

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2006, 7 30 P M**

CONVENE: Mayor Rob Hammond convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 7 31 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 Frederick Schoeler gave the Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Councilmember Joe Garcia led the Flag Salute

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

PRESENTATIONS.

1 Introduction of Newly Hired Administrative Planning Technician Alfredo Enriquez

Planning Division Manager Steve Sizemore introduced newly hired Administrative Planning Technician Alfredo Enriquez to the Mayor, City Council and the community

PROCLAMATIONS:

1 Proclaiming the Month of March 2006 as "American Red Cross Month"

Mayor Hammond proclaimed the Month of March 2006 as "American Red Cross Month " Nimfa Rueda, Director of Public Affairs, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the American Red Cross, San Gabriel Pomona Valley Chapter

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

A CONSENT CALENDAR:

Agenda Item *J - Vouchers was pulled from the Consent Agenda by City Clerk Proctor

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of Items *B, *I-7, *I-8, *I-9, *I-10, and *J (Payroll only).

City Clerk Proctor explained that the current voucher report as well as the last one was incorrect in that the voucher numbers listed on the Agendas were incorrect due to the new financial system recently installed which did not list the numbers sequentially, that the checks listed on the report were correct, and that the totals were correct She reported that Finance had rectified the problem

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Adams, to approve Vouchers Nos. 135338 through 135586. There were no objections

***B UNADOPTED MINUTES:** The unadopted Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2006 were adopted by order of the Consent Calendar

C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Those speaking

- 1 Cindy York and Royal Court, Monrovia Day Association
- 2 Terri Weeks, Monrovia
- 3 Miranda Schultz, Monrovia
- 4 Ben Cook, Monrovia
- 5 Bobi Reed for Renae Kellogg, Monrovia
- 6 Alfredo Mejia, representing Chamber of Commerce, Monrovia
- 7 Debbie Ashford, Monrovia
- 8 Irene and Martin Guzman, Monrovia
- 9 Kathy Reece-McNeil, Monrovia
- 10 Cyrus Kemp, Monrovia

Mayor Hammond took the following matter out of order

G REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS & SUB-COMMITTEES

1 Mayor Hammond reported that

(a) Update on Monrovia High School and Monrovia Library Bonds

Those speaking regarding MHS bond

- 1 Debbie Elliot-Penza, Monrovia
- 2 Vicke Thrower, Monrovia
- 3 Michelle Bradley-Orozco, Monrovia
- 4 Ed Cashyn, Monrovia
- 5 Gloria Crudgington, Monrovia
- 6 Steven Chesley, Monrovia
- 7 Cleve Crudgington, Monrovia
- 8 Becky Shevlin, Monrovia
- 9 Cyrus Kemp, Monrovia
- 10 Rosemary Harrahill, Monrovia
- 11 Charlotte Schamadan, Monrovia
- 12 Alfredo Mejia, Monrovia
- 13 Stephen Grollnek, Monrovia

Councilmembers and Mayor Hammond commented on the Monrovia High School proposed facilities bond, expressing concerns about the short time frame and the wrap-around structure proposed. All expressed their support of the High School and the need to work and plan together.

It was moved by Mayor Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Adams, to direct Staff as soon as possible to their Board of Education colleagues to reinforce the City-Schools-Chamber partnership of the last 30 years, support Monrovia schools, students and physical improvements to Monrovia High School, reiterate its offer of February 9, 2006 to advance funds to pay for the pre-construction costs to assist the Board in getting an early start to ensure that it met the deadlines laid out by the State for matching funds, and to offer and advocate another funding solution of more conventional financing than currently proposed.

ROLL CALL

Ayes Councilmembers Adams, Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, Mayor Hammond
Excused Councilmember Kirby
Motion carried. 4-0

Mayor Hammond called for a recess from 10:14 P M to 10:25 P.M.

D PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

1. **Opened and Continued from February 7, 2006; General Plan Amendment GPA2005-04/Resolution No. 2006-03 (formerly Resolution No. 2005-58), Zone Change ZC2005-04 to Change the Land Use and Zoning Designation from Public/Quasi-Public (P/QP) to Residential Low Density (RL) for a Remnant Lot Previously Part of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) that will be Consolidated with the Adjacent Lot at 1521 Pilgrim Way by Property Owner, Tom Blank, Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 2006-04 (Formerly Ordinance No. 2005-13)**

Steve Sizemore, Planning Division Manager, reviewed the Staff Report

The applicant received approval by the Development Review Committee (DRC) on October 26, 2005 to consolidate the remnant LACFCD (Los Angeles County Flood Control District) lot behind the property he recently acquired with his single-family improved residential lot on Pilgrim Way. A Quitclaim Deed was approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on February 21, 2006. The applicant required a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change from P/QP (Public/Quasi Public) to a RL (Residential Low Density) designation for the remnant lot. General Plan Amendments and Zone Changes required final approval by the City Council.

Remnant land property no longer needed by the County was routinely sold to adjoining property owners adjacent to flood control channels. The applicant was requesting to change the designation of the LACFCD lot to a residential designation to allow him to expand onto the property with residential improvements (detached garage, patio structure, etc.). The current designation of P/QP did not allow this. The consolidation of the 6,118 square foot RL Zoned single-family residential lot with the 2,505 square foot remnant lot would create a conforming lot size. The minimum lot size for the RL Zone was 7,500 square feet.

Twenty property owners on Pilgrim Way acquired the LACFCD land and could also request, individually or jointly, a designation change from P/QP to RL. Their remnant land was currently "tied" for tax purposes and could be removed without a City action. If the City initiated a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change on these properties and tie lines were removed, it would result in the creation of residentially zoned landlocked lots. Therefore, requiring lot line adjustments to permanently consolidate lots was necessary to insure that residential designations were not given to landlocked parcels. Property owners (such as this applicant had) can apply and receive approval for a lot line adjustment prior to a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change.

At its meeting of November 9, 2005, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the General Plan Amendment and Zone Change.

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 Adams, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-03 approving General Plan Amendment GPA2005-04 changing the Land Use Map designation of the Monrovia General Plan on remnant LACFCD property behind 1521 Pilgrim Way from P/QP (Public/Quasi Public) to RL (Residential Low Density). There were no objections.

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, to introduce, waive further reading, and read by title only Ordinance No. 2006-04 approving Zone Change ZC2005-04, changing the zoning designation on the subject property from P/QP (Public/Quasi Public) to RL (Residential Low Density). There were no objections.

City Attorney Steele read as follows

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING), SECTION 17.04.040 OF THE MONROVIA MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP.

2. General Plan Amendment GPA2006-02 Amending the Text of the Land Use element, Resolution No. 2006-02; and Amending Title 17 (Zoning) of the Monrovia Municipal Code Pertaining to Development Standards for Properties within the Angeles National Forest Designation and the ANF (Angeles National Forest) Zone, Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 2006-03

Steve Sizemore, Planning Division Manager, reviewed the Staff Report

There were approximately 3700 acres that were in the City of Monrovia and also within the boundaries of the Angeles National Forest. As part of the hillside planning process, the Angeles National Forest (ANF) land use designation in the General Plan and the ANF zone were created and applied to these properties. However, no development standards were adopted with the understanding that *any* property, privately or publicly held, was under complete jurisdiction of the Forest Service.

Almost two years ago, Staff received an inquiry about the possibility of building a cabin on a property in the Angeles National Forest and within the Monrovia Corporate boundary. At that time, the Forest Service informed the City that they defer all control on private property to the local jurisdiction. There were three privately held lots within the Angeles National Forest boundaries and also under the City's jurisdiction. In order to address this issue, the City Council placed a temporary moratorium on the approval or issuance of any development applications on privately held properties in the Angeles National Forest that were within the Monrovia Corporate Boundary.

Currently, the Zoning Ordinance only addresses permitted uses in the Open Space zones (HWP, HR, and ANF)—animal keeping and utility distribution facilities. Plant cultivation and utility operations facilities were conditionally permitted. There were no development standards. The limited allowable use of these properties was based on three factors: environmental sensitivity, public ownership, and lack of jurisdiction in the National Forest.

While there were still real concerns about the impact of the development of properties in this zone, the City had to provide development standards that would allow *some* use of privately owned property. Denying these properties of all viable economic use of their property and would likely be construed as a taking.

The proposed general plan amendment ensured that there was consistency between the proposed ordinance and the Land Use Element by placing a maximum density of one dwelling unit per 80 acres.

The ordinance added a new chapter to the Zoning Ordinance (Title 17) titled "Angeles National Forest (ANF) Zone Development Standards." Because of the environmental sensitivity of these properties, the proposed development standards limited the use of these properties to a single cabin per existing lot as well as the following: Requirement of a Conditional Use Permit and Hillside Development Permit, Maximum structure size of 800 square feet, Maximum ridge height of 12', 100' setback from any prominent ridge, Maximum grading of 3' cut or fill and a maximum grading footprint of 2,000 square feet, No mature trees can be removed and landscaping not permitted, and Proof of access rights.

While the proposed regulations allowed only minimal development of these properties, they were consistent with the historical regulation dating back to 1947. Based on their location and environmental sensitivity, it was appropriate to keep the development of these properties to a minimum.

At its meeting of December 14, 2005, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the General Plan Amendment and Zoning Ordinance amendment.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AND CLOSED: Mayor Hammond opened the Public Hearing as there was no one who wished to speak for or against the matter.

It was moved by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, to adopt Resolution No 2006-02 approving General Plan Amendment GPA2006-02 amending the text of the Land Use Element related to the Angeles National Forest land use designation. There were no objections.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Adams, to introduce, waive further reading, and read by title only Ordinance No 2006-03 adopting development standards for privately owned property in the ANF Zone. There were no objections.

City Attorney Steele read as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE MONROVIA MUNICIPAL CODE, RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS IN THE ANF (ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST) ZONE

3 General Plan Amendment GPA2006-01/Zone Change ZC2006-01 Amending the Text of the Land Use Element of the General Plan by Creating and Adopting Development Guidelines for Planned Development Area 25, Resolution No 2006-01, and Changing the Land Use and Zoning Designation to Planned Development – Area 25 (PD-25) for Properties on the North Side of Monrovista Avenue, Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No 2006-01

Steve Sizemore, Planning Division Manager, reviewed the Staff Report.

In the 1980's, Monrovista Avenue was experiencing high crime rates and neighborhood deterioration. As a result, the street was blocked off at Shamrock Avenue to mitigate traffic and associated issues, and the Redevelopment Agency began to acquire property in the hopes of creating reinvestment in the area. The result was a reduction in crime and a stabilization of the neighborhood. The proposed Planned Development Area had been prepared as part of the Redevelopment Plan that encouraged new residential development in the area to further enhance the neighborhood.

The proposed Planned Development—Area 25 (PD-25) was generally bounded by California Avenue on the west, Shamrock Avenue on the east, lots facing Duarte Road on the north and Monrovista Avenue on the south.

To better define and develop standards consistent with the surrounding neighborhoods, the Planned Development area was divided into two sub areas PD-25a and PD-25b. These new standards were proposed to encourage that new development integrates more compatibly into the neighborhood.

The new development/design guidelines for the Planned Development area reflected neighborhood and community concerns that had been voiced regarding future development of

the surrounding neighborhood. The overall purpose of the standards was to integrate new residential construction into the established neighborhood. The goal was to provide guidelines that were specific to each area, that would stimulate and encourage good development. Most importantly, the guidelines provided incentives to help preserve the existing neighborhood. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the General Plan Amendment and Zone Change.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED: Mayor Hammond opened the Public Hearing
Those speaking

1 Manuel Alvarenga-Flores, resident residing on Hurst Avenue, asked that consideration be given to preserving open spaces and park areas, and asked if 25a could be made into a recreational area. He expressed concern regarding appropriate storm drains to control flooding on his street. City Manager Ochoa requested that Public Works Director David Fike work with the County to construct a storm drain and look at the traffic situation.

2 Awani Zerot, developer, spoke in favor of the matter.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED Mayor Hammond closed the Public Hearing as there was no one else who wished to speak for or against the matter.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-01 approving General Plan Amendment GPA2006-01, changing the designation of the area bounded by California Avenue on the west, Shamrock Avenue on the east, Duarte Road from Residential Low Density to Planned Development Area-25 in the Land Use Element and amend the text of the Land Use Element creating development guidelines for the new PD-Area 25. There no objections.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to introduce, waive further reading, and read by title only Ordinance No. 2006-01 approving Zone Change ZC2006-01, changing the designation of the area bounded by California Avenue on the west, Shamrock Avenue on the east, Duarte Road on the north and Monrovista Avenue on the south from BE and RL to PD-25. There were no objections.

City Attorney Steele read as follows

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 17 (ZONING), SETION 17.04.040 OF THE MONROVIA MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED ZONING.

4 Tentative Tract Map TTM064820/Conditional Use Permit CUP2005-24 to Construct a Ten-unit, Two-story Detached Planned Unit Development at 453-473 Monrovista Avenue by Monrovista Development, LLC, Applicant

Steve Sizemore, Planning Division Manager, will review the Staff Report

Councilmember Adams exited Council Chambers at 10:38 P.M., stating that he had a conflict of interest in that he had a client that lived on the same block as the subject matter.

The applicant requested approval of a Tentative Tract Map and Conditional Use Permit to construct a two-story, detached, 10-unit Planned Unit Development (PUD).

In the summer of 2005, the Agency approved a Development Agreement with Monrovista Courtyard Homes to develop a new housing development on Monrovista Avenue. In order to implement the development agreement, the applicant was requesting approval of a Tentative Tract Map and Conditional Use Permit for the development of a ten-unit planned residential development.

The subject property consisted of five lots located on the north side of Monrovista Avenue, east of California Avenue. Currently, the properties had an RL (Residential Low Density) Zone designation. The surrounding neighborhood had a combination of single family and multiple family units and churches on both sides of Monrovista Avenue. To the north on Duarte Road the property was zoned BE (Business Enterprise) and the uses were both commercial and manufacturing.

At its meeting of December 14, 2005, the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing to review the proposed project. At the Public Hearing, the applicant spoke in favor of the project and an adjacent property owner also spoke in favor of the project. Three adjacent residents spoke with concerns about traffic, view corridors and street parking. At the close of the Public Hearing the Commission agreed with the recommendations from staff and the Development Review Committee. These recommendations were incorporated into the conditions of approval. With the inclusion of those conditions, the Planning Commission recommends approval of the project.

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 Garcia, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, to approve Tentative Tract Map No. 064820 and Conditional Use Permit 2005-24 pursuant to the recommendations in the Staff Report. There were no objections.

5. Tentative Tract Map TTM064821/Conditional Use Permit CUP2005-23 to Construct a Four-unit, Two-story Detached Planned Unit Development at 437-441 Monrovista Avenue by Monrovista Development, LLC, Applicant

Steve Sizemore, Planning Division Manager will review the Staff Report.

The applicant requested approval of a Tentative Tract Map and Conditional Use Permit to construct a two-story, detached, four-unit Planned Unit Development (PUD). The subject property consisted of two lots located on the northerly side of Monrovista Avenue, east of California Avenue. As part of the application for this development, the City was processing a General Plan Amendment and zone change from RL to Planned Development that will allow multiple family detached developments with lot consolidations. The land totaled 12,650 square feet of land area.

The development conforms to all the applicable development standards in the PD25-b and Multiple-Family Residential Development Standards. The architecture will provide for a blending of multiple styles in the area. In addition, the development will contribute to the revitalization of the area, pursuant to the Redevelopment Plan.

At its meeting of December 14, 2005, the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing to review the proposed project. At the Public Hearing, the applicant spoke in favor of the project and an adjacent property owner also spoke in favor of the project. Three adjacent residents spoke about the project with concerns regarding traffic, street parking, and two-story construction. The Traffic Engineer had reviewed the traffic impacts and these were addressed in Agenda Item D-3. At the close of the Public Hearing, the Commission agreed with the recommendations of the Development Review Committee. The Planning Commission discussed the issues and recommended approval of the project to the City Council.

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 Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to approve Tentative Tract Map No 064820 and Conditional Use Permit 2005-24 pursuant to the recommendations in the Staff Report. There were no objections

At 11 10 P M , Councilmember Adams returned to Council Chambers

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

CONVENE. Chairman Rob Hammond convened the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2006 of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 11 10 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, Vice-Chairman Mary Ann Lutz, and Chairman Rob Hammond Boardmember Dan Kirby was excused

A CONSENT CALENDAR:

It was moved by Boardmember Garcia, seconded by Vice Chairman Lutz, to adopt the Consent Calendar consisting of Agenda Item *B There were no objections

***B. UNADOPTED MINUTES** The unadopted Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency of February 21, 2006 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar

MRA REPORTS: None

MRA ADJOURNMENT Chairman Hammond adjourned the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 11 11 P M and the City Council Meeting continued

RECONVENE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

E BIDS

1 Award of Contract to Schuler Engineering Corporation for the Design and Construction of the Air Stripper Project in the Well Field Site Located at 2655 Myrtle Avenue in the Amount of \$1,315,850.00

Ron Bow, Utilities Division Manager, reviewed the Staff Report

The City supplied 100% of its water to its customers through five deep water wells Over the years, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) were found in the City's groundwater and had spread to all of the wells, exceeding the regulatory limitations at times The capacity of the existing VOC removal facility was only capable of treating about 4000 gpm The new VOC treatment removal facility would enhance capacity by an additional 4,000 gpm, giving the capability to produce approximately 8000 gpm of drinking water

On September 4, 2003, the City of Monrovia was approved for Federal Funding through the San Gabriel Water Quality Authority in the amount of \$506,211 00 Civiltec Engineering provided the City with an assessment of ground water treatment technology and recommended air strippers as the best choice of technology to expand the VOC treatment facility The Department of Health Services and the Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster also approved the air stripper method

On February 8, 2006 two bids were received by the City Clerks' office Denboer Engineering Construction for the amount of \$1,369,824 00, and Schuler Engineering Corporation for the amount of \$1,315,850 00 It was Staff's recommendation to award a contract to Schuler Engineering Corporation, Corona, California Funds were available in the Water Fund and Federal Funds

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to award a contract to Schuler Engineering Corporation for the design and construction of the Air Stripper Project in the Well Field Site located at 2655 Myrtle Avenue in the amount of \$1,315,850.00. There were no objections

2. Award of Contract to Air Cleaning Systems for Purchase and Installation of PlymoVent Diesel Emission Recovery Systems for Fire Stations 101 and 102 in the Amount of \$135,881 00

Battalion Chief Dave Dennis reviewed the Staff Report

In April of 2005, the Fire Department submitted a grant request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, under the Fire Act Grant, for funds to assist with the purchase and installation of diesel exhaust removal systems in both Fire Stations The Federal portion of grant funds received for the project was 90% and the City portion was 10% In November 2005, the department received notification that it was awarded the grant funds in the amount of \$119,605 00

The proposed PlymoVent system had been independently tested to be capable of capturing 100% of the vehicle exhaust emissions at the point of generation (tailpipe) by making an airtight seal to the tailpipe of the apparatus The exhaust system would utilize an auto start electrical control box which was UL tested and certified This controller would automatically energize an exhaust blower upon the start of a vehicle, and, in turn, would extract all exhaust emissions It would include an EPA particulate emission filter, which would reduce 99% of the diesel exhaust being emitted to the atmosphere and fulfills environmental requirements The proposed PlymoVent system would remove vehicle exhaust emissions from the buildings and would reduce up to 99% of the emissions released to the atmosphere The installation of the system would achieve air quality standards governed by the EPA Clean Air Act to protect the community from airborne contamination

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, to award a contract for the purchase and installation of PlymoVent Diesel Exhaust Removal Systems in both Fire Stations No 101 and 102 to Air Cleaning Systems in the amount of \$135,881 00 There were no objections

F. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS None

G REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS & SUB-COMMITTEES

1. Mayor Hammond reported that

(a) Update on Monrovia High School and Monrovia Library Bonds This matter was taken out of order following Oral Communications above

2. Mayor Pro Tem Lutz had no report at this time

3. Councilmember Adams had no report at this time

4. Councilmember Garcia had no report at this time

5. **Councilmember Kirby** had no report at this time

I **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1 **Temporary Traffic Mitigation Plans for the Colorado Commons Project**

This matter was rescheduled to the March 21, 2006 City Council Meeting as there was not a quorum of Councilmembers available due to the conflict of interest for Mayor Hammond and Mayor Pro Tem Lutz due to the proximity of their property to the project and the absence of Councilmember Kirby

2 **Installation of 4-Way Stop Signs on Primrose Avenue at Palm Avenue, Resolution No 2006-17**

This matter was rescheduled to the March 21, 2006 City Council Meeting as there was not a quorum of Councilmembers available due to the conflict of interest for Mayor Hammond and Mayor Pro Tem Lutz due to the proximity of their property to the project and the absence of Councilmember Kirby

3 **Replacement of Fire Alarm Monitoring System at Police Department; Award of Purchase Order to Fortress Security in the Amount of \$46,871 00**

City Engineer Doug Benash reviewed the Staff Report

The existing fire monitoring and alarm system was last modified during the station remodel in 1994 The system's monitoring control panel was antiquated, difficult to test or repair and does not function properly The wiring was under sized for the number of 12 volt components within the building Replacing the antiquated fire alarm system will bring the fire monitoring and alarm system to total compliance with the National Fire Protection Association 72 Fire Alarm Code The new system will be monitored by the dispatch center used by Fortress Security, rather than being monitored by the police dispatchers

Funds were available in the Facilities Capital Improvement Projects

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to award a purchase order to Fortress Security for the installation of a new fire monitoring and alarm system at the Monrovia Police Station, 140 E Lime Avenue, in the amount of \$46,871 00 There were no objections

4. **Amendment of Title 12, Chapter 12 32 030(Q) of the Monrovia Municipal Code Relating to Parks, Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 2006-05**

Daniel Iwata, Parks Division Manager, reviewed the Staff Report

Staff recommended the City Council amend the Monrovia Municipal Code Ordinance for the normal hour of park closure at Grand Avenue Park and revise the language to read, "The normal hours of closure shall be from sunset to sunrise the following day," and remove the words "for season change" to read "at his or her discretion" This request was approved by the Community Services Commission at its February 14, 2006 meeting

Staff had discussed the proposed amendment to Grand Avenue Park with the Police Department and the City Attorney, and each agreed with the proposed amendment

Signage for Grand Avenue Park explaining rules and regulations would cost approximately \$300 00 each It was Staff's intent to post signage at each of Grand Avenue Park's entry areas

ROLL CALL

**Ayes Councilmembers Adams, Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Lutz,
Mayor Hammond
Excused Councilmember Kirby
Motion carried 4-0**

***7 Final Tract Map No. 62585 for a 4-Unit PUD, Re-Subdivision of Property Located at 416-420 South Fifth Avenue by Owner, Leon San Blas**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

Tentative Tract Map No 62585 was for the re-subdivision of property located in the Residential Medium Density (RD2500) Zone The area was being re-subdivided into 4 single family, two-story, Planned Unit Development (PUD) homes and a common lot Lots 1 through 4 are for construction of single family attached two story dwelling units and lot 5 was a common lot for ingress, egress, drainage and utilities The tentative subdivision map was approved by the Planning Commission at its meeting of March 9, 2005 and was approved by the City Council on April 5, 2005 The Final Tract Map was in order and on file with the City Clerk, Community Development Department Planning Division, and the Department of Public Works

The project will improve property values and increase the tax base

***8 Initiation of Proceedings for the Levy and Collection of Assessment and Order the Preparation of the Engineer's Report for the 2006-07 Fiscal Year Citywide Lighting and Landscape Maintenance Assessment District, Resolution No 2006-15**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

The Citywide Lighting and Landscape Maintenance Assessment District had been in existence since the early 1980's It provided funding for the maintenance of public street lighting and traffic signals, maintenance of street trees, maintenance of landscaping of street median and parkway areas including Myrtle Avenue, Huntington Drive, Cypress Avenue and Maple Avenue and maintenance of landscaping of parkway areas for the Gold Hills Development area

***9 Initiation of Proceedings for the Levy and Collection of Assessment and Order the Preparation of the Engineer's Report for 2006-07 Fiscal Year Park Maintenance Assessment District, Resolution No 2006-16**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

The Park Maintenance District provided funding for the maintenance of Canyon, Library, Recreation, Rotary, Olive Avenue, Julian Fisher, and Grand Avenue Parks

As authorized by the city property owner voters when this District was formed in Fiscal Year 1997-98, the proposed assessments for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 could be changed from the assessments of Fiscal Year 2005-2006 by the federally calculated Consumer Price Index cost of Living Adjustment of an estimated increase of 4.2% For those parcels of land that underwent subdivision or consolidation during the past year there would also be changes in assessments not requiring voter approval

***10 Support of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding, Resolution No 2006-18**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

The President's proposed 25% budget reduction would greatly impact the City's Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Preservation programs that utilize CDBG funds for housing preservation. The City's Handyworker rehabilitation grant program would continue to be reduced providing fewer options to income eligible homeowners who need to make home repairs. The continued reduction of CDBG dollars also adversely affected public service "Summer Extravaganza" neighborhood recreation program that provided recreation opportunities to lower income families and at-risk youth.

The President's FY 07 budget proposed cutting \$1 billion from the CDBG program. Overall, the budget provided \$2.774 billion for formula grants for cities and states in FY 07, a reduction of 25% from \$3.711 billion allocated in FY 06. The City of Monrovia's estimated allocation for Fiscal Year 2007 under the proposed cuts would be \$290,935.00. This reduction in funding would adversely impact existing CDBG programs as outlined.

J PAYROLL Payroll No. 4 in the net amount of \$468,292.13 was approved by order of the Consent Calendar. Vouchers were removed and approved after Consent above.

K SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Mayor Hammond announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council was scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 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. None


N RECONVENE AND REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION None

O. ADJOURNMENT Mayor Hammond adjourned the Meeting at 11:39 P.M. in memory of Josephine Jimenez, Grandmother of Craig Jimenez, Planning Division.

APPROVED


Rob Hammond, Mayor

ATTEST



Linda B. Proctor, MMC, City Clerk