

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014, 7:30 P.M.**

**STUDY SESSION:** Mayor Mary Ann Lutz convened the Special Meeting/Study Session of the Monrovia City Council at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, in the Police Department Community Room, 140 East Lime Avenue, Monrovia, California, at which all Councilmembers were present to discuss contracted services currently utilized by departments, long range financial planning, financing deferred maintenance, and revenue enhancements. Mayor Lutz adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Mayor Lutz convened the Closed Session Meeting of the Monrovia City Council at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, in City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California, at which all Councilmembers were present to discuss the following Closed Session items: CS-1 Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code §54957.6; Agency Negotiator: Danielle Tellez; Group Employees: All Groups; CS-2 Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code §54957: City Manager. Mayor Lutz adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

**CONVENE:** Mayor Lutz convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday, April 15, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers. In attendance were Interim City Manager Francis M. Delach, City Attorney Craig A. Steele, and City Clerk Alice D. Atkins.

**INVOCATION:** Reverend Dr. Daniel Hanafi led the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Larry J. Spicer 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 met in closed session to discuss the items on the posted agenda and there was no reportable action.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

**PR-1 Recognition of Gloria Crudginton, Community Services Chair and Recipient of the California Park and Recreation Society, District 13 Community Service Award:** Director of Community Services Tina Cherry assisted the Mayor and City Council in recognizing Gloria Crudginton for her achievement and longstanding service to the community.

**PR-2 Recognition of Joyce Santillan, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles 2014 Presidents Award Honoree:** The Mayor and City Council recognized Joyce Santillan for her commitment to serving the youth of the community.

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

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** Interim City Manager Delach stated that due to a number of people in attendance for item AR-1, the report would be moved up to precede Reports of City Councilmembers.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Councilmember Adams requested that Item CC-4 be pulled for discussion following Administrative Reports. **It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Shevlin, seconded by Councilmember Adams, to approve the consent calendar, with item CC-4 pulled.** The Consent Calendar consisted of the following Agenda items:

**CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the March 31, 2014, Special Meeting and the April 1, 2014, Special and Regular Meetings of the Monrovia City Council:** The City Council adopted the Minutes of the March 31, 2014, Special Meeting and the April 1, 2014, Special and Regular Meetings.

**CC-2 Payroll No. 8 in the Net Amount of \$458,718.74, and Warrant Register dated March 27, 2014 in the Total Amount of \$1,429,363.33:** The City Council approved Payroll No. 8 in the net amount of \$458,718.74, and Warrant Register date March 27, 2014, in the total amount of \$1,429,363.33.

**CC-3 Award of Contract to E.C. Construction Company, Inc., in the Amount of \$439,337.50 for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Street Resurfacing, Project No. C-3063, with a Reserve for Contingencies in the Amount of \$43,933.70, for a Total Project Budget of \$483,271.20:** The City Council awarded a contract to E.C. Construction Company, Inc., for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Street Resurfacing Project No. C-3063 in the amount of \$439,337.50, approved a reserve for contingencies in the amount of \$43,933.70, for a total project budget of \$483,271.20, rejected all other bids, and authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

**CC-4 Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc., in the Amount of \$20,854.80 for removal of Forty-Two (42) Fire-Hazardous Trees on Public Lands and Delegation of Authority to Fire Chief for Removal of Additional Fire-Hazardous Trees within the Fire Hazard Zone in an Amount not to Exceed \$10,645.20:** This item was pulled for discussion following Administrative Reports.

**CC-5 Cooperation Agreement between County of Los Angeles and the City of Monrovia related to the Los Angeles Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the Period July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2018, with an Automatic Renewal for an Additional Period of Three (3) Years, Resolution No. 2014-18:** The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2014-18.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

1. Penny Arroyo, Volunteer Center
2. Nancy Logan, Southern California Gas Company Employee
3. Helen Romero Shaw, Southern California Gas Company Regional Affairs Manager
4. Hal Leavens, Monrovia
5. Gwendolyn Jones, Monrovia
6. Alicia Brinton, Southern California Gas Company Employee
7. Brenda Trainor, Wonder Dog Ranch

In response to comments under Public Input, at the request of the Mayor, Interim City Manager Delach provided a brief overview of the organizational study to date.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS / MEETINGS:** None

The following item was heard out of order:

**AR-1 Julian Fisher Park Basketball Courts**

Carl Hassel, Director of Public Works, reviewed the Agenda Report.

Questions from City Council included possible use any funds set aside for a pocket park to fund the project, liability issues with existing condition of courts, whether new lighting was necessary, and excess funds left from grant received for playground equipment. Interim City Manager Delach suggested approaching the Energywise Partnership for possible funding to be used toward updated energy efficient lighting.

Public Input:

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**REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER AND STAFF****RCM-1 Interim City Manager Francis Delach:**

- (a) **Update on Gold Line Construction:** Director of Public Works Carl Hassel provided an overview of work wrapping up on Myrtle Avenue and plans for construction at Magnolia and Mountain Avenues.
- (b) Fire Chief Chris Donovan reported on additional State Homeland Security Grant Program funding received in the amount of \$78,805.

**REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS & SUB-COMMITTEES****RCC-1 Mayor Mary Ann Lutz:**

- (a) Pam Fitzpatrick, honored by Assemblymember Chris Holden; Joanne Spring, honored by Congresswoman Grace Napolitano; and Donna Baker, honored by Congresswoman Judy Chu
- (b) 2014 Citywide Spelling Bee
- (c) San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments consideration of draft National Recreation Area legislation
- (d) Justice for Homicide Victims Memorial Foundation 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- (e) Upcoming Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Community Meetings

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

- (a) Board and Commissions recruitment
- (b) Upcoming events in the community

**RCC-3 Councilmember Tom Adams:**

- (a) **Champion Broadband:** Councilmember Adams asked Staff what, if any, control the City had over cable television's billing and fees. City Attorney Steele responded that state and federal government took all franchising authority away from local government; even before, the City did not have control over rates; customers had the option of choosing other carriers or directing their complaints to the California Public Utilities Commission. Dave Haverkate, President and COO of Champion Broadband provided an overview of the new sports fee resulting from an exclusive cable television rights partnership between the Los Angeles Dodgers and Time Warner Cable.

**RCC-4 Councilmember Alexander C. Blackburn** had no report.

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

- (a) Pasadena/Altadena Vision 20/20 Initiative

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:****AR-1 Julian Fisher Park Basketball Courts**

This item was heard out of order following Public Input above.

**PUBLIC INPUT, CONTINUED, IF NEEDED:** None.

**ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR, IF NEEDED:**

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Fire Chief Chris Donovan reviewed the Agenda Report.

Councilmember Adams requested that a map of trees slated for removal be posted on the City's website.

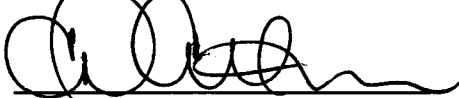
Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Spicer, to approve an agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc., in the amount of \$20,854.80 for removal of forty-two (42) fire-hazardous City trees, delegate authority to the Fire Chief for removal of additional trees by West Coast Arborists in the amount of \$10,645.20, for a total not to exceed

grant funding in the amount of \$31,500.00, and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents. The motion carried unanimously.

**SCHEDULED MEETINGS:** The next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council was scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 7:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California.

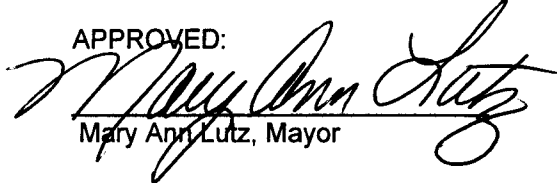
**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:58 p.m., Mayor Lutz adjourned the meeting in memory of Lathrop Hoffman, husband of Dorothy Hoffman and longtime community advocate and benefactor.

ATTEST:



Alice D. Atkins, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Mary Ann Lutz, Mayor