

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004, 7 30 P M**

**CONVENE** Mayor Rob Hammond convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday March 2 2004 at 7 36 P M in City Council Chambers 415 South Ivy Avenue Monrovia California Staff in attendance was City Manager Donald R Hopper City Attorney Craig A Steele and City Clerk Linda B Proctor

**INVOCATION** Police Chaplain Frederick Schoeler led the Invocation

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Councilmember Dan Kirby led the Flag Salute

**ROLL CALL** In attendance were Councilmembers Dan Kirby, Mary Ann Lutz Mayor Pro Tem Joe Garcia, and Mayor Rob Hammond Councilmembers Tom Adams was excused

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION(S)**

Mayor Hammond reported that the following agendized item was discussed No reportable action was taken and direction was given to Staff

February 17, 2004

1 Government Code §54956 9(a) Conference with Legal Counsel Worker s Compensation Claim Richard Lukofnak, Case Nos 99-20190 and 00-22140

**PRESENTATIONS**

**1 Recognition of Blockbuster Video for its Youth Center Donation**

Kerri Zessau, Recreation Supervisor, assisted the Mayor and City Council in recognizing Blockbuster Video for their contribution to the Mary Wilcox Youth Center Regional Manager Kevin Smith and Monrovia store manager Amber J Ryan accepted the Certificate of Appreciation

**PROCLAMATIONS** None

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT** City Council Liaison Sable Smith was not in attendance

**A CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Councilmember Kirby, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of Items \*B, \*I-3, \*I-4, and \*K There were no objections

**\*B MINUTES** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17 2004 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar

**C ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

1 Scott Sallinger Vice President Bill Beebe President Monrovia Arts Festival Association (MAFA) and artist Bill Hyatt introduced themselves and presented the Renaissance Award to the City of Monrovia on behalf of awardees City Manager Hopper and Monrovia Unified School District Board of Education Trustee Betty Sandford the first two recipients of the Renaissance Award

2 Shirley Bien S El Monte presented information on Healthcare Resources and asked for consideration by the City The information will be forwarded to the Human Resources Department

3 Brad Lukesh Monrovia expressed his opinion regarding City code violations

4 Andrew Tuba Blue Star Wireless owner Old Town expressed his concerns and ideas regarding parking and traffic in the Old Town area City Manager Hopper stated that Mr Tuba's information would be passed on to the Monrovia Old Town Business Board (MOTAB)

5 John Campa Turner & Stevens Live Oak announced that the traveling replica of the Viet Nam Wall would be visiting Monrovia at Live Oak on April 9-11 2004 and invited Mayor Hammond to be the guest speaker

6 Cyrus Kemp Monrovia, expressed concern regarding speakers chastising others who speak under Oral Communications and asked for the Mayor's support of letter grades for Monrovia restaurants

Mayor Hammond thanked Mr Campa for hosting the traveling Viet Nam Wall noting that nine Monrovians had lost their lives in the Viet Nam War Posters will be posted throughout the City He also responded to Mr Kemp's concern regarding the City of Monrovia enforcing letter grades He also noted that citizens may access the City's website which links to the Health Department's list of restaurants and grades

#### **D PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS**

##### **1 Extension of the Moratorium Prohibiting Development and Grading of Privately Owned Hillside Properties in the Angeles National Forest During the Pendency of the City's Review and Adoption of Relevant Permanent Building and Zoning Regulations, Introduction and Adoption of Ordinance No 2004-04**

Alice Griselle Director of Community Development reviewed the Staff Report

On February 3, 2004, the City Council approved Ordinance No 2004-01 which placed a temporary moratorium on the approval or issuance of any development applications on privately held properties in the Angeles National Forest that were within the Monrovia Corporate Boundary in order to provide applicable development standards in the Zoning Ordinance

Staff requested an extension of the moratorium to do further research and develop appropriate standards and review process for these properties State law specifically allowed cities to adopt interim moratoria in situations such as this The purpose of a moratorium was to ensure that development projects are consistent with the goals and policies of the City

Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Ordinance No 2004-04 extending the moratorium by 10 months and 15 days until January 17 2005

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AND CLOSED** Mayor Hammond opened and closed the Public Hearing as there was no one who wished to speak for or against the matter

**It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by City Councilmember Lutz, to introduce, read by title only and adopt Ordinance No 2004-04, extending the moratorium by 10 months and 15 days up to and including January 17, 2005**

City Attorney Steele read as follows

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA ENACTED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858 EXTENDING THE INTERIM MORATORIUM TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING DEVELOPMENT AND GRADING OF PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTY IN THE ANGELES NATIONAL**



**CONVENE MONROVIA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING  
WITHOUT ADJOURNING CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**CONVENE** Chairman Rob Hammond convened the Regular Meeting of March 2 2004 of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 8 09 P M in City Council Chambers 415 South Ivy Avenue without adjourning the City Council Meeting

**ROLL CALL** Those in attendance were Boardmembers Dan Kirby Mary Ann Lutz Vice-Chairman Joe Garcia and Chairman Rob Hammond Boardmember Tom Adams was excused

**A CONSENT CALENDAR**

**It was moved by Vice-Chairman Garcia, seconded by Boardmember Kirby, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of Item \*B** There were no objections

**\*B MINUTES** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17 2004 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar

**MRA REPORTS** None

**MRA ADJOURNMENT** Chairman Hammond adjourned the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 8 10 P M and the City Council Meeting continued

**RECONVENE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**E BIDS** None

**F COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS** None

**G CITY COUNCILMEMBERS & SUB-COMMITTEES**

**1 Mayor Hammond** reported that

(a) He further explained the County of Los Angeles was the licensing authority and regulating authority of the grading and inspections of restaurants The City of Monrovia had no Health Department He believed the public interest was being upheld and that in addition to the website site the information could also be aired on KGEM He stated that he continued to believe that it would be a duplication of services if the City undertook this also

(b) Bishop Dillard would be celebrating 30 years of service at the Second Baptist Church and the Jubilee of Love and Gospel Concert would be held at Monrovia High School at 7 00 P M on Saturday March 6 2004 Tickets were available through the church

(c) This Saturday March 6 2004, 11 00 A M , Recreation Park was Monrovia Youth Baseball League s opening day at which he invited all to attend He congratulated all the people and parents who ran MYBL praising the success of the organization in working with the youth

(d) The City Council was departing for Washington D C on Saturday for the National League of Cities Conference and had a full schedule of appointments with legislators to lobby for such things as the Gold Line This was a particularly good time to lobby for funds for the City as there were un-earmarked funds which could be available for City of Monrovia projects He noted that the Council had had much past success in its efforts over the last twenty months

(e) **Appointment of Trails Committee Members** He appointed the following residents to the Trails Committee Paul Larson Anna Armstrong and Eric Kurzweil There were no objections This committee will study the current trail system the wilderness preserve area and develop a master plan of trails in conjunction with the Community Service Commission He noted that there would be opportunities in the future for appointment to additional seats

**2 Mayor Pro Tem Garcia** reported that

(a) The Parks Division Staff had recently planted 100 new trees throughout the City where a need was identified and was funded through a grant secured by the City who partnered with the City of Arcadia through the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District that administered the Prop 12 project He congratulated the entire Parks Division for the project

(b) The Youth Commission was celebrating the Annual Arbor Day celebration tomorrow at Recreation Park at 4 00 P M , and the planting of the tree would be in honor of City Manager Donald R Hopper

**3 Councilmember Adams was excused**

**4 Councilmember Kirby reported that**

(a) **Update of Passport Program** He reported that the program had been very successful, and had doubled in number from the anticipated customers New hours on City Council Meeting Tuesdays were 2 00 P M to 7 00 P M and had been extremely successful He thanked the City Clerk and Staff for the program

(b) **Altrio Communications Update** At Councilmember Kirby request Public Information Officer Dick Singer reported that he and other cities representatives had met with Altrio last week with the consultant He reported that the process was going along rather smoothly and that Altrio was in serious negotiations with a company The sale terms had not yet been agreed upon but closure was expected around the middle of March 2004 Services will not be interrupted

**5 Councilmember Lutz reported that**

(a) **Monrovia Post Office WPA/Mural Restoration** When the Post Office was built in 1937 Helen Katharine Forbes painted two murals through the General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Arts Project (FAP) Congressman Dreier s office determined that the murals belonged to the GSA rather than the Post Office itself The murals had been stored in the basement of the Post Office for approximately 45 years according to resident Walter Shelley who discovered that the murals were part of the GSA project Members of the Old House Preservation Group would work with Mr Shelley in restoration of the murals Community Development Director Alice Griselle reported that she had discovered sources of grants to help with the project The next step would be to contact the Post Master in Monrovia Mr Shelley was thanked for his persistence in the total project

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

**I ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**1 Receive and File, Summary Report of the 2003 Citizen Satisfaction Survey Conducted by The Rose Institute of State and Local Government**

Scott Ochoa Assistant City Manager reviewed the Staff Report

In 1993 and 1998 respectively the City of Monrovia commissioned Citizen Satisfaction Surveys to gauge community interest and input on a wide variety of local issues On both occasions the survey results were very positive At that point the Council felt that it was important to regularly survey the community on a wide variety of issues to help ensure that the Council's priorities were truly in step with those of Monrovia s residents The City Council directed that a survey be done at least every five years

In November 2003 the City retained The Rose Institute for State and Local Government to conduct a new Citizen Satisfaction Survey The Rose Institute had been conducting refined survey research since 1978

In December 2003 The Rose Institute conducted a random sample telephone survey of 401 adult Monrovia residents The survey instrument consisted of 68 questions and was very

comprehensive It gauged respondents' satisfaction with City operations and departments, their opinions and perceptions on a variety of issues and trends and asked whether or not residents had an appetite for additional fees and taxes to pay for specified new programs and capital projects

Specifically overall, residents were very satisfied with life in Monrovia and believed that the City is headed in the right direction (89%) Respondents also indicated that they felt that Monrovia was increasingly safe (63%) City departments especially the Police and Fire rated very high with residents (92% were satisfied with the Police Department and 95% were satisfied with the Fire Department) Quality of life issues were critically important to Monrovia with respondents indicating (97%) that it was important to them to preserve the character of existing neighborhoods While respondents supported the use of local funds to match grant funds in building a library by 64% to 21% when the grant funds were removed residents' support dropped to 35%

The 2003 Citizen Satisfaction Survey was an outstanding report card for the City of Monrovia While there were well-defined opinions about what the community's priorities should have been in general residents believed that they were receiving value from the City and enjoyed living here The survey data would be an effective guide for the City Council and Staff in the months and years ahead

**After discussion, it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by City Councilmember Lutz, receive and file this report**

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes Councilmembers Kirby, Lutz, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia,  
Mayor Hammond  
Excused Councilmember Adams  
Motion carried 4-0**

**2 Consideration of a Chapter 8 Agreement with the County of Los Angeles to Acquire Vacant Hillside Property to be Preserved as Open Space, Resolution No 2004-11**

Jeff Kugel Project Manager, reviewed the Staff Report

Each year the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector holds a public auction for the purpose of selling tax defaulted property Prior to the auction cities are first given an opportunity to purchase land that may be needed for public purposes such as streets parks or conservation Among the properties located in Monrovia Staff identified a 14 300 square foot parcel in the hillside area that the City could acquire and preserve as open space

Acquiring tax defaulted property requires the City to enter a Chapter 8 Agreement with the County of Los Angeles In addition to approval by the City Council the Chapter 8 process involves obtaining the approval of the County Board of Supervisors and the State Controller The total amount of time to complete the Chapter 8 acquisition process was approximately eight months

The acquisition cost was equal to the amount of unpaid taxes owed on the property County records indicated that the unpaid tax amount on the subject property is \$2 461 00 or \$5 81 per square foot

Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No 2004-11 and execute a Chapter 8 Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for the purchase of parcel 8523-005-009

In response to an inquiry by Mayor Hammond City Attorney Steele stated that if Mayor Hammond's home was within 500' of the parcel just to be safe he should abstain Mayor Pro Tem took the chair, and entertained a motion to adopt Resolution No 2004-11

**It was moved by Councilmember Lutz, seconded by Councilmember Kirby, to approve Resolution No 2004-11**

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes** Councilmembers Kirby, Lutz, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia  
**Abstain** Mayor Hammond  
**Excused** Councilmember Adams  
**Motion carried** 3-1

**\*3 Final Tract Map No 54259 for a Seven (7) Unit Re-Subdivision of Property Located at 331 West Central Avenue by Kenneth R Haas (Team Central, LLC , a California Limited Liability Company)**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

Tentative Tract Map No 54259 was for a 7-unit re-subdivision two story planned unit detached single family Planned Unit Development located in the Residential High Density Zone The tentative subdivision map was approved by the Planning Commission on March 12 2003 and was approved by the City Council on April 8 2003 The Final Tract Map was in order and on file with the City Clerk, Community Development Department Planning Division and the Department of Public Works The Final Tract Map was checked by the City's consultant and was found to conform to the approved tentative map was technically correct and conformed to the requirements of the State Subdivision Map Act and the City's Subdivision Ordinance The project would improve property values and increase the tax base

**\*4 Legislative Bulletin**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

This report highlighted and summarized pending State legislation that may be important to Monrovia and provided a brief analysis of the potential impacts to the City The recommendations made by Staff reflected the City's priorities and programs, as well as the direction taken by the League of California Cities Staff was directed to contact Monrovia's elected representatives for their support or opposition of the following Support SB 1592 and SB 1804 and Oppose SB 1212 and SB 1641

**J RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES** None

**\*K PAYROLL & VOUCHERS** Payroll No 5 in the net amount of \$450 389 71 and Voucher Numbers 116816 through 117048 non-sequentially in the amount of \$495 166 40 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar

**L SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

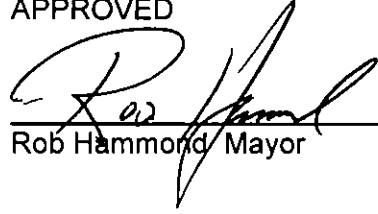
The next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council was scheduled for Tuesday March 16 2004 7 30 P M City Council Chambers 415 South Ivy Avenue Monrovia California

**M ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, CONTINUED, IF NEEDED** None

**N CLOSED SESSION** None

**O ADJOURNMENT** The City Council Meeting was adjourned at 9 14 P M in memory of Dr Albert J Miller Talmage Burke and Michael Vaughn

APPROVED

  
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Rob Hammond Mayor

ATTEST

  
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Linda B Proctor CMC City Clerk