

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006, 7:30 P.M.**

CONVENE: Mayor Rob Hammond convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 7:36 P.M. in City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance was City Manager Scott Ochoa, City Attorney Craig A. Steele and City Clerk Linda B. Proctor.

INVOCATION: Monrovia Police Chaplain Bill Ripley presented the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Mary Ann Lutz led the Flag Salute.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Introduction and Swearing in of Newly Appointed Fire Chief Christopher S. Donovan

City Manager Scott Ochoa introduced newly appointed Fire Chief Christopher S. Donovan to the Mayor, City Council and the community. City Clerk Proctor administered the Oath of Office to Chief Donovan.

2. Neighborhood Pride Program Award Winners; Single Family/Owner Occupied Category for Property Located at 226 West Cherry Avenue, Owners Amy and Frank Gray, and Multi-Family Rental Category for Property Located at 825 Monterey Avenue, Owner Marianne Baldwin

Alicia Espino, Neighborhood Preservation Officer, introduced the Neighborhood Pride Program award winners, Amy and Frank Gray in the single family/owner occupied category and Marianne Baldwin in the multi-family rental category, to the Mayor, City Council and the community. They were recognized for maintaining their respective properties in an outstanding manner.

ADDED TO THE AGENDA:

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, to add to the Agenda formal recognition of Lee Graham as the Monrovia Senior of the Year and winner of the Older American Recognition Award, and to proclaim the month of May as both "Older Americans' Month" and "National Preservation Month," as the matters did not come to the attention of Staff until after the Agenda was posted.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Councilmembers Adams, Garcia, Kirby, Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, Mayor Hammond**
Motion carried: 5-0

3. Recognition of Lee Graham as the Monrovia "Senior of the Year" and Winner of the "Older American Recognition Award"

Mayor Hammond introduced Lee Graham as the Monrovia Senior of the Year and the winner of the Older American Recognition Award. Recreation Coordinator Penny Arroyo presented him with a potted plant. He, his wife, Ms. Arroyo, Volunteer Center Director Pattie Tellez,

Boardmember George Forbes, Mayor Pro Tem Lutz and Mayor Hammond will attend a luncheon on May 17, 2006 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Mayor Pro Tem Lutz announced that Ms. Arroyo had been honored each day this week with flowers by each Senior Club for the work she had done with and for them.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Proclaiming the Month of May 2006 as "Older Americans' Month"

Mayor Hammond proclaimed the month of May 2006 as "Older Americans' Month." Senior of the Year Lee Graham accepted the Proclamation.

2. Proclaiming the Month of May 2006 as "National Preservation Month"

Mayor Hammond proclaimed the month of May 2006 as "National Preservation Month." Monrovia Historic Preservation Group President John Zuk accepted the Proclamation.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Student Liaison Krystina Mastrogiovanni reviewed activities at Monrovia High School.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

It was moved by Councilmember Kirby, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of Items *B, *E-1, *I-3, *I-4, and *J.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmembers *Adams, Garcia, Kirby, Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, Mayor Hammond
Motion carried: 5-0

*Councilmember Adams abstained from voting on *B as he was not in attendance at that Meeting.

***B. UNADOPTED MINUTES:** The unadopted Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2006 were adopted by order of the Consent Calendar.

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Those speaking:

1. William Kirkendall, Monrovia
2. Stephanie Blumenthal, Monrovia
3. Cyrus Kemp, Monrovia

Mayor Hammond took exception to remarks made by Mr. Kemp.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS: There were no Public Hearings/Meetings.

CONVENE MONROVIA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING WITHOUT ADJOURNING CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CONVENE: Chairman Rob Hammond convened the Regular Meeting of May 2, 2006 of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 8:19 P.M. in City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, without adjourning the City Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL: Those in attendance were Boardmembers Tom Adams, Joe Garcia, Dan Kirby, Vice-Chairman Mary Ann Lutz, and Chairman Rob Hammond.

After discussion, it was moved by Boardmember Kirby, seconded by Boardmember Adams, to approve the refinancing of the 2003 Zions National Bank loan and the 1998A Taxable Tax Allocation Bonds with the 2006A \$23,960,000.00 Taxable Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, and the 2006B \$3,420,000.00 Tax Allocation Bonds, and adopt Resolution No. 3-2006.

Ayes: Boardmembers Adams, Garcia, Kirby, Vice-Chairman Lutz and Chairman Hammond
Motion carried: 5-0

MRA ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Hammond adjourned the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 8:33 P.M.

RECONVENE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CONVENE MONROVIA FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING WITHOUT ADJOURNING CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CONVENE: President Rob Hammond convened the Special Meeting of May 2, 2006 of the Monrovia Financing Authority Board of Directors at 8:33 P.M. in City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, without adjourning the City Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL: Those in attendance were Commissioners Adams, Garcia, Kirby, Vice-President Lutz, and President Hammond

A. CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Vice-President Lutz, to approve *MFA-1. There were no objections.

***B UNADOPTED MINUTES** None

MFA REPORTS

***1. Issuance of 2006A and 2006B Taxable and Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds in the Amount of \$27,380,000.00, Resolution No. A2006-01**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

With the maturity of the Zions National Bank loan, due on June 1, 2006, the Agency was in a position to issue new debt. Staff analyzed the current tax revenue cash flow, and the bond market, looking at a combination of issuing new bonds along with possibly refinancing any other existing debt.

Staff determined that by issuing two pieces of a bond issue, an "A" and "B" component, the Agency could take advantage of taxable and tax exempt interest rates to maximize interest cost savings and to secure new proceeds. The proposed bond issue was called the 2006A Taxable Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds and the 2006B Tax Allocation Bonds.

The \$23,960,000 2006A bond issue was a refinancing of existing 1998A Taxable Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds. The 2006A bonds would pay estimated interest rates ranging from 4.6% to 5.7%, with total interest costs of \$19,244,774.00, and a total principal and interest cost of \$43,204,774.00. The bonds were fully amortized in 22 years.

The \$3,420,000.00 2006B bond issue was a new bond issue. It was not a refinancing of existing debt. The 30 year tax-exempt term bonds, maturing in 2036, would pay interest at a

rate of 4.8% annually. The total interest cost paid would be \$4,067,97.00, with a total principal and interest cost of \$7,487,976.00.

Currently, between the 1998A bond issue and the Zions Bank loan, there were approximately \$1,883,000.00 in annual debt service payments. The combined debt service for the 2006A and 2006B bond issues would be approximately \$1,940,000.00. That was an additional \$57,000.00 in annual debt service payments. The Redevelopment Agency's annual growth in property tax revenue was usually about \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00, assuring sufficient revenue to cover the increase in debt service costs.

With an extra \$57,000.00 in annual debt service payments, the Agency could refinance \$21,450,000.00 of existing debt, issue \$27,380,000.00 in debt, (the 2006A and B issues), and generate net new proceeds of approximately \$4 million. The exact amount of new proceeds would depend on the purchase of a surety bond, which would eliminate the need of a bond reserve.

MFA ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Hammond adjourned the Monrovia Financing Authority Meeting at 8:33 P.M.

RECONVENE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

E. BIDS:

***1. Ford Crown Victoria Staff Vehicle; Award of Bid to Wondries Ford in the Amount of \$24,728.00**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

The Fire Department replaced command and Staff vehicles on a five-year rotational basis. The Fire Chief's Staff vehicle was a part of the Department's fleet of vehicles that was utilized for administrative purposes and occasionally responded to emergency calls for service. The current vehicle was now due for replacement.

F. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: None

G. REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS & SUB-COMMITTEES:

1. Mayor Hammond reported that:

(a) Councilmember Garcia would be the recipient of the Monrovia Art Festival Association's Renaissance Award to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2006 at the Aztec Hotel in honor of his Art in Public Places idea, which was now in place.

(b) Last week was the Annual Volunteer Luncheon for those who had given thousands of hours to help our residents. He recognized the Volunteers of the Year, and thanked Volunteer Center Director Pattie Tellez and all others who had given time and money to the program, noting that the City of Monrovia owed its gratitude to all of them.

(c) He attended a meeting with Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa regarding putting the Gold Line into the MTA's long range plan last Thursday to ask for his support to do so. The matter should be decided by the end of June.

(d) **Commission and Board Vacancies:** He announced that those interested in a position on the one of the City's Commissions or Boards should contact the Office of the City Clerk for an application. Applications were due back to the City Clerk's Office by May 12, 2006.

2. Mayor Pro Tem Lutz reported that:

(a) New recycling information would be enclosed in the next trash bill from the City. She explained what should not go into the regular trash and what to do with it, noting that those

items could be saved for the next Waste Roundup which was scheduled for May 20, 2006 in West Covina. Future Roundups dates were listed on the City's website and at www.888CleanLa.com. She and Mayor Hammond both warned about the negative effects of disposing of prescription drugs down the drain or toilets and explained that they should be turned into a pharmacy for disposal.

3. **Councilmember Adams** had no report at this time.

4. **Councilmember Garcia** reported that:

(a) He would be attending a meeting of the League of California Cities Los Angeles Division General meeting this Thursday where the program would be about the current telecommunication crisis and the legislative bills that could completely change PEG funding for cities.

5. **Councilmember Kirby** reported that:

(a) He and Assistant City Manager Tito Haes attended the SCAG Housing Summit. He reviewed items discussed.

(b) **Update on Colorado Commons, a Mixed Use Project:** Mr. Haes presented an update on the progress of the project. He reported that the groundbreaking ceremony would be held on May 3, 2006 at 4:00 P.M. in the middle of the parking lot at Colorado Boulevard and Primrose Avenue.

(c) He announced that Thursday, May 4, 2006 was the National Day of Prayer.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. **Renewal of Agreement with Community Media of the Foothills for Public Access, Governmental and Educational Cable Television Production and Cablecasting for Fiscal Years 2006-09**

Dick Singer, Public Information Officer, reviewed the Staff Report.

An existing contract between the City and Community Media of the Foothills (CMF) had been extended for one year in May 2004 and would expire June 30 of this year. The contract called for CMF to provide Public, Educational and Government (PEG) Access for the City, and provided CMF with funding allocated by the City Council and designated for public access in both of the City's existing cable franchise agreements. This was a three-year extension of the agreement.

Discussion ensued regarding the unacceptable feed for Monrovia Unified School District's Board of Education meetings. The matter was being worked on now with both companies. Jasen Lewis, KGEM Executive Director, reported that Adelphia and Champion had come to an agreement and that Adelphia would serve City Hall and Champion the School District. The service should begin fairly soon and KGEM would be able to control the filming from its facilities.

It was moved by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, to approve a three-year extension of the current contract with Community Media of the Foothills from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2009 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmembers Adams, Garcia, Kirby, Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, Mayor Hammond
Motion carried: 5-0

2. **Cancellation of the First City Council Meeting in July (July 4) and the Second City Council Meeting in August (August 15)**

City Clerk Linda Proctor reviewed the Staff Report.

The City Council had cancelled the second meeting in August since 1995, as well as the second meeting in December on the occasions that it fell so close to or on Christmas Day.

This year, Independence Day fell on the first Council meeting in July. Inasmuch as the budget deliberations would be completed by this time, the Agenda for the meeting would be light. While the Municipal Code provided for the meeting being moved to the next working day, Staff believed canceling the City Council meeting on the 4th of July would be appropriate.

In the event the City Council wished to cancel these meetings, discussion and action at this time gave the public proper notice. It also gave Staff the needed time to plan ahead in the advertising and scheduling of Public Hearings

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Kirby, to cancel the regular City Council meetings of July 4 and August 15, 2006. There were no objections.

***3. Purchase of Aerial Photography from the Los Angeles Region Imagery Acquisition Consortium in an Amount Not to Exceed \$48,000.00**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

Staff proposed the purchase of orthophotography from the Los Angeles Region Imagery Acquisition Consortium in an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00. The Consortium was a County sponsored group which was getting orthophotos for the entire county and splitting the cost among all of the participants. The cost will be split among the Public Works, Redevelopment and Community Development Divisions out of currently budgeted funds.

***4. Issuance of 2006A and 2006B Taxable and Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds in the Amount of \$27,380,000.00, Resolution No. 2006-26**

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J. PAYROLL AND VOUCHERS: Payroll No. 8 in the net amount of \$503,147.45 and Voucher Numbers 136442 through 136704 in the amount of \$1,067,491.38 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

K. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Mayor Hammond announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council was scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2006, 7:30 P.M., City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California.

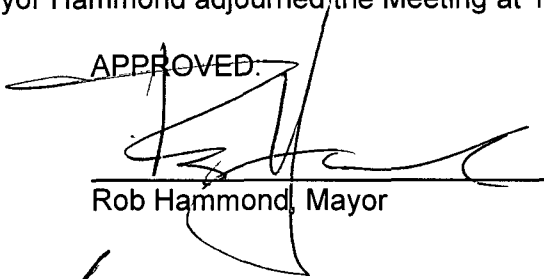
L. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, CONTINUED, IF NEEDED: None

M. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION: At 9:01, Mayor Hammond adjourned the Meeting in memory of the City of San Gabriel's Mayor Chi Mui to Closed Session to discuss Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Government Code §54957, City Manager, and announced that the City Council would convene in these Chambers to announce any action taken in Closed Session.

N. RECONVENE AND REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION: At 11:40 P.M., Mayor Hammond convened the City Council Meeting. City Attorney Steele reported that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

O. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Hammond adjourned the Meeting at 11:40 P.M.

APPROVED:


Rob Hammond, Mayor

ATTEST



Linda B. Proctor, MMC, City Clerk