

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2000, 7:30 P.M.**

**CONVENE:** Mayor Robert T. Bartlett convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday, October 10, 2000, at 7:33 P.M., City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Gregory Douglass, United Methodist Church, led the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Robert T. Bartlett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** In attendance were Councilmembers Lara L. Blakely, Joe Garcia, Rob Hammond, Mayor Pro Tem Tom Adams and Mayor Robert T. Bartlett.

**2. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2000:** There was no Closed Session of September 26, 2000.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**1. Recognition of Senior Librarian Melinda Steep, Recently Elected Third Vice-President of the Children's Literature Council of Southern California**

Melinda Steep, Senior Librarian, Youth Services, has been recently been appointed Third Vice President of the Children's Literature Council of Southern California. Community Services Director April Soash reported that for the past forty years, the Children's Literature Council has promoted and encouraged excellence in literature for youth throughout the region and state. This is an honor for the Monrovia Public Library and the City of Monrovia. Mayor Bartlett presented Ms. Steep with a framed Certificate of Recognition and congratulated her on her prestigious appointment.

**2. Introduction of Newly Hired Firefighter/Paramedic Trainee Tino Buccola**

Fire Chief Peter Bryan introduced newly hired Firefighter/Paramedic Trainee Tino Buccola to the Mayor, City Council, and community. Mayor Bartlett welcomed Mr. Buccola to the Monrovia family.

**3. Introduction of Newly Appointed Fire Cadets David Kawasaki and Suzette Vitale**

Fire Chief Peter Bryan introduced newly appointed Fire Cadet Suzette Vitale to the Mayor, City Council, and community. Fire Cadet David Kawasaki was unable to attend. Mayor Bartlett welcomed Mrs. Vitale to the Monrovia family.

**4. Recognition of Dr. Stanley Rappoport, Pediatrician, First Recipient of the Child Health Partnership Program Award (CHPP)**

Dr. Stanley Rappoport has served as pediatrician to three generations of children in this area. Monrovia City employees and City Commission members have been among his patients. His concern for the health and well being of all children has involved him in many programs throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Dr. Rappoport has been a strong supporter of Monrovia Healthy Start. He is a founder and the Medical Director of the Child Health Partnership Program.

Scott Ochoa, Assistant City Manager, and Board of Trustees member Betty Sandford introduced Dr. Rappoport to the Mayor, City Council and community. A Certificate of Recognition of was presented to Dr. Rappoport. Ms. Sandford reported that Dr. Rappoport was being honored on October 20, 2000 at the Arcadia Community Center. Volunteer Executive Director Ray Cuellar, CHPP, was introduced by Mr. Ochoa.

## **PROCLAMATIONS**

### **1. Proclaiming the Week of October 8-14, 2000 as "Fire Prevention Week"**

Approximately 3,500 Americans die in home fires every year and many others are seriously injured where they work or visit. Prevention and planning are stressed during Fire Prevention Week through the theme "Planning and Practicing Fire Drills...The Great Escape and Testing Your Detectors." The Monrovia Fire Department is committed to safety and encourages all Monrovia residents to participate in fire prevention activities at home, school and the office.

Battalion Chief Bryan Batiste accepted the proclamation from the Mayor and City Council proclaiming the week of October 8-14, 2000 "Fire Prevention Week."

### **2. Proclaiming the Week of October 8-14, 2000 as "Boy Scout Week"**

During this week the Lucky Baldwin District will be encouraging boys to join the Boy Scouts. Flyers will be distributed and there will be an open house at the Red Cross building in Arcadia. The Open House will give the boys and their families the opportunity to talk to representatives from the Tiger, Cub, Boy and Venture Scouts, and each group will have displays to inform the boys and their parents about the many benefits Scouting has to offer.

Monrovia Weekly reporter Susan Motander reported that the open house, to be held on Thursday, October 12, 2000, will be an informational meeting for all who are interested in joining. The Proclamation will be mailed to the Lucky Baldwin District.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT LIAISON REPORT:** Student Representative Chris Burau reported on activities at Monrovia High School.

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR:** It was moved by Councilmember Hammond seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of Items \*B, \*F-1, \*F-2, \*F-3, \*F-4, \*F-5, \*F-6, \*F-7, \*F-8, and \*K.

## **ROLL CALL**

**Ayes: Councilmembers Blakely, Garcia, Hammond, Mayor Pro Tem Adams, Mayor Bartlett**  
**Motion carried: 5-0**

**\*B. MINUTES:** The Minutes of September 26, 2000 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

## **C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Cyrus Kemp, 346 North Bradoaks, took exception to comments made by City Manager Donald R. Hopper at the September 26, 2000 City Council Meeting in response to Mr. Kemp's comments regarding Community Media of the Foothills. He reiterated that he believed the contract between the City and Community Media of the Foothills should go out to bid when it is time for renewal and that the level of service for community access programs should be spelled out.

2. Jasen Lewis, 543 Bradbury Road, reported that he will be teaching a class, "Access Orientation," on Sunday, October 15, 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., Channel 3 KGEM, which is open to the public and free. All those interested in learning either to be in front of the camera or behind the camera are encouraged to attend. Reservations may be made at 626-357-4974.

3. Ralph Walker, 534 King Street, asked for assistance for Mayflower Elementary School parents who had expected their children to attend morning Kindergarten. Mayor Bartlett stated that the City Council had no authority over the School Board, who cancelled a kindergarten class promised to parents. Although the City Council has a good relationship with the school board, officially the City Council cannot intervene, but it can raise the issue to them. City Manager Hopper said he will be happy to contact the superintendent tomorrow; he encouraged Mr. Walker to also attend the school board meeting Wednesday.

D. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

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

**CONVENE:** Chairman Robert T. Bartlett convened the Regular Meeting of September 26, 2000 of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 8:22 P.M. without adjourning the City Council Meeting.

**ROLL CALL:** In attendance were Boardmembers Blakely, Garcia, Hammond, Vice-Chairman Adams and Chairman Bartlett.

A. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** It was moved by Vice-Chairman Adams, seconded by Boardmember Hammond, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of Item \*B.

**ROLL CALL:**                   **Ayes: Boardmembers Blakely, Garcia, Hammond, Vice-Chairman Adams, Chairman Bartlett**  
**Motion carried: 5-0**

\*B. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2000 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

#### **MRA REPORTS:**

1. **Acquisition of Real Property Located at 139 and 143-147 East Olive Avenue in the amount of \$710,000.00**

Assistant Executive Director Glenn Cox reviewed the Staff Report.

With the opening of the Krikorian Theater project, the Agency has conducted an extensive study of future parking demands and expansion opportunities. While it is believed that the current parking supply meets the post theater demand (with the possible exception of the Friday Night Festival overlap), inevitable growth in the Old Town area will clearly necessitate development of new parking.

One of the areas identified as an excellent expansion opportunity is the rear lots adjacent to Lot 6 on East Colorado Boulevard. Two sites, located at 139 and 143-47 East Olive Avenues, have recently gone on the market. The property at 139 East Olive Avenue is a historic house with an appraised value of \$200,000.00, and 143-47 East Olive Avenue is an improved commercial structure. Acquisition of these sites allows for development of new, well-situated parking areas.

The recommendation to move the house to a new location may be made at a future date. This would provide for additional parking area, and situate the house in a more appropriate setting. Staff recommended acquisition of these two sites for the amount of their appraised value.

**It was moved by Vice-Chairman Adams, seconded by Boardmember Garcia, to approve the acquisition of properties located at 139, 143-47 East Olive Avenue, with the inclusion that the house be relocated, for the total consideration of \$710,000.00.**

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Boardmembers Blakely, Garcia, Hammond, Vice-Chairman Adams, and Chairman Bartlett  
Motion carried: 5-0**

**MRA ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Bartlett adjourned the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 8:32 P.M. and the City Council Meeting continued.

### **RECONVENE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**E. BIDS: None**

#### **F. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

**\*1. Receive and File; ABC License (Type 21, Premise to Premise Transfer, Off-Sale General) for Sav-on at the Southeast Corner of Foothill Boulevard and Fifth Avenue.**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

Notice was received from the Alcoholic Beverage Commission that Sav-On has submitted an application for a Type 21 – Off-Sale General License (Premise to Premise Transfer).

Based on the background investigation on the applicant, Staff found no reason to recommend any other action on this application. There is no fiscal impact. Staff recommended that the City Council receive and file the application.

**\*2. Receive and File; ABC License (Type 48, On-Sale General, Person to Person Transfer) for Gem City Grill, 115 East Olive Avenue**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

Notice was received from Alcoholic Beverage Commission that Kimberly Keeney and Robert Ross have submitted an application for a Type 48 On-Sale General License (Person to Person Transfer), Gem City Grille located at 115 E. Olive Avenue, Monrovia.

Based on the background investigation on the applicants, Staff found no reason to recommend any other action on this application. There is no fiscal impact.

Staff recommended that the City Council receive and file the application.

**\*3. Denial of Claim; Renita Williams vs. City of Monrovia**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

A Monrovia Police Officer responded to a call on March 16, 2000 to keep the peace that involved Ms. Williams. Ms. Williams was repeatedly warned to comply with the Officer's directives before being

arrested and handcuffed. Ms. Williams claims she suffered extreme mental distress as well as physical injury as a result of this incident.

Ms. Williams was verbally abusive to the Officer, would not comply with his directives, and approached the Officer in a threatening manner. The Officer responded to the incident in an appropriate manner. Therefore, the City bears no responsibility in this matter.

Claimant is seeking an unspecified amount in damages. Staff recommended rejection of claim.

**\*4. Denial of Claim; Quiana Bradley vs. City of Monrovia**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

A Monrovia Police Officer responded to a call on March 16, 2000 to keep the peace that involved Ms. Bradley's mother. During the course of events, Ms. Bradley's mother was arrested and handcuffed. Ms. Bradley witnessed the incident and was not able to leave to go to work as the Officer's vehicle was blocking her vehicle. Ms. Bradley claims she suffered extreme mental distress as well as loss of employment as a result of this incident.

The Officer was dealing with the incident at hand and responded in an appropriate manner. Therefore, the City bears no responsibility in this matter.

Claimant is seeking an unspecified amount in damages. Staff recommended rejection of claim.

**\*5. Denial of Claim; Kevin Connors vs. City of Monrovia**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

A Monrovia Police Officer was involved in a vehicle pursuit. The suspect collided with Mr. Connor's parked vehicle causing damage. Mr. Connors believes the City of Monrovia bears responsibility as the pursuit by Monrovia Police personnel caused the suspect to flee and thus directly caused the collision.

The Officer responded to the incident in accordance with the City's Police Pursuit Policy and was traveling with lights and sirens. The City of Monrovia complied with the requirements of Section 17004.7 of the California Vehicle Code and is, therefore, subject to immunity.

Claimant is seeking an unspecified amount in damages. Staff recommended rejection of claim.

**\*6. Denial of Claim; Alan Hunter vs. City of Monrovia**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

Mr. Hunter alleged that on January 22, 2000, he was injured at the Barney Glen Baseball Field. Mr. Hunter states that he fell on the baseball diamond and sustained an injury to his hand on one of the devices used to secure the bases.

The Monrovia Youth Baseball League is responsible for maintenance of this ball field and equipment. Therefore, the City bears no responsibility in this matter.

Claimant is seeking in excess of \$25,000 in damages. Staff recommended rejection of claim.

**\*7. Denial of Claim; Geoffrey Commons vs. City of Monrovia**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

On May 9, 2000, Mr. Commons was involved in a traffic collision. Mr. Commons alleges that the Monrovia Police Officer responding to this call failed to provide him with correct address of the other party involved in the accident.

The Monrovia Police Officer provided the information as provided in the Traffic Collision Report and provided assistance to Mr. Commons in contacting the other party's insurance carrier. Therefore, the City bears no additional responsibility in this matter.

Claimant is seeking in excess of \$3,000.00 in damages. Staff recommended rejection of claim.

**\*8. Denial of Claim; Dolly Ann Castle vs. City of Monrovia**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

Ms. Castle claimed that she fell while walking on Myrtle Avenue during the Monrovia Street Fair on September 1, 2000. She alleges that the fall was the direct result of loose carpet covering an electrical cord.

The Family Festival is operated by Family Festival Productions, Inc. The City of Monrovia is covered as an additional insured by their insurance policy for this event. Therefore, the City bears no responsibility in this matter and Ms. Castle has been notified to contact the appropriate party.

Claimant is seeking in excess of \$1,000,000 in damages. Staff recommended rejection of claim.

**G. REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS & SUB-COMMITTEES**

**1. Mayor Bartlett reported that:**

**(a) Appointment of Library Board Member**

**It was moved by Mayor Bartlett, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to appoint Stephanie Sparks to the Library Board.**

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

**(b) Opposition of State Propositions No. 36, 37, 38, and Support of Proposition 39**

**It was moved by Mayor Bartlett, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to oppose Proposition 36, legalized marijuana.**

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

**It was moved by Mayor Bartlett, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Adams, to oppose Proposition 37, equitable fees and charges.**

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

It was moved by Mayor Bartlett, seconded by Councilmember Blakely, to oppose Proposition 38, school vouchers.

**ROLL CALL:**                   **Ayes: Councilmembers Blakely, Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Adams, Mayor Bartlett**  
**Noes: Councilmember Hammond\***  
**Motion carried: 4-1**

\*Councilmember Hammond qualified his "No" vote stating that accountability was an issue with him.

It was moved by Mayor Bartlett, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to support Proposition 39, school bond issue.

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

(c) Mayor Bartlett stated that Commissioners and Boardmembers were honored at a recent dinner, reiterated that Commissioners do an outstanding job, serve untold hours at no pay, and thanked them warmly for taking part in our City, making Monrovia a better place in which to live and keeping Monrovia Number One.

(d) Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) received \$1,000,000 in appropriations for the Magnetic Levitation High Speed Rail Project (MAGLEV). Mayor Bartlett stated that they are very proud of that. During a discussion with the ambassador from Germany, they were advised that the government of Germany may make loan guarantees for the project. They look forward to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) selection process of two or three projects in the nation on which they will spend an additional \$10,000,000 and hope that SCAG is one of those projects selected.

2. **Mayor Pro Tem Adams had no report.**

3. **Councilmember Blakely reported that:**

(a) A meeting was held Friday, October 6 at Woodrow Wilson High School in Los Angeles on the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. Two contracts were awarded for the purpose of beginning the database and research for the Open Space Plan, which will be approved by the cities of the Conservancy area. The contracts encompass mapping and ability to combine existing maps in preparation for the Open Space Plan. Once the mapping and research is in place, the next phase will begin. These tasks must be complete before monies can be issued.

(b) **Update; Mayor's Advisory Committee (MAC)/Monrovia Business Association (MBA)** MAC is different from other advisory commissions and the library as it has its own municipal code which defines who can be members in the district and is the only Committee that assesses itself for promotions. It has its own elections for its officers and its own bylaws. This organization generates revenue. A few years ago the merchants and City Council came together to develop a certain structure for the organization to be effective. The structure may now hinder its progress and has had a negative effect on the volunteers, who are also merchants who run it. A general discussion ensued regarding restructuring the MBA.

Mayor Bartlett stated that the model for a quasi-government should be looked into just because of the number of people who are available to take on these volunteer positions. He stated that there seemed to be an inordinate number of hours spent by volunteers who are spending their time on volunteer items rather than on their businesses and that the number of volunteers were wearing thin.

Councilmember Blakely recommended that Assistant City Manager Ochoa and his staff, City Attorney Colantuono, the merchants involved, and herself meet to figure out a couple of scenarios under that

spectrum to see what would work considering the nature of the organization. A progress report or a final report will be given at the next meeting. She stated that the Bylaws would also be revisited. A general discussion ensued regarding the structure of MBA. Ms. Blakely noted that both MAC and the MBA structures would be reviewed.

City Attorney Colantuono advised that to the extent that any organization was spending tax proceeds, the City needed to be assured that mechanisms were in place for accounting and responsible use of funds. He opined that a contract between a public agency and a purely private agency needed to state that the agency was being given government money and that the accountability mechanism was built into the contract. He agreed that a contract such as that would be much the same as the present contract between the City of Monrovia and the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Blakely reminded the Council of the MAC Merchants Car Show Sunday October 29 and trick or treating 2-5 PM on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31 in downtown Monrovia.

**4. Councilmember Garcia reported that:**

(a) Residents are concerned about noise levels between 5:30 AM and 6:00 AM during trash pickups at Vons Pavilions. He requested that Staff look into the possibility of adjusting the schedule so that pickups at Vons Pavilions are at the end of the route rather than the beginning.

(b) Unity Center serves hundreds of families during holidays and a site large enough to handle that distribution is needed this year.

(c) The Art Festival will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22 in Library Park. All are encouraged to attend and enjoy the works of the artists and crafters who are exhibitors.

(d) Monrovia youth are reminded of the Skate Committee meeting on October 28 behind the Armory on the green space at 4:00 PM.

**5. Councilmember Hammond reported that:**

(a) Community Literacy Campaign kickoff is Thursday, November 9, 2000, between 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM for the "Read Across Monrovia Day." The Chairperson is Joanne Spring, retired Monroe Elementary School principal. Two-hundred and fifty volunteers are needed to make this project work. Volunteers were urged to contact the School District or City Hall. Applications will be available at City Hall and the Monrovia Unified School District offices.

**(b) Update; New School Traffic Signs:**

Councilmember Hammond reported that new school traffic signs had been installed at California Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. These signs were designed in bright green to designate crosswalks around schools. Councilmember Hammond congratulated the Monrovia Rotary Club and Morning and Afternoon Kiwanis Clubs of Monrovia on their commitment to place signs around schools which each club has "adopted." Councilmember Hammond was commended for his role in this project.

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:** None

**J. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:**

The City Council took all six items under one motion (see below).

**1. Amendment of Section 17.04.040 of the Monrovia Municipal Code Relating to a change of Zoning Designation Along Easterly Portion of Santa Anita Wash from P/QP (Public/Quasi-Public) to RM3500 (Residential Medium Density) for Property Located at 1215 South Encino and 836 Bonita Avenues, Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2000-14**

This was the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 2000-14, amending the Zoning Designation of Section 17.04.040 of the Monrovia Municipal code relating to a change of zoning designation along the Easterly portion of Santa Anita Wash from P/QP (Public/Quasi-Public) to

RM3500 (Residential Medium Density) for property located at 1215 South Encino and 836 Bonita Avenues. Staff continued to recommend approval of this ordinance.

**2. Amendment of Section 17.04.040 of the Monrovia Municipal Code Relating to a Change of Zoning Designation at 111 West Lemon Avenue from RH (Residential High Density) to PD-5 (Planned Development Area 5), Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2000-15**

This was the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 2000-15, amending the Zoning Designation of Section 17.04.040 of the Monrovia Municipal Code relating to property located at 111 West Lemon Avenue. Staff continued to recommend approval of this ordinance.

**3. Amendment Section 17.04.040 of the Monrovia Municipal Code Relating to a Change of Zoning Designation at 417 West Huntington Drive from M (Manufacturing) to C-R/S (Commercial-Regional/Subregional), Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2000-16**

This was the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 2000-16 amending the Zoning Designation of Section 17.04.040 of the Monrovia Municipal Code relating to property located at 417 West Huntington Drive from M (Manufacturing) to C-R/S (Commercial-Regional/Subregional). Staff continued to recommend approval of this ordinance.

**4. Amendment of Section 17.04.40 of the Monrovia Municipal Code Relating to a change of Zoning Designation at 181 West Huntington Drive (Millennium Center) from C-R/S (Commercial-Regional/Subregional) and M (Manufacturing) to O/RD/LM (Office/Research and Development/Light Manufacturing), Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2000-17**

This was the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 2000-17 amending the Zoning Designation of Section 17.04.40 of the Monrovia Municipal code relating to property located at 181 West Huntington Drive (Millennium Center) from C-R/S (Commercial-Regional/Subregional) and M (Manufacturing) to O/RD/LM (Office/Research and Development/Light Manufacturing). Staff continued to recommend approval of this ordinance.

**5. Amendment of Section 17.04.040 of the Monrovia Municipal Code Relating to a Change of Zoning Designation at the Northeast Corner of Lemon and Primrose Avenues from RH (Residential High Density) to PD-5 (Planned Development – Area 5), Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2000-20**

This was the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 2000-20 Amending the Zoning Designation of Section 17.04.40 of the Monrovia Municipal Code relating to property located at the Northeast corner of Lemon and Primrose Avenues from RH (Residential High Density) to PD-5 (Planned Development – Area 5). Staff continued to recommend approval of this ordinance.

**6. Monrovia Municipal Code Relating to Adding Live/Work Space Development Standards and Specifications, Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2000-11**

This is the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 2000-11 amending Title of the Monrovia Municipal Code relating to Live/Work Space Development Standards and Specification. Staff continued to recommend approval.

After discussion, it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Adams, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to waive further reading and read by title only Ordinance Nos. 2000-11, 2000-14, 2000-15, 2000-16, 2000-17 and 2000-20.



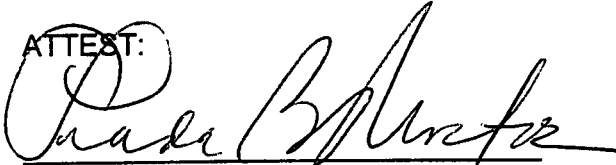
N. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

APPROVED:



Robert T. Bartlett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda B. Proctor, CMC/AAE, City Clerk