

**MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)
HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 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 Teleconference Meeting via Zoom on Wednesday, March 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.

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

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, Yvonne Yiu

Council Members Absent: Fred Sornoso

ALSO PRESENT: City Treasurer Jospheh 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 Human Resources & Risk Management Christine Tomikawa, Director of Management Services Martha Garcia, Director of Recreation & Community Services Robert Aguirre, Interim Director of Community & Economic Development Steve Sizemore, Economic Development Manager Joseph Torres, Planning Manager Jessica Serrano, Principal Management Analyst Xochitl Tipan, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Trang, Community Communications Coordinator Randy Ishino, Senior Clerk Typist Viridiana Martinez

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

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.

- Arthur Fong thanked Mayor Lo and Council for approving the SR-710 N. Mobility Improvements Projects Funding Agreements and for moving forward for the betterment of the City.
- City Clerk Chang received, filed, and read a written communication from speaker Catherine Peng inquiring about the Spirit Bus.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- Principal Management Tipan gave a PowerPoint presentation informing the community of the Spring Cleaning Day event on April 9, 2022 at the Barnes Park Service Club House.

1. **PRESENTATION**

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

1A. **AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

- Police Chief Gordon gave a PowerPoint presentation informing the community that during the month of April the Police Department will be selling Autism Awareness patches in honor of Autism Awareness Month.

2. **OLD BUSINESS – 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, 3B, 3C, and 3D, on Consent Calendar, excluding Item Nos. 3E and 3F 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: Sornoso
Abstain: Council Members: None

3A. **MINUTES**

Approve the minutes from the regular and special meetings of February 16, 2022.

Action Taken: The City Council approved the minutes from the regular and special meetings of February 16, 2022 on Consent Calendar.

3B. **MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT – FEBRUARY 2022**

As of February 28, 2022 invested funds for the City of Monterey Park is \$88,282,706.77.

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

3C. CITY HALL CARPET REPLACEMENT – AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE BID PACKAGE

Staff has prepared a construction bid package (specifications) for the City Hall Carpet Replacement project and is requesting City Council's authorization to advertise the project for construction bids.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations §15301 as a Class 1 categorical exemption (Existing Facilities).

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R13 approving the design and plans for the City Hall Carpet Replacement Project; and authorized the solicitation of bids for the City Hall Carpet Replacement project on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 2022-R13, entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DESIGN AND PLANS FOR THE CITY HALL CARPET REPLACEMENT PROJECT PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 830.6 AND ESTABLISHING A PROJECT PAYMENT ACCOUNT

3D. TASK ORDERS TO PUBLIC WORKS ON-CALL AGREEMENT WITH TRANSTECH ENGINEERS FOR STAFF AUGMENTATION

On January 19, 2022, the City Council authorized an On-call agreement with Transtech Engineers Inc. for on-call General Engineering Services.

Staff requests approval of two Task Orders to this Agreement for staff augmentation services to help fill vacant positions. The first Task Order would provide an associate engineer level staff person to help with project management services of the City's street rehabilitation projects at a cost not to exceed \$200,000, funded partially by street bond funds and salary savings. The second Task Order would provide part-time or full-time staff augmentation services to provide an engineering manager or capital improvement program manager to help fill the long since vacant position of Assistant City Engineer, at a cost not to exceed \$200,000. Staff augmentation services are temporary while the vacant positions are filled.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute two Task Orders for Transtech Engineers Inc. for staff augmentation as part of its on-call general engineering services agreement, each not to exceed \$200,000; and appropriated \$150,000 from the Street Bonds Fund on Consent Calendar.

3E. 2022 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK RESOLUTION

The Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library is celebrating the week of April 3-9, 2022 as National Library Week. National Library Week is celebrated nationwide annually

in April to highlight the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. Libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to information, technology, multimedia content, and educational programs.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R14 declaring the week of April 3-9, 2022 to be National Library Week in Monterey Park.

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: Sornoso
Abstain: Council Members: None

Resolution No. 2022-R14, entitled:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 3, 2022 – APRIL 9, 2022 AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

3F. NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK RESOLUTION

The Monterey Park Police Department is celebrating the week of April 10-16, 2022, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. This week, sponsored by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International and celebrated annually, honors the thousands of men and women who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance to the citizens of the United States. We are enlisting your support in the form of a resolution to honor these men and women in our area for the work that they do every day to protect the residents of Monterey Park.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R15 declaring the week of April 10 through 16, 2022 to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in the City of Monterey Park.

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: Sornoso
Abstain: Council Members: None

Resolution No. 2022-R15, entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK DECLARING APRIL 10-16 2022, NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK IN MONTEREY PARK

4. PUBLIC HEARING

4A. ANNUAL WEED ABATEMENT PROTEST HEARING (PUBLIC 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 16, 2022, the Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R11 approving the 2022 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 identified on the Declaration List an opportunity to object to their inclusion thereon.

CEQA DISCUSSION:

Adoption of the Resolution is exempt for 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 opened the public hearing at 7:04, received no public testimony; closed the public hearing at 7:05; and adopted Resolution No. 2022-R16.

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: Sornoso
Abstain: Council Members: None

Resolution No. 2022-R16, entitled:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 39561 DECLARING THAT WEEDS, BRUSH, RUBBISH AND REFUSE UPON OR IN FRONT OF SPECIFIED PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR ABATEMENT

4B. ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LAND USE RELATED TIME SUSPENSION PERIOD RELATED TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

On May 7, 2020, the City Manager issued an Administrative Order that suspended all time periods for land use related appeals, reviews, or automatic approvals starting March 11, 2020 (collectively, the “Land Use Times” or “LATs”). That Administrative Order was subsequently ratified by the City Council via Resolution No. 12164, adopted June 3, 2020. Suspending the LAT was part of the City Council’s overall

strategy that was encapsulated within the 2020 Monterey Park Business Recovery Program and implemented to assist businesses during the COVID-19 Emergency.

It is apparent that the COVID-19 Emergency is now ending. As the City emerges from emergency operations, it is in the public interest to bring some of the City Council's emergency actions to an end and restore the "normal" operations for processing land use applications.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

The Ordinance itself and the actions anticipated by the Ordinance 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 services essential to public, health and welfare.¹ Moreover, the Ordinance simply ratifies previously adopted emergency regulations and establishes a deadline for terminating such regulations. Such action does not constitute a "project" as defined by CEQA.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) opened the public hearing at 7:10 (2) did not receive any documentary and testimonial evidence; (3) closed the public hearing at 7:10; and (4) introduced and waived first reading of an uncodified ordinance that ends the suspension of time deadlines for various land use related applications and approvals.

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: Sornoso
Abstain: Council Members: None

5. NEW BUSINESS

5A. AMENDMENT TO VARIOUS SECTIONS OF MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 6.15 REGULATING MANDATORY ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REDUCTION

Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) requires local jurisdictions to implement Short-lived Climate Pollutants: Organic Waste Reduction regulations as set forth by the California Department of Resources and Recovery (CalRecycle). On December 1, 2021 the City adopted Ordinance No. 2216 adding Chapter 6.15 to the to the Monterey Park Municipal Code (MPMC) that provides the requirements for collection and recycling of organic waste to comply with the law.

Staff requests to amend Chapter 6.15 to add definitions and provide clarification to the City's types of collection systems.

Action Taken: The City Council introduced and waived first reading of an ordinance amending various sections of Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC") Chapter 6.15 regulating mandatory organic waste disposal reduction.

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: Sornoso
Abstain: Council Members: None

5B. DISCUSSION OF PENDING MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE UPDATES

With changes in California law, City legislative responses in response to the Pandemic, and approval of the Land Use and Housing Elements of the General Plan, the City needs to update the MPMC. Staff prepared a Draft Program (defined below) to identify and process the necessary updates. The intent is that the City Council review, discuss, and make a final determination on the Draft Program.

Public Speakers:

- Linda Tang communicated her excitement for an Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. She also suggested City staff implement an Ad Hoc committee to increase public participation in the drafting of the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council (1) receiving and filing a report regarding pending updates to the Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC") including, without limitation, an Inclusionary Housing Ordinance; (2) providing direction and making a final determination regarding the process for pending updates to the MPMC as contained in the draft Zoning Amendment program ("Draft Program"); and (3) taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Action Taken: The City Council by consensus, received and filed a report regarding pending updates to the Monterey Park Municipal Code ("MPMC") including, without limitation, an Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.

6. CITY COMMUNICATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

6A. RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK'S SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE (REQUESTED BY MAYOR LO)

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R17 declaring the City of Monterey Park's solidarity with the People of Ukraine.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Lo 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: Sornoso

Abstain: Council Members: None

Resolution No. 2022-R17:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK'S SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Council Communications

Council Member Yiu reported that she attended the City of San Gabriel's installation of Mayor Tony Ding.

Council Member Chan reported that he attended the Metro Service Council meeting and informed the community of the On The Move Riders program for Seniors.

Council Member Liang stated that he had nothing to report and wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Mayor Lo gave an update on the LAX Roundtable meeting regarding how the Federal Aviation Administration can abate and mitigate airplane landing noise.

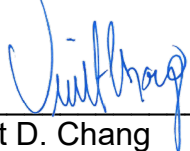
7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. in memory of the one-year anniversary of the mass shooting at a spa in Atlanta, Georgia.



Vincent D. Chang
City Clerk

Approved on April 20, 2022 at the Regular City Council Meeting