

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009, 7:30 P.M.**

**CONVENE:** Mayor Mary Ann Lutz convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 7:30 P.M., City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California. In attendance were City Manager Scott Ochoa, City Attorney Craig A. Steele, and City Clerk Alice D. Atkins.

**INVOCATION:** Dr. John Mastrogiovanni gave the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Joe Garcia led the Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL:** In attendance were Councilmembers Joe Garcia, Clarence R. Shaw, Becky A. Shevlin, Mayor Pro Tem Tom Adams and Mayor Mary Ann Lutz.

**OTHER:** Santa Claus made a special appearance. Santa's helper was Community Services Staff member Kerri Zessau who announced the various holiday events, including the Santa Tours covering the entire City the evenings of December 14 through 18, 2009.

**PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

The following presentation was taken out of order.

**PR-3 Recognition of Martha Lang, Longtime Monrovia Resident and Recipient of the California Association of Health Facilities Lifetime Achievement Award:** The Mayor and City Council recognized Martha Lang for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF). Mrs. Lang was a longtime Monrovia with ties to the Rotary and Quota clubs. She was also a founding member of CAHF and had served on its board for 10 years.

**PR-1 2010 Monrovia Water Conservation Calendar and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Contest Winners:** This year's City of Monrovia calendar art contest was held to help promote water conservation activities and to educate students to use water wisely. The City received entries from fifth grade students in the Monrovia Unified School District and 12 were selected based upon the water conservation message, creativity, and artistry. Heather Maloney, Sr. Management Analyst, introduced the winners to the Mayor, City Council and the community.

**PR-2 Recognition of Police Department Volunteers Keith Green and Don Kinch for Contributing Over 5,000 Hours of Service:** In recognition of 5000 hours of volunteer service to the City of Monrovia and the Monrovia Police Department, Chief Roger Johnson presented volunteers Don Kinch and Keith Green with a commendation certificate and their 5000 hour volunteer pins for their exceptional service to the community.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** Student Liaison Savannah Spicer reported on past and future activities at the high school.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** City Manager Scott Ochoa reported that item AR-4 would be taken out of order and heard following PUBLIC INPUT.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** It was moved by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Shevlin, to approve the Consent Calendar. There were no objections. The Consent Calendar consisted of the following Agenda items:

**CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the November 17, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council**

**CC-2 Payroll No. 24 in the Amount of \$544,977.44 and Voucher Nos. 161862 Through 162111 in the Amount of \$1,008,463.20**

**CC-3 Amendment to Title 17 (Zoning) of the Monrovia Municipal Code Pertaining to Regulations for Electronic Message Boards; Adoption of Ordinance No. 2009-06:** This was the final adoption of Ordinance No 2009-06 amending Title 17 (Zoning) of the Monrovia Municipal Code relating to regulations for electronic message boards. Staff continued to recommend approval of this ordinance

**CC-4 Police Station HVAC and Roof Renovation, Acceptance of Work, Approval of Change Orders, Notice of Completion and Release of Retention to Abeam Construction Inc., for a Total Contract Amount of \$743,473.57:** On April 7, 2009 the City of Monrovia awarded a contract to Abeam Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$698,700 00 to replace the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) system and roof at the Police Station Facility

Abeam Construction, Inc , began construction on May 11, 2009, and completed work on October 23, 2009 with Change Orders totaling \$44,773.57 Change Orders were due to discrepancies between the original building plans, the renovation plans/work and the physical structure The project aided in the accomplishment of the City's Environmental Accords. Funding was available through the Facilities Capital Improvement Fund.

Staff recommended that the City Council accept work as completed, approve change orders in the amount of \$44,773 57, direct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion, and authorize the release of retention to Abeam Construction Inc , for the Police Station HVAC and Roof Renovation for a total contract amount of \$743,473 57.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

1. Chuck Keen, Monrovia

The following item was taken out of order.

**AR-4 Agreement with David Turch & Associates for Federal Legislative Advocacy Services in the Amount of \$4,000.00 Monthly for the Period Ending June 30, 2010**

Dan Bell, Management Analyst, reviewed the Staff Report

The City of Monrovia had used a federal legislative advocacy firm since 2000 In that time, the City had successfully received multiple earmarks, including funds for transportation projects, youth programs, streetscape projects, storm water infrastructure projects, and economic development funds for storm channel preparation Between the years of 2000-2006 the City employed David Turch & Associates as its federal advocates In 2006, the City Council decided to explore the Request For Proposal process for federal advocates Following the RFP, the City elected to retain the services of Edington, Peel and Associates. While Staff was pleased with the level of service provided by Edington, Peel and Associates, it had been three years since the City considered proposals from other federal legislative advocacy firms In June 2009, the City Council elected to let the Edington, Peel & Associates contract expire and explored the legislative advocacy RFP process

Staff requested proposals for federal legislative advocacy from four different firms Edington, Peel & Associates, David Turch & Associates, MARC Associates, and The Ferguson Group All four firms were located in Washington D C , had experience working with California local governments, and demonstrated the ability to monitor legislation and represent local government needs

Edington, Peel & Associates and David Turch & Associates both submitted proposals at a cost of \$4,000 per month Staff checked their references which were all positive

On November 6, 2009, a sub-committee of the City Council (Mayor Mary Ann Lutz and Councilmember Clarence Shaw) conducted telephone interviews with the two firms At the conclusion of the interview process and after much deliberation, the sub-committee recommended hiring David Turch & Associates

Staff recommended the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with David Turch & Associates beginning December 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

**It was moved by Mayor Pro tem Adams, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with David Turch & Associates beginning December 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.**



presentation at the meeting which helped formed the basis for their evaluation. The Commission discussed attributes of the house at length with each Commissioner weighing in on the merits of the property; Commissioners Gonzalez-Camarillo and Shea both expressed doubts that this house reached the level of significance in terms of mid-century architectural design which was reflected in their "no" votes.

On a 5-2 vote, the Commission determined that the property met Criteria Number 4 in that its architecture is a significant example of the California Ranch style in Monrovia. The Commission also reviewed the request for a Mills Act Contract.

The Historic Preservation Commission recommended approval of historic landmark designation and approval of a Mills Act Contract.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:** Mayor Lutz opened the Public Hearing.

Those opposed: None

Those in favor:

1. Vanessa Withers, Pasadena, on behalf of the applicant.

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

**After discussion, it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Adams, seconded by Councilmember Shevlin, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-70 designating Property Located at 303 North Magnolia Avenue as Historic Landmark HL-126 and approve Mills Act Contract MA-120.** There were no objections.

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

**MRA CONVENE:** Chairman Mary Ann Lutz convened the Meeting of December 1, 2009, of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 8:27 P.M. in City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, without adjourning the City Council Meeting.

**MRA ROLL CALL:** Those in attendance were Boardmembers Joe Garcia, Clarence R. Shaw, Becky A. Shevlin, Vice-Chairman Tom Adams and Chairman Mary Ann Lutz.

**MRA CONSENT CALENDAR:** It was moved by Boardmember Garcia, seconded by Boardmember Shaw, to approve the Consent Calendar. There were no objections. The Consent Calendar consisted of the following item.

**MRA CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the November 17, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency**

**MRA PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS:**

**MRA PH-1 Five Year Implementation Plan, Fiscal Years 2009-2014; Resolution No. 6-2009**

Darlene Sanchez, Project Manager, reviewed the Staff Report.

California Redevelopment Law required redevelopment agencies to adopt a Five Year Implementation Plan highlighting their goals, strategies, and objectives of their agency for the next five years. To address these issues, staff prepared a Five Year Implementation Plan which assessed the physical and economic conditions of blight existing in and around the project area, provided a listing of the Agency's proposed programs and expenditures and how they would contribute to the alleviation of blight, and established the Agency's affordable housing strategy.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to review the projects, programs and strategies contained in the proposed Five Year Implementation Plan. During the Public Hearing the Board could consider any amendments to the Plan along with any relevant testimony presented by the public. The proposed Implementation Plan represented the Agency's fourth Five Year Implementation Plan.

Staff recommended that the Agency Board approve the Five Year Implementation Plan.

**PUBLIC HEARING OPEN AND CLOSED:** Chairman Lutz opened and closed the Public Hearing as there was no one who wished to speak for or against the matter

Vice Chairman Adams thanked the Redevelopment team for the past year and all of the positive improvements, such as Living Space, Henry's and Kohl's, that came to Monrovia during such difficult economic times

**It was moved by Vice Chairman Adams, seconded by Boardmember Shaw, to adopt Resolution No. 6-2009.** There were no objections

**MRA ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:** None

**MRA ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Lutz adjourned the Meeting at 8 35 P M

### RECONVENE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

#### REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND SUB-COMMITTEES:

**RCC1 Mayor Lutz** reported that

(a) **Monthly Census 2010 Update:** Community Development Director Alice Griselle reviewed some of the promotional activities underway for the 2010 Census

(b) She invited everyone to attend the Holiday Parade on Thursday, December 3, 2009, and prior to the parade, at 6 00 P M , the lighting of the Holiday Tree, as well as turning on and lighting the new Library fountain

**RCC2 Mayor Pro Tem Adams** reported that

(a) **AB 811 Energy Efficiency Loan Program Update:** Sr Management Analyst Heather Maloney provided an update on Los Angeles County's County-Wide Energy Efficiency Loan Program Although the County had developed a funding model, remaining program elements were still in development Los Angeles County estimated the program could be ready for Cities to join in Spring 2010 and once the program was finalized, staff would present a recommendation to the City Council.

(b) **Proclaiming March 3, 2010 as "Arbor Day"** He announced that in observance of Arbor Day on March 3, 2010, the Youth Commission and Teen Advisory Board would plant a tree at the Library in memory of Library Boardmember Gail LaBau

(c) He hoped everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving

**RCC3 Councilmember Garcia** reported that

(a) He thanked his colleagues on the City Council for attending the Foothill Extension Construction Authority's kick-off party for the Gold Line at the Historic Santa Fe Train Depot Federal, State, and regional representatives were also in attendance, and it was nice to see Monrovia shine again.

**RCC4 Councilmember Shaw** reported that

(a) He commended the Mayor for a fabulous job representing them at the Gold Line kick-off party

(b) He attended the recent Monrovia High School football game where he estimated 300-400 residents came out to support the team He asked everyone to come out to the next game where the Mayor and Council would flip the coin to start the game

(c) He attended the Duarte Mediation meeting and the positive takeaway was that he had received calls from a few people in the community that wanted get involved with volunteer work.

(d) He had an opportunity to preview London's and T Phillips, it looked like they were on target, and he hoped to see a lot of folks there for New Year's and Super Bowl Sunday.

**RCC5 Councilmember Shevlin** reported that

(a) She was extremely optimistic and hopeful with respect to the Gold Line extension, but warned that they couldn't back off on the push.

(b) She thanked Dr Mastrogiovanni for his kind words for the troops and their families during his invocation Her son had reported to Fort Carson and would know soon whether he'd be reporting to Iraq or Afghanistan She asked everyone to keep the men and women currently serving in their prayers, and to thank any Veterans they come upon for their service.

(c) She reviewed the upcoming community events



**Motion carried: 3-0**

Mayor Lutz and Councilmember Shevlin returned to Council Chambers at 9 00 P M

**AR-3 Public Art Component for the Urban Housing Group Project at 700 South Myrtle Avenue; Recommendation from the Monrovia Endowment for the Arts Committee**

Alice Griselle, Director of Community Development, reviewed the Staff Report

The 163-unit mixed use project developed by the Urban Housing Group (UHG) on the east side of Myrtle Avenue between Walnut and Olive Avenues was rapidly progressing and was anticipated to be for lease in spring of 2010 UHG had taken the recommendation of the City to provide the Old Town entrance sign (approved by the City Council in September 2009) and also the bronze plaque commemorating the site of the Monrovia Red Car Station Additionally, UHG commissioned artist Walter Redondo for art work, and a statement by the artist was attached to the report

The City Council required, as a condition of approval of the UHG development, that the art work in the plaza commemorate the Red Car Station based on the history of the site In 1903, Pacific Electric began providing passenger service to Monrovia and a depot was built on the southeast corner of Myrtle and Olive Avenues The trains ran for almost half a century and contributed to Monrovia's growth during the first part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century The last day of passenger service on this line was September 30, 1951 but the tracks continued to be used for freight service for several more years Monrovia's depot was demolished in May of 1967

Components of the UHG public art program included. Old Town Entrance Sign over Myrtle Avenue (approved by the City Council in September 2009); One bronze plaque with the history of the Monrovia Red Car station to be placed on a raised concrete base in the plaza, "The Gate" – An artistic gate designed by commissioned artist Walter Redondo to be located mid block at the entrance to the leasing office and units and to be constructed of wrought iron and galvanized tubing, "The Stop" Sculpture – A 7 foot high metal sculpture consisting of a representation of a stylized Red Car designed by commissioned artist Walter Redondo would be located in the plaza area at Myrtle and Olive Avenues, and one plaque describing the artist and the sculpture Exhibits were attached to the report showing the site plan and art components

The public art to be provided by Urban Housing Group was required to be in the amount of \$225,000 It appeared that the five components of the art program would cost UHG that amount or more A final audit of the costs would be provided by UHG and reviewed by the City upon completion If there were any additional monies owed the art fund, they would be deposited into the fund for citywide projects

On November 18, 2009 the Endowment for the Arts Committee unanimously recommended approval of the art components to the City Council The five-member Committee was composed of Councilmember Joe Garcia, Planning Commissioner Bill Beebe, Historic Preservation Commissioner Marianne Lee, Community Services Commissioner Brian Ulm, and Vicki Novell as resident at-large The Committee discussed at length the gate and sculpture with the artist Walter Redondo and Ann Cutner, the landscape architect The artist described the reason for the designs but also the construction techniques The Committee recommended nighttime lighting of all the components of art and Mr Redondo and Ms. Cutner agreed The overall consensus was that the UHG art program set a high standard for future public art

The artist, Mr Redondo, was in attendance and provided a replica of the proposed sculpture, explaining his inspiration from the people of Monrovia, the community, and all that he had learned about the red car line, stating that he was honored to be a part of the process

Mayor Pro Tem Adams commented that most people pass the monuments on the historic buildings in Old Town without notice and suggested that perhaps the Art Committee could tie it in with an interpretive trail.

**It was moved by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, to approve the Urban Housing Group art program.** There were no objections.

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**ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR:** None

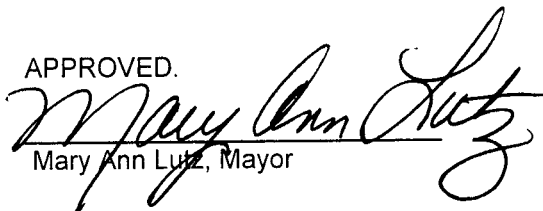
**SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

The next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council was scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2009, 7 30 P M , City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California

**PUBLIC INPUT, CONTINUED, IF NEEDED:** None


**ADJOURNMENT:** At 9 16 P.M. Mayor Lutz adjourned the Meeting.

APPROVED.



Mary Ann Lutz, Mayor

ATTEST



Alice D Atkins, CMC, City Clerk