

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING / STUDY SESSION OF THE
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL
HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2013, 4:00 P.M.**

CONVENE: Mayor Lutz convened the Special Meeting/Study Session of the Monrovia City Council of Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at 4:02 p.m. in City Council Chambers. In attendance were City Manager Laurie Lile, Administrative Services Director Mark Alvarado, and City Clerk Alice D. Atkins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Alexander C. Blackburn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: In attendance were Councilmembers Tom Adams, Alexander C. Blackburn, Larry J. Spicer, Mayor Pro Tem Becky A. Shevlin, and Mayor Mary Ann Lutz.

DISCUSSION: 2013-2015 Fiscal Years Budget

City Manager Laurie Lile reviewed the format of the Study Session presentation, and Finance Division Manager Buffy Bullis provided an overview of the key elements of the 2013-2015 Fiscal Years Budget and highlighted the main short-falls and unfunded programs. The presentation included an economic overview, challenges ahead, General Fund Revenues and Expenditures, long range forecasts for the General Fund and other key funds, options for balancing the General Fund budget, council budgets, PlanMonrovia funded and unfunded action items, deferred maintenance, and the plan to review fees and charges over the next fiscal year.

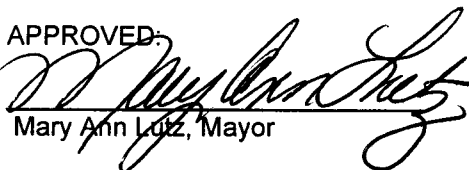
Staff answered questions regarding the Asset Forfeiture Fund and the City's participation in LA IMPACT, code enforcement, CDBG funding, unfunded liability of complying with stormwater mandates, and Water Fund reserves. City Manager Lile proposed the option of creating a 2-member budget subcommittee to assist with looking at feasibility and community acceptance of long term sustainable budget solutions, and recommended deferral of reserve contributions for Fiscal Year 2013-14, increasing overhead rates charged to internal funds, and possibly use of reserves to buy time for more in depth analysis and discussion.

Staff was directed to bring back more information at the second Budget Study Session scheduled for June 4, 2013, to further discuss Council Budgets related to travel and conference attendance, identify funded PlanMonrovia priorities, steps involved in a water rate increase, a list of existing fees and percentage of recovery, options to reduce costs and contract out certain services, identify funds that could be tapped into for \$990,000 storm drain catch basin program, and investigate actual cost to Los Angeles County for installation of catch basins versus the proposed charge from the County to the City. Unfunded PlanMonrovia priorities would be reviewed over the coming year by the proposed ad hoc committee, with more discussion on June 4 regarding which Councilmembers would participate.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:43 p.m., Mayor Lutz adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:



Mary Ann Lutz, Mayor

ATTEST:


Alice D. Atkins, CMC, City Clerk