

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015, 7:30 P.M.**

CONVENE: Mayor Pro Tem Becky A. Shevlin convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California. In attendance were City Manager Oliver Chi, City Attorney Craig A. Steele, and City Clerk Alice D. Atkins.

INVOCATION: Father Neil Tadken led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Tom Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: In attendance were Councilmembers Tom Adams, Larry J. Spicer, and Mayor Pro Tem Becky A. Shevlin. Councilmember Alexander C. Blackburn and Mayor Mary Ann Lutz were excused.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION: None

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

PR-1 Introduction of 2015 Senior Club Presidents: Rebecca Romero, Recreation Coordinator, introduced Amelia Odell, New Horizon Club President, and Coral Stovall, Gad-a-Bouts Club President.

PR-2 Recognition of 2015 Canyon Park Volunteers of the Year: Eugene Suk, Park Naturalist, introduced Canyon Park Volunteers of the Year Robert Hsu and Steve German.

PH-3 Introduction of 2014 Employees of the Year: Police Chief Jim Hunt introduced Parking Control Officer Lori Bashford, Public Safety Employee of the Year; Acting Director of Public Works Tina Cherry introduced Parks Supervisor Richard Paez, Field Employee of the Year; and Community Development Director Steve Sizemore introduced Senior Planner Barbara Lynch, Office Employee of the Year.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Student Government Liaison Nick Miranda reported on 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 Adams, seconded by Councilmember Spicer, to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried unanimously. The Consent Calendar consisted of the following Agenda items:

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the January 6, 2015, Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council: The City Council adopted the Minutes of the January 6, 2015, Regular Meeting.

CC-2 Payroll No. 2 in the Net Amount of \$530,130.17, and Warrant Register dated December 30, 2014, in the Total Amount of \$967,354.94: The City Council approved Payroll No. 2 in the net amount of \$530,130.17, and Warrant Register dated December 30, 2014, in the total amount of \$967,354.94.

CC-3 Lease of 2 Xerox Copiers for the City Clerk's Office and Community Services Department for 60 Months in the Total Amount not to Exceed \$32,400: The City Council approved the lease of two (2) replacement copiers for the City Clerk's Office and Community Services Department from Xerox Corporation for a period of 60 months in an amount not to exceed \$32,400.00 and authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

CC-4 Consultant Services Agreement with Kelly Associates Management Group in an Amount not to Exceed \$25,000.00 for a City-wide Classification and Compensation Study: The City Council approved the agreement with Kelly Associates Management Group in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for a city-wide classification and compensation study, and authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

CC-5 Consultant Services Agreement with Merrell-Johnson Engineering, Inc., for On-Call Civil Engineering Services for the Period Ending December 31, 2017: The City Council approved an agreement with Merrell-Johnson Engineering, Inc., for On-Call Civil Engineering Services for the period ending December 31, 2017, and authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Joannie Yuille, Monrovia/Duarte Black Alumni Association
2. Tommie Simmons, Jr., Monrovia
3. David Nemetz, Monrovia
4. Gwendolyn Jones, Monrovia
5. Phillilp Gonzalez, Arcadia
6. Stephen Grollnek, Monrovia

PUBLIC HEARINGS / MEETINGS:

PH-1 Appeal of Historic Preservation Commission Decision Regarding Property Located at 256 North Encinitas Avenue; Monrovia Historic Preservation Group, Appellant

Craig Jimenez, Planning Division Manager, reviewed the agenda report, answering questions regarding special considerations in local planning, designation of historic districts, and current moratoria on demolition and building.

Mayor Pro Tem Shevlin opened the Public Hearing.

1. Vicram Chima spoke on behalf of the property owner
2. Jim Wigton spoke on behalf of the appellant, Monrovia Historic Preservation Group
3. Daniel Ryan spoke in support of the appeal
4. Gloria Crudgington, spoke in support of the appeal
5. Audrey Remedios spoke in support of the appeal
6. Allen Holmquist spoke in support of the appeal

At the request of the City Council, Mr. Chima provided clarification on the Historic American Building Survey versus National Register.

Mayor Pro Tem Shevlin closed the Public Hearing.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding potential historic districts, length of existing demolition waiting period for the subject property, effect of demolition on future designation of a historic district, importance of balancing of property owner rights and competing interest, and next steps if demolition is approved.

Councilmember Adams moved to uphold the appeal and direct Staff to work with the Appellant to determine ability to create historic district. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Community Development Director Steve Sizemore suggested taking a recess to discuss possible solutions with the property owner. Mayor Pro Tem Shevlin re-opened the Public Hearing, called for a 10-minute recess at 9:50 p.m. and reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

City Manager Chi stated that historic preservation and neighborhood compatibility were important issues for the City and reported that the applicant was more than willing to work with the City and the preservation community to try to find a resolution that balanced the City's desire to maintain a balance of the preservation of neighborhoods with the property owner's rights to develop their property, and recommended continuing the hearing until the second meeting in February. In the interim, the City Council could direct staff to begin working with Monrovia Historic Preservation Group and the property owner to make an initial determination on whether any community support would exist for the formation of a district along the Encinitas corridor; if the council was amenable to that, Staff would begin working on the overall process that week and bring findings back at the hearing to consider the issue on February 17. He commended the property owner for agreeing to give additional time, noting that per the permit streamlining act, there was no necessity for the property owner to grant the additional review period.

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Spicer, to continue the public hearing to February 17, 2015, and to direct Staff to begin working with Monrovia Historic Preservation Group and the property owner to make a determination initially on whether any community support exists for the formation of a district along the Encinitas corridor. The motion carried unanimously. City Attorney Steele stated for the record that the Public Hearing was continued open, but that City Council had concluded the public testimony portion of the hearing and the hearing was only open for interaction between Staff, the applicant, and the City Council.

City Manager Chi provided a brief update on outreach efforts related to soliciting additional feedback regarding neighborhood preservation and neighborhood compatibility efforts.

PH-2 Issuance of Monrovia Financing Authority Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds (Hillside Wilderness Preserve Project), Issue of 2015; Resolution No. 2015-01

Mark Alvarado, Director of Administrative Services, reviewed the agenda report.

Mayor Pro Tem Shevlin opened the Public Hearing.

In Support:

1. Gloria Crudgington, Monrovia
2. Brad Hauggard, Monrovia
3. Gwendolyn Jones, Monrovia

In Opposition:

None

Mayor Pro Tem Shevlin closed the Public Hearing.

In response to speaker comments regarding Ridgeside and Cloverleaf trail openings, City Manager Chi stated that Staff had been diligently working on the issues and hoped to resolve issues regarding access at those opening in the next few months.

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Spicer, to adopt Resolution No. 2015-01. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF CITY MANAGE AND STAFF: None

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND SUB-COMMITTEES

RCC-1 Mayor Mary Ann Lutz was excused.

RCC-2 Mayor Pro Tem Becky A. Shevlin

- (a) Recent MAP Leadership Meeting
- (b) Monrovia Day Event Planning

RCC-3 Councilmember Tom Adams

- (a) Attendance at upcoming Independent Cities Association Winter Conference
- (b) Thanked everyone for their kind thoughts and support for his wife's recent surgery

RCC-4 Councilmember Alexander C. Blackburn was excused.

RCC-5 Councilmember Larry J. Spicer had no report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

AR-1 Addendum to the Public Improvements Funding Agreement with the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

Lauren Vasquez, Senior Management Analyst, reviewed the agenda report.

Discussion ensued regarding funding for the Depot, prior requests by Councilmember Adams to find someone to take on the responsibility of restoring and operating the site, and Staff discussions with potential developers with goal of finding the right partner. City Attorney Steele clarified the agreement included a list of improvements that were permissive but not mandatory.

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Spicer, to approve the addendum to the Public Improvements Funding Agreement with Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority, and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents, with the caveat that any further action for use of the funds come back to the City Council for a public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

AR-2 Authorization to Execute the Fire Lane Improvement Agreement and the Maintenance Agreement between the City and The Parks At Monrovia Station Square I, LLC

Lauren Vasquez, Senior Management Analyst, reviewed the agenda report.

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shevlin, to authorize the City Manager to execute the Fire Lane Improvement Agreement and the Maintenance Agreement with The Parks At Monrovia Station Square I, LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

AR-3 Amendment to Contract with West Coast Arborists, Inc., for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000.00 for Additional Tree Maintenance, Emergency Brush Clearance, and Vegetation Management Services

Tina Cherry, Acting Director of Public Works, reviewed the agenda report.

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shevlin, to approve an amendment to the Contract with West Coast Arborists, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for additional services in Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONVENE MONROVIA FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING
WITHOUT ADJOURNING CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

MFA CONVENE: Vice President Becky A. Shevlin convened the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2015, of the Monrovia Financing Authority at 10:50 p.m. without adjourning the City Council Meeting.

MFA ROLL CALL: Those in attendance were Commissioners Tom Adams, Larry J. Spicer, and Vice-President Becky A. Shevlin. Commissioner Blackburn and President Mary Ann Lutz were excused.

MFA CONSENT CALENDAR: None

MFA PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETING: None

MFA ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MFA AR-1 Issuance of Monrovia Financing Authority Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds (Hillside Wilderness Preserve Project), Issue of 2015; Resolution No. A2015-01

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

It was moved by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Vice President Shevlin, to adopt Resolution No. A2015-01. The motion carried unanimously.

MFA ADJOURNMENT: Vice President Shevlin adjourned the Monrovia Financing Authority Meeting and reconvened the City Council Meeting at 10:52 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT, CONTINUED, IF NEEDED: None

SCHEDULED MEETINGS: The next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council was scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2015, 7:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California.

ADJOURNMENT: At 10:53 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Shevlin adjourned the meeting in memory of Kenneth Chavis, retired longtime Monrovia Unified School District employee; Larry Monroe, longtime Monrovia resident; Louis Sauseda, father of retired Executive Assistant to the City Manager/City Council Rachael Hughes, and Councilmember Blackburn's grandfather.

ATTEST:



Alice D. Atkins, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Tom Adams, Mayor

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