

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011, 7:30 P.M.**

CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Mary Ann Lutz convened the Closed Session Meeting of the Monrovia City Council at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, in City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California, at which all Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Clarence R. Shaw who was excused, to discuss the following Closed Session item: CC-1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code §54957: City Manager and City Attorney. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

CONVENE: Mayor Mary Ann Lutz convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at 7:33 p.m. in City Council Chambers, in honor of Gabriella Dani Molina, Born August 11, 2011, to Daniel and Adrienne Molina. In attendance were City Manager Scott Ochoa, Assistant City Attorney Gena Stinnett, and City Clerk Alice D. Atkins.

INVOCATION: Dr. John Mastrogiovanni led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Becky Shevlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: In attendance were Councilmembers Tom Adams, Becky A. Shevlin, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Garcia, and Mayor Mary Ann Lutz. Clarence R. Shaw was excused.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION: City Manager Scott Ochoa stated that there was no reportable action.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS: None

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Student Liaison Kevin Greenwood reviewed past and upcoming events at Monrovia High School.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: City Manager Scott Ochoa stated that MRA CC-2 had been pulled and would not be considered at this time.

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Shevlin, to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried unanimously. The Consent Calendar consisted of the following Agenda items:

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the September 6, 2011, Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council: The City Council adopted the Minutes as presented.

CC-2 Payroll No. 19 in the Amount of \$520,182.56 and Voucher Nos. 176468 (Checks) and 2 through 3 (EFT) through 173668 in the Total Amount of \$1,244,869.84: The City Council approved the Payroll and Vouchers as presented.

CC-3 Amendment to Contract with William Marino Enterprises, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 in the Amount of \$6,735.59 for Additional Graffiti Removal: The City Council approved an amendment to the contract with William Marino Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$6,735.59 for Graffiti Removal Services for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

CC-4 Denial of Liability Claim filed by Aurora Chaidez: The City Council denied the claim filed by Aurora Chaidez against the City of Monrovia.

The following was heard out of order:

RCC-1 Mayor Lutz

(a) **South Coast Air Quality Management District:** AQMD Governing Board Member Michael Cacciotti gave an update on programs and air quality statistics.

(b) **Pamela Park "Parks after Dark" Program:** Eduardo Cordero, Los Angeles County Probation Officer, reviewed the program, reporting that the program would continue the following summer, pending a five-year grant approval.

(c) **Support of a League of California Cities Resolution Related to Funding of the 2011 Corrections Realignment (AB 109 and AB 117), and Direction to the City's Voting Delegate to Sign a Petition Requesting the General Assembly to Consider the Resolution; Resolution No. 2011-49:** Police Chief Hunt reviewed background on the matter as it would affect law enforcement at the state, county, and local level. **It was moved by Mayor Lutz, seconded by Councilmember Adams, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-49 and to direct Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, as voting delegate, to sign the petition requesting the General Assembly to consider the proposed League of California Cities resolution at their upcoming annual meeting.** The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Barbara Gadbury Baily, Inglewood
2. Betty Thomas, Monrovia
3. Sabin Gray, Owner, Friends of Dorothy Giftshop
4. Steve Baker, Rotary
5. Jimmy O'Balles, Monrovia

In response to comments made during Public Input, City Manager Ochoa provided background on the requirements of participation in the Friday Night Family Festival.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / MEETINGS: None

CONVENE MONROVIA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING WITHOUT ADJOURNING CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MRA CONVENE: Chairman Mary Ann Lutz convened the Meeting of September 20, 2011, of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 8:16 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, without adjourning the City Council Meeting.

MRA ROLL CALL: Those in attendance were Boardmembers Tom Adams, Becky A. Shevlin, Vice-Chairman Joe Garcia and Chairman Mary Ann Lutz. Clarence R. Shaw was excused.

MRA CONSENT CALENDAR: **It was moved by Boardmember Shevlin, seconded by Boardmember Adams, to approve the Consent Calendar.** The motion carried unanimously. The Consent Calendar consisted of the following Agenda items:

MRA CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the September 6, 2011, Regular Meeting of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency. The Agency Board approved the Minutes as presented.

MRA CC-2 Conditional Transfer Agreement between the City of Monrovia and the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency; Resolution Nos. 2011-48 and 10-2011: This item was pulled and was not considered at this time.

MRA PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS: None.

MRA ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None.

MRA ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Lutz adjourned the Meeting at 8:21 p.m.

RECONVENE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS & SUB-COMMITTEES

RCC1 Mayor Lutz reported on:

(a) **South Coast Air Quality Management District:** This item was heard following the Consent Calendar.

(b) **Pamela Park "Parks after Dark" Program:** This item was heard following the Consent Calendar.

(c) **Support of a League of California Cities Resolution Related to Funding of the 2011 Corrections Realignment (AB 109 and AB 117), and Direction to the City's Voting Delegate to Sign**

a Petition Requesting the General Assembly to Consider the Resolution; Resolution No. 2011-49:

This item was heard following the Consent Calendar.

- (d) Monrovia was named as a finalist for the Most Business Friendly Award by the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership.
- (e) Attendance at the groundbreaking for Rose Gardens at Santa Teresita.
- (f) Upcoming Foothill Unity Center Golden Plate Awards Ceremony recognizing Former Mayor Robert Bartlett.

RCC-2 Mayor Pro Tem Garcia had no report.

RCC-3 Councilmember Adams had no report.

RCC-4 Councilmember Shaw was excused.

RCC-5 Councilmember Shevlin reported on:

- (a) Upcoming Santa Anita Family YMCA Red Envelope Gala Awards recognizing City Treasurer Steve Baker.
- (b) Information from the recent Foothill Transit Governing Board Meeting, including transit routes and discount passes available for college students.
- (c) Upcoming San Gabriel Valley Stand Down for Homeless Veterans event hosted by the San Gabriel Valley Veterans Employment Committee & the Office of Congresswoman Judy Chu
- (d) Upcoming events in the City of Monrovia.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**AR-1 Update on Shopping Cart Containment, Retrieval and Abatement Regulations**

Sheila Spicer-Batice, Neighborhood & Business Services Supervisor, reviewed the Staff Report and answered questions related to timing of full implementation and the process for administrative citations in the event of non-compliance. Mayor Lutz requested an update in 6 months.

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Shevlin, to receive and file the report. The motion carried unanimously.

AR-2 Contract with Cordoba Corporation in an Amount not to Exceed \$229,700.00 for Project Administration and Construction Management, Santa Anita Wash Cover at Fifth Avenue and Huntington Drive, Project No. C-3050

Ron Bow, Director of Public Works, reviewed the Staff Report.

Following discussion, **it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Adams, to approve an agreement for services with Cordoba Corporation, subject to City Attorney approval of the final contract, in an amount not to exceed \$229,700.00 for project administration and construction management related to Project No. C-3050.** The motion carried unanimously.

AR-3 Consideration of Acquisition of 601 East Los Angeles Avenue in the Amount of \$299,000.00 for the Creation of a Pocket Park

City Manager Scott Ochoa reviewed the Staff Report.

Discussion ensued regarding pursuit of purchase from whoever recently acquired the property in the trustee sale, consideration of a hybrid between options 3 and 4 outlined in the Staff Report, complying with the CEQA process, and global needs in terms of improving Julian Fisher Park and incorporating a southern park into the plan.

Public Input

- 1. Joe Brown, President, Pasadena NAACP
- 2. Gwendolyn Jones, Monrovia
- 3. Larry Spicer, Monrovia
- 4. Jules Bagneris, Monrovia

5. Cyrus Kemp, Monrovia
6. Jimmy O'Balles, Monrovia

Discussion continued regarding the direction given to Staff at the September 6, 2011, meeting, continued pursuit of the purchase of 601 East Los Angeles, review of the Park Master Plan by the Community Services Commission, prioritization of refurbishing Julian Fisher park, development of one or more pocket parks, and continued planning for a park in the Station Square Transit Village area.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia to continue to pursue the purchase of 601 East Los Angeles Avenue, direct Staff and the Community Services Commission to revise the Park Master Plan and formulate a strategy to develop other pocket parks in the neighborhood bounded by Myrtle and Shamrock Avenues, and Huntington drive and the 210 freeway, and look at pursuing the creation of a community park in the Station Square project area.

Councilmember Adams expressed that he wanted to firm up the language about the degree under which an attempt to purchase was made with respect to price.

City Manager Ochoa stated that regardless of the decision made tonight, findings related to CEQA and conformity with the General Plan still had to be made; that Council could direct Staff to do both of those in order to comply with the law, by going to the Planning Commission on that specific property without ownership; he also advised to get an appraisal on the property to determine fair market value and at that point, if the Council wished to continue, an offer could be made.

Councilmember Adams requested to add to determine the new owner, post haste, and inform them of the City's intentions before improvements were made to the property.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia agreed to the revisions to the motion. Councilmember Shevlin sought clarification as to whether purchase of 601 East Los Angeles would move forward regardless of any report that might come back to the Council, or the implications of the effect it might have on another area. Councilmember Adams indicated that, barring any calamities related to CEQA or other legal processes, his intent was to purchase the property.

Mayor Lutz asked for someone to second the motion before continuing discussion. **Councilmember Adams seconded the motion.**

City Manager Ochoa indicated that the appraisal could take 3 to 4 weeks, the community process for discussion of open space could occur in 3 to 4 weeks, and discussions could take place concurrently with moving forward with the process.

Councilmember Adams clarified that the direction was to turn it over to the Planning Commission for CEQA, to the Community Services Commission for a look at parks in general, to contact the new owner of 601 East Los Angeles to declare the intent to purchase property, preferably at a price below \$299,999, and provided no CEQA issues arose, to purchase the property and move forward.

City Manager Ochoa advised that it would still have to come back to the City Council for approval of the sales price.

In additional to the direction to Staff as stated by Councilmember Adams, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia restated that the motion also included direction to Staff and the Community Services Commission to revise the Park Master Plan and formulate a strategy to develop other pocket parks in the neighborhood bounded by Myrtle and Shamrock Avenues, and Huntington drive and the 210 freeway, look at the viability of the creation of a community park in the Station Square project area, pursuit of the purchase of 601 East Los Angeles.

The motion carried unanimously on the following roll call vote: **AYES:** Councilmember Adams, Shevlin; Mayor Pro Tem Garcia; Mayor Lutz. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** Councilmember Shaw.

PUBLIC INPUT, CONTINUED, IF NEEDED: None.

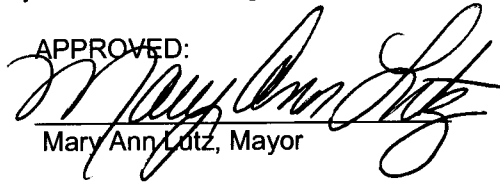
ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR, IF NEEDED: None.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2011, 7:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California.

ADJOURNMENT: At 10:08 p.m. Mayor Lutz adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:



Mary Ann Lutz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alice D. Atkins, CMC, City Clerk

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