

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE  
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015, 7:30 P.M.**

**CLOSED SESSION:** Mayor Mary Ann Lutz convened the Closed Session Meeting of the Monrovia City Council and the Successor Agency to the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, in City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California, at which all Councilmembers/Boardmembers were present to discuss the following Closed Session items: CS-1 Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1); Marcia Maxwell and Gerald Pool vs. City of Monrovia, Case No. BC549300; CS-2 Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Government Code §54956.8; 1109 South Myrtle Avenue and 102, 116, 120-124, 132 and 140 West Huntington Drive; Successor Agency Negotiator: City Attorney; Negotiating Party: Mt. Sierra College, Inc.; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment. Mayor Lutz adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**CONVENE:** Mayor Lutz convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, in honor of Bianca Danielle Sosa, born March 3, 2015, to Daniel and Lisa Sosa. In attendance were City Manager Oliver Chi, City Attorney Craig A. Steele, and City Clerk Alice D. Atkins.

**INVOCATION:** Chaplain Terrence Brown led the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Tom Adams 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.

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION:** City Attorney Craig Steele stated that the City Council and Successor Agency Board met in closed session to discuss the items on the posted agenda. All members were present for item CS-1; Councilmember Blackburn abstained from item CS-2 due to the proximity of his business's lease to the subject property. There was no reportable action on either item.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

**PR-1 Recognition of Firefighter Kyle Eden and Fire Cadet Giuesspe Brandonisio for Their Heroic Efforts:** Fire Chief Chris Donovan assisted the Mayor and City Council in recognizing Firefighter Eden and Fire Cadet Brandonisio for lifesaving measures taken during their off-duty hours.

**PR-2 Recognition of Monrovia Historic Preservation Group for Their Efforts Toward the Repair and Restoration of the Wishing Well Drinking Fountain at Library Park:** The Mayor and City Council recognized and thanked the MOHPG for their contributions to the restoration of the drinking fountain at Library Park.

**PR-3 Proclaiming the Month of April 2015 as Oral Cancer Awareness Month:** The Mayor and City Council presented a proclamation to Dr. Charlyn Quiec, DMD, following a short public service announcement video.

**PR-4 Proclaiming April 12-18, 2015, as National Volunteer Week:** The Mayor and City Council presented a proclamation to representatives of the Monrovia Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley.

**PR-5 Proclaiming the Month of April 2015 as Donate Life Month:** The Mayor and City Council proclaimed the month of April 2015 as Donate Life Month. As representatives were unable to attend, the certificate would be mailed.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** Student Liaison Nick Miranda reported on past and future activities at the high school.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** City Manager Oliver Chi stated there were no changes to the order of business.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** It was moved by Councilmember Blackburn, seconded by Councilmember Spicer, to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried unanimously. The Consent Calendar consisted of the following Agenda items:

**CC-1 Payroll No. 7 in the Net Amount of \$499,328.84 and Warrant Register Dated March 12, 2015, in the Total Amount of \$1,360,473.93:** The City Council approved Payroll No. 7 in the net amount of \$499,328.84 and Warrant Register dated March 12, 2015, in the total amount of \$1,360,473.93.

**CC-2 Opposition to Capping or Eliminating Tax-Exempt Municipal Bonds:** The City Council approved a letter of opposition to any federal proposal to cap or eliminate tax-exempt municipal bonds, and directed Staff to issue the letter to all of Monrovia's federal representatives

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

1. Melissa Johnson, Monrovia High School Robotics Program
2. Ken Manning, San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority
3. Janet Wall, Monrovia
4. Felix Villanueva, Monrovia
5. Jennifer and Stevie Pokrajac, Monrovia
6. Steve Pokrajac, Monrovia
7. Edie Ramirez, Monrovia
8. Edith Repp, Monrovia
9. Steve Grollnek, Monrovia
10. Brittany Cummings, Monrovia
11. Gwendolyn Jones, Monrovia
12. Cyrus Kemp, Monrovia
13. Karen Suarez, Monrovia
14. Dorothy Kelty, Monrovia

**PUBLIC HEARINGS / MEETINGS:**

**PH-1 Amendment to the Land Use Element of the General Plan (GPA2015-01) Modifying the "Station Square Transit Village" Section and the Guidelines for PD-12 Station Square Transit Village, Resolution No. 2015-10**

Craig Jimenez, Planning Division Manager, reviewed the Agenda Report.

Mayor Lutz opened the Public Hearing.

1. Gwendolyn Jones, Monrovia

Mayor Lutz closed the Public Hearing.

**It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Blackburn, to adopt Resolution No. 2015-10.** The motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS OF CITY MANAGE AND STAFF**

**RCM-1 Update on Statewide Mandatory Water Restrictions:** City Manager Chi reviewed Executive Order B-29-15 related to statewide conservation goals, restrictions relative to per capita water usage, commercial, industrial, and institutional property water reduction, irrigation of ornamental on public street medians, and irrigation requirements for newly constructed homes.

**RCM-2 Update on Well Field:** City Manager Chi provided an update on alleged improper discharge at the City well field, as well as information on monitoring and mitigation measures at an Agency owned property on Myrtle Avenue.

**REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND SUB-COMMITTEES**

**RCC-1 Mayor Mary Ann Lutz:**

- (a) Congratulated Joanne Montgomery, Joannie Yuille, and Susan Hirsch, for being honored as Women of the Year by Assemblymember Hernandez and Congresswomen Napolitano and Chu.
- (b) Recent Spring Egg Hunt & Health Kids Event

**RCC-2 Mayor Pro Tem Becky A. Shevlin**

- (a) Attendance at CPRS Recognition Dinner where Canyon Park volunteer program was recognized
- (b) Attendance at SCAG joint committees meeting in preparation of regional transportation plan and sustainable communities
- (c) Upcoming positions on Boards and Commissions
- (d) Upcoming MAP Neighborhood conference

**RCC-3 Councilmember Tom Adams**

- (a) **Consideration of Resolution No. 2015-11 Approving the Application and Certification Agreement for the Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Program:** Steve Sizemore, Director of Community Development, reviewed the program and its benefits to the City.

## Public Input:

1. Gloria Crudgington, on behalf of Monrovia Historic Preservation Group
2. Dan Ryan, Monrovia

Following discussion, **it was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Spicer, to adopt Resolution No. 2015-11.** The motion carried unanimously.

**RCC-4 Councilmember Alexander C. Blackburn**

- (a) Requested Special Study Session regarding Hillside Wilderness Preserve access points

**RCC-5 Councilmember Larry J. Spicer**

- (a) Requested to have water bills indicate usage in gallons rather than units

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:****AR-1 Agreement with Lance, Soll & Lunghard, CPAs, LLP in the Amount of \$87,111.00 Related to Auditing Services for Fiscal Years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016**

Mark Alvarado, Director of Administrative Services, reviewed the Agenda Report.

Following much discussion regarding concerns related to keeping the same firm for an extended period, and the benefits of establishing a City Council audit committee, it was determined that Staff would bring the item back to the next meeting.

**AR-2 Electing to Become Subject to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures of the Public Contract Code, Resolution No. 2015-12; and Amendment to Monrovia Municipal Code, Title 3 (Revenue and Finance), Amending Chapter 3.24 and Adding Chapter 3.26 to Provide Informal Bidding Procedures for Certain Public Projects Pursuant to the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act, Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 2015-02**

City Manager Oliver Chi reviewed the Agenda Report.

Following brief discussion, **it was moved by Councilmember Spicer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shevlin, to introduce, waive further reading, and read by title only Ordinance No. 2015-02.** The motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Steele read the title of Ordinance No. 2015-02 as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 3.24 OF THE MONROVIA MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING CHAPTER 3.26 TO PROVIDE INFORMAL BIDDING PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC PROJECTS PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING ACT**

**AR-3 Consultant Services Agreement with Civiltec Engineering, Inc., in an Amount not to Exceed \$42,115.00 for the Following: (1) Preparation of an Update to the City's 2008 Water Master Plan, and (2) Development of a Water System Capital Improvement Program Plan**

City Manager Oliver Chi reviewed the Agenda Report.

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Spicer, to an agreement with Civiltec Engineering, Inc., for the preparation of an update to the City's existing 2008 Water Master Plan and for the development of an overall water utility system capital improvement program in an amount not to exceed \$42,115.00. The motion carried unanimously.

**AR-4 Additional Professional Design, Engineering, and Project Management Expenses by IBI Group for the Station Square Project in an Amount not to Exceed \$650,000.00; and Update on the Station Square Project**

**Relocation of Overhead Utilities Associated with the Station Square Project in an Amount not to Exceed \$316,384.05**

City Manager Oliver Chi and Tina Cherry, Director of Public Services, reviewed the Agenda Report and provided an overview of the project to date.

With respect to item AR-4, following extensive discussion, Staff was directed to schedule a Special Meeting on April 10, 2015, to further analyze the history of the project, contract, change orders, approvals, and staff actions prior to approval of the additional expenses.

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shevlin, to authorize Staff to expend an amount not to exceed \$316,384.05 to relocate utilities in the Station Square project area at Magnolia Avenue / Pomona Avenue and Duarte Road / Peck Road as detailed in Attachment A of the Agenda Report. The motion carried unanimously.

**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 was scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 7:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 12:10 a.m., Mayor Lutz adjourned the meeting in memory of Mary Belen Misqueuz, retired, longtime Community Development Department employee.

ATTEST:

  
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Alice D. Atkins, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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Tom Adams, Mayor