

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD TUESDAY JANUARY 22 7 30 P M**

**CONVENE** Following a Study Session at the Police Department Community Room 140 East Lime Avenue from 6 20 P M to 7 15 P M at which all City Councilmembers were in attendance with the exception of Councilmember Victor M Franco who was excused to discuss the Monrovia Old Town Trolley Program Mayor Lara Larramendi Blakely convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday January 22 2002 at 7 34 P M in City Council Chambers 415 South Ivy Avenue Monrovia California

**INVOCATION** Father Charles Ramirez Immaculate Conception Church led the Invocation

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Councilmember Joe Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL** In attendance were Councilmembers Tom Adams Joe Garcia Mayor Pro Tem Rob Hammond and Mayor Lara Larramendi Blakely Councilmember Victor M Franco was excused

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**

January 8 2002

1 Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation Government Code §54956 9(a)  
Richard Lukofnak vs City of Monrovia Workers Compensation Claim  
Assistant City Attorney Kenneth D Rozell stated that no reportable action was taken

2 Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation Government Code §54956 9(a)  
Pasillas et al vs City of Monrovia Los Angeles Superior Court Case No BC257273  
Assistant City Attorney Kenneth D Rozell stated that no reportable action was taken

January 10 2002

1 Interviews with Prospective City Attorneys  
Assistant City Attorney Kenneth D Rozell stated that no reportable action was taken

January 16 2002

1 Interviews with Prospective City Attorneys  
Assistant City Attorney Kenneth D Rozell stated that no reportable action was taken

**PRESENTATIONS**

1 **Recognition of the Community Media of the Foothills Western Access Video Excellence Award Winners**

Community Media of the Foothills Board President Karen Suarez introduced the Western Access Video Excellence award winners Meet the Mayor program produced by Jennifer Ranger and Ralph Walker in the public forum category and the Community Bulletin Board in the bulletin board category by Jasen Lewis to the Mayor City Council and the community Mr Lewis explained the Bulletin Board award and thanked his staff

Ralph Walker thanked the community and asked that a positive attitude be maintained and Jennifer Ranger's brother Jim spoke congratulating the winners and thanking the people behind the scenes as well as the citizens who come out to meet the Mayor

## **2 Introduction of Newly Installed Senior Club Presidents for Year 2002 Inez Martin Golden Age Club Gus Hinrich New Horizon Club and Thelma LaBossiere Gad-A-Bouts Club**

Penny Arroyo Recreation Coordinator introduced the newly installed Senior Club Presidents for the year 2002 to the Mayor City Council and community and read the following about each

### **GOLDEN AGE CLUB**

Inez Martin – President Inez (who was unable to attend) has been a club member for over 25 years She has served as Secretary 1st Vice President 2nd Vice President and President for eight different terms She has lived in Monrovia since 1936 and has dedicated herself unselfishly to helping her fellow seniors Visiting sick and homebound seniors and taking them to appointments they can't drive themselves to are just a few of the wonderful things that Inez does 86 years of age and she is caring for seniors One day I'll remind her she is a senior too! She has the ability to lead with a soft hand The club members and I are very grateful to have her as President

### **NEW HORIZON CLUB**

Gus Hinrich – President Mr Hinrich was born in Nebraska on April 23rd Graduating from Pender High May of 1943 he found himself in the service and on his way to Camp Fannin Texas June of that same year He attended the University of Cincinnati for one term while in the service Out of college and overseas these young men were rushed to serve and protect us Gus was home on a 30 day leave when the Atom bomb was dropped The war was over! As he goes back in time remembering a smile comes across his face It was a happy time and we celebrated all night That experience and the adventures that followed made Gus the person he is today A soldier football player teacher and member of the retired 14th Armor Division are just some of his accomplishments He will prove to be a good and organized leader with tough exterior and a soft interior

### **GAD-A-BOUTS CLUB**

Thelma LaBossiere – President a very familiar face in Monrovia Thelma is a born leader She involves herself in educational social and senior assistance programs at the Community Center The Young at Heart Band of which she is the leader and coordinator has entertained senior facilities throughout Monrovia and neighboring cities She has been a member of the Gad-A-Bouts Club since 1987 and held the office of President seven times She is a strong leader with great enthusiasm and fun ideas I am very proud to be able to work with Thelma as President this 2002 term

## **3 Recognition of Neighborhood Pride Awardees Barbara Rosales Single Family-Owner Occupied and Fannie Darden Owner Multi-family Rental**

Each quarter two Monrovia residential property owners receive City Council acknowledgement for maintaining their properties in excellent condition thereby encouraging owner-initiated neighborhood preservation efforts Recognition awards are given in two categories single family owner-occupied and rental property Recipients were given certificates and award signs for front yard display

Bill Skiles Sr Neighborhood Preservation Manager and Alice Campos Neighborhood Preservation Manager introduced Barbara Rosales single-family-owner occupied winner and Fannie Darden rental property winner to the Mayor City Council and community

**PROCLAMATIONS** None

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT** Student Government Liaison Matt Binford was unable to attend and his substitute Tony Tedei reported on activities at Monrovia High School

**A CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Hammond seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of Items \*B \*I-4 \*I-5 \*I-6 \*I-7 \*I-8 and \*K

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes** Councilmembers Adams\* Garcia Mayor Pro Tem Hammond and Mayor Blakely  
**Excused** Councilmember Franco  
**Motion carried 4-0**

\*with the exception of \*I-7

**\*B MINUTES** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11 2001 Special Meetings of December 26 2001 January 10 and January 16 2002 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar

Mayor Blakely moved the following item out of order

**G REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS & SUB-COMMITTEES****3 Councilmember Adams**

(a) **Memorial Bench Dedication in Memory of Mary Wilcox** Councilmember Adams introduced Justin Wood Pamela Foyer and daughter Meagan Foyer who were attendance to accept a Certificate of Recognition for their Grandmother and Great-Grandmother Mary Wilcox. The Memorial Bench dedicated to Mrs Wilcox on behalf of the City Council has been placed in the new Rose Garden at City Hall. Parks Division Manager Dan Iwata presented a power point presentation showing the bench and the plaque on the bench. Mayor Blakely asked that the family come back during daylight hours to have a picture taken in the Rose Garden with the Memorial Bench at the corner of Ivy and Lemon Avenues

**C ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

1 Tom O Connell Monrovia spoke in support of KGEM manager Jasen Lewis and other KGEM employees Daihan Lee and Travis Gray

2 Karen Suarez Monrovia reported that Africanized bees stung a boy in West Covina but he was doing alright. She asked to be on the Agenda in the near future as the representative to the San Gabriel Valley Vector Control District and she would like to update the City Council. She cautioned against attacking any kind of bees

3 Stephen Grollnek Monrovia cautioned against spending money for hillside property until the State is settled monetarily-wise. asked for a copy of the Krikorian letter regarding advertising disagrees with the appraisal process regarding purchasing the Planned Parenthood property and had concerns about the jobless lady who spoke at the last City Council Meeting believing that no one assisted her

4 Laura Wiles Monrovia noted that today was the anniversary of Roe vs Wade thanked the City Council for the "miracle on Monrovia's Myrtle Avenue" spoke against Planned Parenthood and spoke in support of the abandoned baby found in a trash bin recently

5 Paul Evans Monrovia invited City Council to attend Santa Anita Baseball opening day on March 2 2002 9 00 A M Eisenhower Park Arcadia

6 John O'Neil Monrovia spoke regarding the Safe Arms for Newborns legislation introduced by Senator Brulte and enacted January 1 2001. He expressed concern for the abandoned baby now named Andrew by the hospital who was found this weekend in Monrovia. He asked that letters be written to the Governor to appropriate money for this program to advertise

7 Ann Hodgdon Monrovia spoke against Planned Parenthood

8 Nancy Tinker Monrovia spoke regarding Baby Andrew and against Planned Parenthood

9 Rosemary Harrahill Monrovia spoke against Planned Parenthood thanked Community Policing for getting the building boarded up and stated that she had attended last Friday's Chamber of Commerce Installation and Awards dinner and thought it prudent to have a member of the Monrovia Business Association or the Chamber to be a member of the DRC

10 Sister Mary Karen Joseph Duarte spoke regarding the anniversary of Roe vs Wade and against Planned Parenthood

11 Chuck Keen Monrovia spoke against Planned Parenthood and thanked the City for American flags throughout Monrovia town as well as the MIA flags that were flown also

12 Sister Mary Bernard Duarte expressed concerns about why the mother of Baby Andrew didn't bring him to Santa Teresita and asked that Monrovia advertise the Safe Arms program

In response to Mayor Blakely's request City Manager Donald R Hopper responded to questions raised during Oral Communications He reviewed the grants received and pending for hillside properties reported that the letter from Mr Krikorian had been received committing him to ongoing advertising stated that the appraisals for the Planned Parenthood property Shell Station and two other properties were being reviewed by Staff to make sure that it was as thorough as it could be and that Staff would be meeting with Planned Parenthood soon that Shell had had other offers in addition to that of the City's but that it has continued to negotiate with the City that those uses would not have been approved by the City as they were not appropriate for the area and that Staff was working very hard to complete the appraisals and entering into active negotiations with Shell and Planned Parenthood Mayor Blakely noted that Mrs Romine who spoke at the last meeting regarding a ticket she received did talk with Chief Santoro at the last meeting Chief Santoro reported that the City was very appreciative of the resident who found Baby Andrew and that our Police and Fire Departments would accept any child under 72 hours old that a parent believed he/she could not keep as special legislation gave police and fire the ability to accept a baby and take it to the hospital He thanked the news media for getting out the story as this legislation had not been widely advertised Councilmember Adams asked that the information get into Monrovia Today Chief Santoro stated that he would also put the information on KGEM and that Channel 2 had done three live broadcasts from Monrovia

## **D PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS**

### **1 Proposed 28<sup>th</sup> Year (Fiscal Year 2002-2003) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs Resolution No 2002-01**

Dan McConnell Housing Coordinator reviewed the Staff Report

Over the past 27 years the City has received over \$9.5 million dollars in CDBG funds under the HCDA (Housing and Community Development Act) program Since the City of Monrovia's population was under 50,000 it contracts with the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (CDC) for participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) The County of Los Angeles Community Development Commission recommended that the City continue its own budget planning by using Fiscal Year 2001 figures as it is uncertain whether or not CDBG funds will be cut Last year the City received a block grant allocation of \$514,847.00

Staff recommended continuance of the basic programs funded in previous years understanding some changes may be necessary based on the final allocation amount

Mr McConnell further stated that these programs and budget allocations can be further modified or amended when the City Council reviewed the FY 2002-2003 budget In addition the City has approximately \$183,627.00 in funds held in contingency that may be programmed during this fiscal year





**It was moved by Councilmember Garcia seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hammond to appoint the Selection Committee for the Monrovia Old Town Advisory Board** There were no objections

(b) She attended the Officers and Leadership meeting at the National League of Cities where they approved the Action Agenda for the year 2002 in February instead of the traditional March The officers made a decision on five items to begin the work now so that during the month of February it can produce the appropriate white paper to present to those appropriate persons in Washington D C She reviewed those items

**2 Mayor Pro Tem Hammond reported that**

(a) **Salute to Service Program** Mayor Pro Tem Hammond stated that the whole community should be aware of the sacrifices families in Monrovia have made who have shared their loved one with the nation He displayed a placard with a Blue Star stating "Monrovia Protecting our Freedom" which will be available to every family who has someone in active duty serving in Armed Forces for the United States Community Services Director April Soash explained the procedure for those eligible to receive a placard noting that they can request an application by calling or coming into the Community Center A press packet will be prepared The placards will be presented to the participants at a City Council meeting Public Information Officer Dick Singer reviewed the various sources to be used to advise the community of the program in an effort to find all service people and the methods of recognition Mayor Pro Tem Hammond thanked Lisa Hansberger for creating the placard He thanked Staff for responding to his request in such a short time Becky Shevlin whose son Mark is an Army Medic stationed in Uzbekistan read a lengthy moving letter from him Among other positive statements he asked that the home front show support and recognition for those serving their country Mayor Pro Tem Hammond stated that this was the least the City could do to honor its service people and thanked Monrovia Rotary Club for the funding the start the program

**3 Councilmember Adams reported that**

(a) **Snapshot of Community Services Department** was presented by April Soash Community Services Director giving a brief sketch of the Recreation Division She thanked Lisa Hansberger Michele Tompkins Jasen Lewis and Chris Ducas for putting the film together He introduced Community Service Commissioners Mary Ann Lutz (Chairman) and Becky Shevlin (Vice-Chairman) who were in the audience

(b) He acknowledged former City Councilmember John Nobrega who was in the audience

**4 Councilmember Franco was excused**

**5 Councilmember Garcia reported that**

(a) He attended the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce Installation and Awards Dinner and congratulated awardees Scott Montgomery Mark Ferrari and Bob Bartlett

**H REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES** None

**I ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**1 Service Rate Adjustments for the Collection of Commercial/Industrial Solid Waste from the Old Town Franchise Area Pursuant to the Exclusive Franchise Agreement Between the City of Monrovia and the Athens Services Resolution No 2002-09**

At 9 34 P M Mayor Pro Tem Hammond exited City Council Chambers stating that he would not take part in discussion in the matter due to proximity of his business in the Old Town area

Scott Ochoa Assistant City Manager reviewed the Staff Report

Athens Services submitted a request for Service Rate Adjustments to the City on November 19 2001. The Exclusive Franchise Agreement stipulates that Athens is eligible for annual Service Rate Adjustments upon their satisfactory performance of the Contract Services. With regard to the communal enclosure system now in place two ongoing challenges the City and Athens Services continue to address are the cleanliness of the bin enclosures and the increased rates due to service readjustment. Athens has been a great partner in this regard making site visits to businesses to immediately address problems as they arise in addition to providing courtesy clean-ups of the enclosures when needed. Athens has made every feasible effort possible to remedy these issues while keeping costs fair and equitable to enclosure users.

The Service Rate Adjustments for the various service levels represents a 2.6% increase in Service Rates and reflects a 3.6% increase in annual CPI with no increase in landfill tipping fees. These factors are weighted 75% and 25% respectively in the Rate Adjustment formula. Athens has proven to be a fine partner in this unique arrangement for waste management services in the Old Town Franchise Area often going above and beyond the requirements of the Agreement to ensure customer satisfaction. For these reasons staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2002-09 authorizing Service Rate Adjustments of 2.6% for commercial and industrial solid waste collection in the Old Town Franchise Area as described above.

Discussion ensued regarding odors from food wastes in one particular bin. Mr. Ochoa assured that the caretaker for Old Town would advise those who are abusing use of bins on Myrtle Avenue and on the side streets and the matter would be taken care of.

**After discussion it was moved by Councilmember Garcia seconded by Councilmember Adams to approve Resolution No. 2002-09 granting the Service Rate Adjustments for commercial and industrial solid waste collection in the Old Town Franchise Area pursuant to the Exclusive Franchise Agreement between the City of Monrovia and Athens Services.**

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes: Councilmembers Adams, Garcia, Mayor Blakely  
Abstain: Mayor Pro Tem Hammond  
Excused: Councilmember Franco  
Motion carried 3-0**

Mayor Pro Tem Hammond returned to City Council Chambers at 9:48 P.M.

**2 Upgrade of Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System Hardware from IBM in an Amount not to exceed \$47,000.00 and Acceptance of New Software Program Donation Valued at \$36,000.00**

Police Captain Roger Johnson reviewed the Staff Report.

The Police Department is in need of upgrading its nine-year-old IBM RS/6000 computer hardware. This computer is the main server for the Computer Aided Dispatch/and Records Management System and due to its age has reached capacity and will not support future software releases. Because of the positive business relationship with Spillman Technologies (the Department's software provider) they are donating to the Department the upgraded RMS/CAD software valued at \$36,000.00. The Police Department will be using its Expenditure Control Budget savings to purchase the new computer from IBM in an amount not to exceed \$47,000.00 if approved.

**After discussion including a request by the City Councilmembers to invite the President of Spillman to a City Council Meeting to thank him for his donation it was moved by Councilmember Adams seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve the purchase of**



**\*6 Set for Public Hearing on February 12 2002 Amendment to Title 17 (Zoning) of the Monrovia Municipal Code Regarding Adding Regulations Pertaining to Wrought Iron Fencing on Residential Properties in Hillside Areas Ordinance 2002-04**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

The Planning Commission reviewed the issue of spikes on wrought iron fences over the past few months. At their meeting of January 9 2002 the Commission recommended approval of Ordinance 2002-04 that prohibits spikes on fences in specified hillside areas.

Staff recommended that the City Council set February 12 2002 as the date of the Public Hearing for Ordinance No 2002-04.

**\*7 Set for Public Hearing on February 12 2002 Tentative Tract Map No 53732/Conditional Use Permit CUP2002-01 for Construction of a Six (6) Unit Two-Story Detached Planned Unit Development (PUD) in the RM (Residential Medium Density) Zone for Property Located at 1862-1872 South Alta Vista Avenue by Developer Bowden Development Inc**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

The applicant is requesting approval of a Tentative Tract Map and a Conditional Use Permit to construct a six (6) unit two-story detached Planned Unit Development (PUD) in the RM (Residential Medium Density) Zone. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the project to the City Council.

Staff recommended setting February 12 2002 as the date of the Public Hearing.

**\*8 Set for Public Hearing on February 26 2002 Approving Declaration List of Properties Designated by the County of Los Angeles Requiring Weeds or Brush and/or Rubbish Abatement and Setting a Hearing of Protests for the Owners of Such Properties Resolution No 2002-10**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

Each year the Los Angeles County Department of Agricultural Commissioner Weights and Measures Office identifies properties which have been found to contain weeds brush and/or rubbish constituting an existing or potential health and safety hazard to adjacent property owners. Upon the City Council's approval of the date for the Property Owners Protests identified property owners will receive an Annual Weed Abatement notice from the County requiring that they maintain their parcels in a fire safe condition throughout the year. If the property owner does not complete the weed abatement the County will remove the nuisance and recover the costs from the property owner.

Staff recommended that Council adopt Resolution No 2002-10 with Appendix A accepting the Declaration List and setting February 26 2002 as the date for the Hearing of Protests.

**J RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES None**

**K PAYROLL & VOUCHERS** Payroll 2 in the net amount of \$393 668 15 and Voucher Numbers 100043 through 100337 non-sequentially in the amount of \$879 065 34 was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

