MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015, 7:30 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Mary Ann Lutz convened the Closed Session Meeting of the Monrovia City Council at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, in City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California, at which all Councilmembers were present to discuss the following Closed Session items: CS-1 Conference with Legal Counsel, Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (c); One (1) Potential Case; CS-2 Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8; Assessor Parcel Nos. 8503-004-900, 8503-004-901, and 8503-004-902; Agency Negotiator: Oliver Chi, City Manager; Negotiating Parties: Pokrajac Corporation; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment; CS-3 Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8; Assessor Parcel No. 8501-012-002; Agency Negotiator: Oliver Chi, City Manager; Negotiating Parties: Tyler C. Baze; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment, and CS-4 Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8; Assessor Parcel No. 8501-012-003; Agency Negotiator: Oliver Chi, City Manager; Negotiating Parties: Delores Hanson Reid, Trustee, Delores Hanson Reid Living Trust; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment. Speaking under Public Input for items CS-3 and CS-4 was Dorothy Kelty, Monrovia. Mayor Lutz adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

CONVENE: Mayor Lutz convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers. In attendance were City Manager Oliver Chi, City Attorney Craig A. Steele, and City Clerk Alice D. Atkins.

INVOCATION: Police Chaplain Terrence Brown led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Larry J. Spicer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney Craig A. Steele stated that the City Council met in closed session to discuss the items on the posted agenda and there was no reportable action.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

PR-1 Proclaiming March 8-14, 2015 as "Teen Tech Week": Elizabeth Schneider, Librarian II – Youth Services, assisted the Mayor and City Council with presenting a proclamation to Teen Advisory Board members Alyssa Blair and Raymond Ray, who provided an overview of planned activities.

PR-2 Proclaiming the Month of March 2015 as "Red Cross Month": The Mayor and City Council presented a proclamation to Suzanne Dobson, American Red Cross Community Ambassador, and Chun Chan, American Red Cross Volunteer.

PR-3 Proclaiming the Month of March 2015 as "March 4 Balance - Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness Month": The Mayor and City Council presented a proclamation to representatives of the March 4 Balance team, including Ulises Gutierez.

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: Mayor Lutz noted that item CC-1 had been pulled and would be postponed to the next meeting. **It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shevlin, to approve the remainder of the consent calendar.** The motion carried unanimously. The Consent Calendar consisted of the following Agenda items:

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the February 17, 2015, Special and Regular Meetings of the Monrovia City Council: This item was postponed to the March 3, 2015, meeting.

CC-2 Payroll No. 5 in the Net Amount of $528,606.91 and Warrant Register Dated February 12, 2015, in the Total Amount of $2,039,658.79: The City Council approved Payroll No. 5 in the net amount of $528,606.91 and Warrant Register dated February 12, 2015, in the total amount of $2,039,658.79.

CC-3 Notice of Intent to Withdraw from the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Joint Powers Authority, Resolution No. 2015-08: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2015-08.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Dominique Strivings, Monrovia
2. Pam Fitzpatrick, Monrovia
3. Gwendolyn Jones, Monrovia

PUBLIC HEARINGS / MEETINGS: None

REPORTS OF CITY MANAGE AND STAFF:

Prior to presenting the scheduled update on grant funds, City Manager Chi reviewed facts surrounding alleged improper discharge of solid waste at the City's well field, emphasizing that water from the wells was safe to drink, and reviewed next steps in terms of third party testing, remediation, on-going enhanced water quality reporting, and investigations.

RCM-1 Update on Grant Funds: In response to questions regarding loss of grant funds, City Manager Chi provided an overview of key grants, including the $927,000 Historic Depot Rehabilitation Grant, $1.9 million Downtown Street Scape Project Grant, $1.8 million Huntington Drive Reconstruction Grant, as well as a recap of overall Station square Project funding. He provided explanations regarding the de-obligation of a portion of the Depot grant funds, loss of and subsequent criminal investigation related to Downtown Street Scape funds, and reallocation of the Huntington Drive reconstruction funds.

RCM-2 Report on Water Leaks: Tina Cherry, Interim Director of Public Works, provided a report on water leaks over the past three calendar years, and answered questions regarding the current Water Master Plan project. City Manager Chi indicated that staff would evaluate the current contract to determine if the project scope should be modified.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND SUB-COMMITTEES

RCC-1 Mayor Mary Ann Lutz
(a) Congratulated Monrovia Historical Museum and Monrovia Duarte Black Alumni Association on programs for Black History Month
(b) Bethel Monrovia AME Church Unity Celebration recognizing Police Chaplain Terrence Brown
(c) Recent San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments meeting relating to the National Monument designation

RCC-2 Mayor Pro Tem Becky A. Shevlin
(a) Foothill Transit Executive Board Meeting
(b) Monrovia Reads – Read Across Monrovia and Fundraising Event
(c) Upcoming MAP Neighborhood Meeting and MAP Neighborhood Conference
(d) Women's History Month

RCC-3 Councilmember Tom Adams
(a) Recent attendance at upcoming Independent Cities Association Winter Conference with Councilmember Spicer

RCC-4 Councilmember Alexander C. Blackburn
(a) Los Angeles County Bar Association Veteran's Project

RCC-5 Councilmember Larry J. Spicer
(a) Recent attendance at upcoming Independent Cities Association Winter Conference with

Councilmember Adams

Mayor Lutz called for a recess at 9:55 p.m. and reconvened at 10:05 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

AR-1 Year 2014-2015 Mid-Year Budget Update, Resolution No. 2015-03

Administrative Services Director Mark Alvarado and City Manager Chi reviewed the agenda report related to 2014-2015 Fiscal Year budget adjustments and proposed reorganization.

Discussion ensued regarding how the effectiveness of the reorganization would be evaluated and reported, reduction of salaries achieved by shifting from management staff to front-line staff, and oversight of contract engineer services.

Public Input:
1. Paddy Taber, Monrovia

In response to concerns raised by the speaker, City Manager Chi provided additional explanation regarding utilizing services of engineering firms with existing contracts recently approved by the City Council following a full Request for Proposals process, and continued to recommend moving forward with the proposal.

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Blackburn, to adopt Resolution No. 2015-03, authorize the proposed positional adjustments associated with the departmental reorganization effort, approve the contract city engineering services agreement with Merrell Johnson Engineering in a form approved by the City Attorney, and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract. The motion carried unanimously.

AR-2 Agreement with Lawrence R. Moss & Associates, Inc., for Landscape Architectural Design Services related to Huntington Drive Median Improvement Project in an Amount not to Exceed $8,500.00

Oliver Chi, City Manager, reviewed the Agenda Report.

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Blackburn, to approve an agreement with Lawrence R. Moss & Associates, Inc., for Landscape Architectural Design Services related to Huntington Drive Median Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed $8,500.00 and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents in a form approved by the City Attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR, IF NEEDED: None

PUBLIC INPUT, CONTINUED, IF NEEDED: None

SCHEDULED MEETINGS: The next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council was scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 7:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California.

ADJOURNMENT: At 10:38 p.m., Mayor Lutz adjourned the meeting in memory of Pauline Wear, mother of former Volunteer Center Director Pattie Tellez and grandmother of Fire Department Administrative Clerk II Audra Tellez; Joseph C. Benavides, father-in-law of Public Works Administrative Clerk II Julia Benavides; and Clifton Goff, longtime resident.

ATTEST:

Alice D. Atkins, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED:

Tom Adams, Mayor