

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005, 7 30 P M**

CONVENE: Mayor Rob Hammond convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 7 30 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 Pastor Richard Sullender gave the Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Tom Adams led the Flag Salute

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

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION(S) March 1, 2005 Conference with legal counsel - initiation of litigation, Government Code §54956 9(c) - one potential case Mayor Hammond reported that no reportable action was taken

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Hammond announced Councilmember Lutz had been named Woman of the Year for the 27th Senatorial District in Sacramento yesterday

1. Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of Monrovia's Chapter M, P E O

Mayor Hammond presented a Certificate of Recognition to Chapter M, P E O who was celebrating its 100th anniversary in April It is one of three Chapters in Monrovia, and Chapter M is the oldest

One of the pioneer societies for women, P E O was founded on January 21, 1869, by seven young college women on the campus of Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa Originally a small campus society, P E O soon chose to go entirely off campus

P E O grew from that tiny membership of seven to over a quarter of a million members in chapters in the United States and Canada From its inception, the P E O Sisterhood has taken an active role in the promotion of educational opportunities for women Today, education continued to be the only philanthropy of P E O, as evidenced by the promotion of five international projects P E O Educational Loan Fund, Cottey College, P E O International Peace Scholarship Fund, P E O Program for Continuing Education, and P E O Scholar Awards

Members of the Chapter were in attendance to accept the Certificate

PROCLAMATIONS: None

Student Government Representative Report Student Liaison Pamela Cheng reported on events at Monrovia High School

A. CONSENT CALENDAR It was moved by Councilmember Kirby, seconded by Councilmember Adams, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of Items *B, *F-1, *F-2, *I-2, *I-3, *I-4, *I-5, *I-6, and *J There were no objections

***B MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 23, 2005, and Regular Meeting of March 1, 2005 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar

C ORAL COMMUNICATIONS. John Jogminas
Those speaking were

- 1 Donna Baker and Monrovia Day Royal Court 2005
- 2 Rebecca Herbster-Chen, Monrovia
- 3 Dale Rogers, Monrovia
- 4 John Jogminas, Monrovia
- 5 Stephen Grollnek, Monrovia

D PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

1 Owners' Protest Hearing for Properties Designation by the County of Los Angeles Requiring Weeds or Brush and/or Rubbish Abatement for the Year 2005

City Clerk Linda Proctor reviewed the Staff Report

On February 1, 2005 the City Council approved a resolution setting a Hearing of Protest for the March 15, 2005, City Council meeting. Property owners whose property had been noticed by the County for potential weed abatement would be heard if they believed the nuisance should not be removed. Owners had the option of removing the nuisance themselves or having the County abate and charge the owners accordingly on their property tax statement. Those who may have questions regarding the process would be put in touch with the City's representative for the County Weed Abatement Program.

In the past, non-tax assessed properties, such as those owned by government, home owner associations, and utility companies, were not included on the Declaration List. In accordance with recent policy changes made by Acting Bureau Chief Ray Smith, properties which were not previously included on the Declaration List were added to accurately reflect what the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved as properties in need of weed abatement. This policy change was department wide and was made partly to provide early, annual, legal notification to even those non-tax assessed property owners who were still subject to the legal requirements of the Fire Code as they pertained to weed abatement. It was not the intent of the Department of Agriculture to clear any City property without first communicating with Staff. However, the County Counsel was looking into their legal rights and or obligations to clear those non-tax assessed properties where serious potential fire hazards existed.

Deborah Humphrey, a representative of the Los Angeles County Weed Abatement Division was in attendance to answer any questions. Councilmember Adams requested that he accompany Ms Humphrey during assessments of hillside properties owned by the City.

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 Councilmember Lutz, seconded by Councilmember Adams, to adopt the Abatement Order directing the Agricultural Commissioner of Los Angeles County to abate the identified nuisances at the property owners' expenses. There were no objections.

CONVENE MONROVIA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING WITHOUT ADJOURNING CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CONVENE. Chairman Rob Hammond convened the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2005 of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 8:01 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, Dan Kirby, Mary Ann Lutz, and Chairman Rob Hammond. Vice-Chairman Joe Garcia was excused.

A CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Boardmember Adams, seconded by Boardmember Lutz, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of Item *B There were no objections

***B. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 1, 2005 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar

MRA REPORTS: None

MRA ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Hammond adjourned the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 8 02 P M and the City Council Meeting continued

RECONVENE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

E BIDS: None

F COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS.

***1 Denial of Liability Claim, Turrae Hill vs City of Monrovia**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

Ms Hill claimed that on January 21, 2005, she was injured while riding in a Monrovia Transit van The City of Monrovia contracted with Southland Transportation to operate and maintain Monrovia Transit vehicles As such, Southland Transportation covered the City as an additional insured for operation of Monrovia Transit Therefore, the City bore no responsibility in this matter Staff recommended that City Council deny this claim

***2. Denial of Liability Claim; Melanie Elder vs. City of Monrovia**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

Ms Elder claimed that prior to January 18, 2005, she sustained damage to her vehicle due to her driveway approach As part of a neighborhood improvement project, streets, curbs, gutters and driveway approaches were replaced by a contractor for the City of Monrovia Such repairs were made to Ms Elder's driveway approach in January 2005 as part of this program

The repairs made in January 2005 to Ms Elder's driveway approach alleviated the previous problem she had that resulted in damage to her vehicle Driveway approaches were owned by the property owner The neighborhood improvement program offered by the City in no way changed this responsibility and ownership Therefore, the City bore no responsibility in this matter Staff recommended that the City Council reject the claim filed by Melanie Elder

G REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS & SUB-COMMITTEES

1. Mayor Hammond reported that

(a) He and City Manager Ochoa had flown to Washington, D C to meet with different elected representatives regarding the Gold Line this past Sunday, returning today, which was paid for by the Gold Line Construction Authority He reviewed the status of the governance of the Authority

(b) The Transportation Authorization had a \$15 million allocation within it which was to go to the Gold Line Construction for Preliminary Engineering To become knowledgeable regarding the future of transportation in our region, he invited the community to attend JPA meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Arcadia Police Department, 6 30 P M

2 Mayor Pro Tem Garcia was excused

3 Councilmember Adams had no report at this time

4 Councilmember Kirby had no report at this time

5 Councilmember Lutz reported that

(a) She attended the Monrovia Schools Foundation celebrating the publication "The Schools in Our Town" which will fund the Parent Institute for Quality Education program offered by the Monrovia Unified School District Copies may be purchased for \$25 00

(b) She talked to legislators in Sacramento yesterday regarding housing, transportation, and other issues, which she iterated, affecting the City, and they all were very receptive

(c) **Support of Current Funding Formula for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Resolution No 2005-16** She explained the need to adopt Resolution No 2005-16 and what Monrovia would lose if the federal government cut funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

It was moved by Councilmember Lutz, seconded by Mayor Hammond, to adopt Resolution No 2005-16.

ROLL CALL

Ayes Councilmembers Adams, Kirby, Lutz, Mayor Hammond

Excused Mayor Pro Tem Garcia

Motion carried 4-0

H REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES None

I ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1 Award of Contract to the California Conservation Corps for Recreation Park Improvement Project in the Amount of \$28,800 00

Daniel Iwata, Parks Division Manager, reviewed the Staff Report

The Master Plan for Recreation and Rotary Parks was completed and approved by the City Council at its September 16, 2004 meeting Park Staff had a strategy plan to employ at-risk youth for the Recreation Park improvements The California Conservation Corp was an example of an At-Risk Youth Labor Force Parks Division Staff used at-risk youth in the past and had been pleased in the quality of work these young people provided

There would be no impact to the City's General Fund The entire payment to the California Conservation Corp would be taken from Prop 40 Funds appropriated from the State of California

It was moved by Councilmember Kirby, seconded by Councilmember Lutz, to award a contract to the California Conservation Corps for the Recreation Park Improvement Project in the amount of \$28,800 00

***2 Authorizing and Approving the Execution of a Cooperation Agreement Between the Los Angeles Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the City of Monrovia for Fiscal Years 2006-2008, Resolution No 2005-15**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

The City Council was requested to consider the renewal of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Participating City Cooperation Agreement with the County of Los Angeles The City of Monrovia received CDBG funds through a Cooperation Agreement with the County of Los Angeles, Community Development Commission (CDC) as part of the Urban Counties Program

The City of Monrovia participated with the County for CDBG funding for the past thirty-one (31) years The present Cooperation Agreement was due to expire June 30, 2006 To continue receiving CDBG funding after that date, the City and the County had to execute a new a three-year participation agreement The new agreement would commence July 1, 2006 and continue through June 30, 2009 The Community Development Block Grant program provided funds for neighborhood preservation and rehabilitation services for low-moderate income households Staff

recommended that the City Council approve the extension of the Cooperation Agreement with the County of Los Angeles

***3 Set for Public Hearing on April 5, 2005, Tentative Tract Map TTM 062585/Conditional Use Permit CUP2005-06; Construction of a Four-Unit, Two-Story, Detached Planned Unit Development at 416-420 South Fifth Avenue by Developer Hank Jong**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

The applicant applied for approval of a Tentative Tract Map to develop a 4-unit Planned Unit Development at 416-420 South Fifth Avenue. The property was in the RM2500 (Residential Medium Density) Zone. The Planning Commission would review the application at its meeting of March 9, 2005 and forward a recommendation to the City Council. Staff recommended that the City Council set April 5, 2005 as the date of the Public Hearing.

***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, as follows:

Support ACA13, ACAX17, AB888, AB1222, SB459

Oppose AB194, AB1013

***5 Cooperative Street Improvement Project Between the City of Monrovia and the City of Duarte for Mountain Avenue from Huntington Drive to Evergreen Avenue, in the Amount of \$70,000.00**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

The City of Duarte requested that the City participate in a cooperative street improvement on Mountain Avenue. The City of Duarte would be responsible for the east half, and Monrovia would be responsible for the west half. The scope of work consisted of a 2.5 inch milling of the existing asphalt pavement, and installation of a 2.5 inch asphalt rubber hot mix overlay. Existing utility covers, traffic striping and traffic control loops would be replaced to meet current standards. The City of Duarte would provide construction administration and project management services. Monrovia would provide project oversight during construction and coordination with the business owners to minimize construction impacts.

Funding was available using Proposition C funds. Staff recommended allocation of \$70,000.00 of Prop C funds to the project.

***6 Cooperative Traffic Signal Installation Project Between the City of Monrovia and the City of Duarte on Mountain Avenue at Wal-Mart/Home Depot Entrances in the Amount of \$45,000.00**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

The City of Duarte requested that the City participate in a cooperative traffic signal installation project on Mountain Avenue at the Home Depot/Wal-Mart entrances. The scope of work consisted of constructing a fully actuated traffic signal with protected-permissive left turn movements, allowing easy access for North and South Mountain Avenue. The City of Duarte would provide construction administration and project management services. Monrovia would provide project oversight during construction and coordination with the business owners to minimize construction impacts.

Funding was available using Proposition C funds Staff recommended allocation of \$45,000 00 of Prop C funds to the project

***J PAYROLL & VOUCHERS** Payroll No 5 in the net amount of \$502,308 24, and Voucher Numbers 124174 through 124463 non-sequentially in the amount of \$853,242 98 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar

K SCHEDULED MEETINGS

A Special Meeting of the Monrovia City Council was scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2005, 7 30 P M , City Council Chambers, to declare the election results and to swear in the newly elected officers The next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council was scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2005, 7 30 P M , City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California

L ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, CONTINUED, IF NEEDED None

M CLOSED SESSION None

N ADJOURNMENT At 8 17 P M , Mayor Hammond adjourned the City Council Meeting in memory of Grady C Young, former coach, and Dorothy Shiflett, mother of Facilities Division Manager Dennis Shiflett

APPROVED


Rob Hammond, Mayor

ATTEST


Linda B Proctor, MMC, City Clerk