. Daphnie Munoz will be the lead engagement principal for the term of this extension. A copy of her resume is available.

Action Taken: The City Council awarded a three-year contract extension of the City's auditing services to the City's current audit service provider, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP a certified public accounting and consulting firm; and authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement amendment for the three-year extension, in a form approved by the City Attorney on Consent Calendar.

3D. CANNABIS TAX FUND GRANT PROGRAM (CTFGP) FUNDING FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 RESOLUTION

On July 6, 2022 the Monterey Park City Council approved the acceptance of \$82,713.42 from the Department of California Highway Patrol (CHP) Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) and authorized the City manager to execute an agreement with the California Highway Patrol. On July 7, 2022 staff was notified that the California Highway Patrol required a resolution by the city council in order to execute an agreement.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R54 authorizing the City Manager to receive grant funds and execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the California Highway Patrol in the amount of \$82,713.42 for the Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP).

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

Resolution No. 2022-R54:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO RECEIVE AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CANNABIS TAX FUND GRANT PROGRAM

3E. STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM – AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MICHAEL T. LITTLE, OF COUNTRISK, INC., FOR THE REGIONAL TRAINING GROUP (RTG) INTELLIGENCE CHIEF POSITION

The County of Los Angeles is a Subgrantee of the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) that is provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Per the subrecipient agreement, the County of Los Angeles is authorized to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the City of Monterey Park. A portion of the grant funds awarded to the City of Monterey Park will include subsidies for a fulltime Regional Training Group (RTG) Intelligence Chief position, for the Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Associations (LAAFCA).

In accordance with MPMC Chapter 3.20, staff completed a bidding process to identify a viable candidate for the RTG Intelligence Chief position. The position was advertised on multiple job search websites. Two candidates submitted proposals and interviews were conducted to select the most qualified applicant. Staff identified Michael T. Little of CounterRisk, Inc. Mr. Little has nearly 17 years of experience with the Los Angeles Fire Department, serving in various chief officer positions; including, Assistant Chief - Homeland Security Division. Additionally, he has a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a Master's in Homeland Security. Mr. Little's work experience coupled with his education make him a prime candidate for the position.

Staff recommends City Council to authorize the City to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the Michael T. Little of CounterRisk, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$606,720. The grant funded position will span over three grant award years. Commencing in the current grant year, SHSP 2020, and culminating with grant year SHSP 2022. The initial contract will be for a total of \$146,720, with the option to renew for two subsequent grant award years, each for \$230,000. The contract is contingent on award of funds from the County of Los Angeles.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute a year agreement, with the potential to extend for an additional two years, with Michael T. Little of CounterRisk, Inc., in a form approved by the City Attorney, to provide and coordinate effective intelligence-sharing between Los Angeles area fire service agencies and intelligence, counterterrorism, and homeland security stakeholders for an amount of \$606,720.

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

3F. PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS TO BID ON PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS

Staff recommends the City Council approve a program that allows the City to prequalify contractors to bid on Public Works contracts by establishing procedures to rate prospective bidders and procedures allowing contractors to appeal the City's prequalification decisions.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R55 establishing a procedure for Prequalifying Contractors to bid on Public Works Contracts pursuant to the Public Contracts Code; and adopted Resolution No. 2022-R56 establishing a procedure allowing Contractors to appeal decisions regarding prequalification for Public Works Contracts on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 2022-R55:

A RESOLUTION A PROCEDURE FOR PREQUALIFYING CONTRACTORS TO BID ON PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO PUBLIC CONTRACTS CODE § 20101

Resolution No. 2022-R56:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC CONTRACTS CODE § 20101, ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE ALLOWING CONTRACTORS TO APPEAL DECISIONS REGARDING PREQUALIFICATION FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS

3G. PURCHASE OF PASSIO TECHNOLOGIES AUTOMATIC PASSENGER COUNTING SYSTEM

Staff recommends entering into a three-year agreement with Passio Technologies for the purchase and installation of an Automatic Passenger Counting system for its Spirit Buses. Passio Technologies is currently used by, First Transit, the City's Spirit Bus operator and offers the City optimal pricing for its system. This system is a transit management tool that collects valuable data and assists transit administrators track and analyze ridership patterns and provides insight into the bus system's efficiency.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an Agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Passio Technologies, in an amount not-to-exceed \$101,809 for the purchase and installation of an Automatic Passenger Counting System for the City's Spirit Buses; and appropriated \$101,809 from Proposition A funds for this purchase on Consent Calendar.

3H. AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT 2057-A WITH ATHENS SERVICES FOR STREET SWEEPING SERVICES

The street sweeping agreement with Athens Services will expire on August 31, 2022. Staff recommends that the City exercise its option to extend the agreement for an additional three years through August 31, 2025.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an Amendment, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to Agreement 2057-A with Athens Services, in an amount not-to-exceed \$345,092 per year (plus annual CPI), to extend the contract for street sweeping services for an additional three years on Consent Calendar.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5A. BALLOT PROPOSITION TO IMPOSE A ¾ CENT SALES TAX FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

The recommended actions would cause a proposition to be placed on the November 8, 2022 ballot regarding a general sales tax. If adopted by voters, the sales tax would increase the City's local sales tax revenue by a projected \$6,000,000 per year. Revenue from that sales tax measure may be used for any general municipal purpose.

Public Communications:

- Nancy Arcuri expressed her support for the ballot proposition to impose a ¾ cent sales for general municipal purposes.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) adopted Resolution No. 2022-R57 placing a proposition on the November 8, 2022, ballot which, if adopted by a majority of voters, would impose a general sales tax, as amended to delete the word "for" in the ballot title; (2) determined Mayor Lo as the person designated for filing an argument favoring the ballot proposition; (3) adopted a Resolution No. 2022-R58 requesting that the City Attorney prepare an impartial analysis for the ballot measure; (4) adopted Resolution No. 2022-R59 establishing regulations for ballot arguments; and (5) adopted Resolution No. 2022-R60 supporting the sales tax proposition.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Lo 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-R57:

A RESOLUTION ADDING A PROPOSITION TO THE BALLOT FOR THE PREVIOUSLY CALLED NOVEMBER 8, 2022, REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION PURSUANT TO ELECTIONS CODE § 9222

Resolution No. 2022-R58:

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING IMPOSITION OF A THREE-QUARTER CENT TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX (SALES TAX) TO FUND GENERAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Resolution No. 2022-R59:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR BALLOT ARGUMENTS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK TO BE INCLUDED WITH VOTER INFORMATION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Resolution No. 2022-R60:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK TO SUPPORT A BALLOT PROPOSITION NEEDED TO MAINTAINING MONTEREY PARK'S LONG TERM FINANCIAL STABILITY AND LOCALLY CONTROLLED SERVICES BY ESTABLISHING A ¾ CENT TRANSACTIONS AND USE (SALES) TAX, RAISING APPROXIMATELY \$6,000,000 ANNUALLY TO THE GENERAL FUND

RECESSED AND RECONVENED

The City Council recessed at 9:15 p.m. and reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

5B. PROPOSED DISSOLUTION OF THE NEWMARK AVENUE UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT; CREATION OF THE MONTEREY PASS ROAD UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT

Resolution No. 11264 (adopted April 1, 2009) created an Underground Utility District on Newark Avenue between Garfield Avenue to New Avenue ("Newmark UUD"). If adopted, the draft Resolution would set a public hearing to consider dissolution of the Newmark UUD on August 17, 2022. At that time, the City Council would also consider the recommended creation of a new Underground Utility District on Monterey Pass Road from Garvey Avenue to Vagabond Drive ("MPR UUD").

Action Taken: The City Council (1) adopted the Resolution of Intent, Resolution No. 2022-R61, to dissolve the existing Underground Utilities District on Newmark Avenue from Garfield Avenue to New Avenue and, also, to create the Monterey Pass Underground Utility District. The date for considering such actions would be August 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m; (2) directed the City Manager, or designee, to notify all affected property owners of the Underground Utility Districts in accordance with Monterey Park Municipal Code (“MPMC”) § 14.16.020; and (3) directed the City Manager, or designee, to file necessary documents with all affected utility companies.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Liang and seconded by Council Member Chan, 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-R61:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL’S INTENT TO REPEAL RESOLUTION NO. 11264 AND ESTABLISH A NEW MONTEREY PARK PASS ROAD UNDERGROUNDING DISTRICT PURSUANT TO MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 14.16.

6. CITY COMMUNICATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

Council Member Yiu reported that she attended the “Friendly Fred Walk” and expressed her condolences to the late Council Member Fred Sornoso’s family.

Council Member Chan reported that he attended the “Friendly Fred Walk” and suggested organizing future tribute walks in honor of the late Council Member Fred Sornoso. He also reported that on July 14th Sun Yet-Sen school toured City Hall, the Police Department, and Fire Department.

Council Member Liang reported that he attended the “Friendly Fred Walk” and expressed his condolences to the late Council Member Fred Sornoso’s family.

Mayor Lo expressed gratitude for the outpouring turnout for the “Friendly Fred Walk” and suggested organizing more walks in honor of the late Council Member Fred Sornoso.

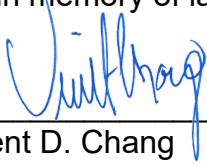
7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. in memory of late Council Member Fred Sornoso.



Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk

Approved on September 7, 2022 at the Regular City Council Meeting