

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL
HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2011, 4:00 P.M.**

CONVENE: Mayor Mary Ann Lutz convened the Special Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Thursday, December 1, 2011, at 4:00 P.M., Monrovia Fire Department Training Room, 141 East Lemon Avenue, Monrovia, California. In attendance were City Manager Scott Ochoa and Deputy City Clerk Rachael Hughes.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Review and Consideration of proposed 2011 Park Capital Project List, and Purchase of 601 Los Angeles Avenue for Development of a Pocket Park

Scott Ochoa, City Manager, reviewed the Staff Report.

Discussion ensued, including arguments for and against the purchase of the property for a pocket park, common minimum standards for lot size, lack of park space in southern Monrovia, concerns about diminishing funds available for existing projects on Park Capital Project List, whether or not use of reserve funds was appropriate, maintaining rehabilitation of Julian Fisher Park as a priority, attendance at and outcome of community meetings held previously, and plans for a larger southern community park as part of Gold Line and Station Square projects.

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It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, to accept review of the proposed 2011 Parks Capital Improvement List and authorize the purchase 601 Los Angeles Street for development of a pocket park. The motion failed on the following vote: **AYES:** Councilmember Adams; Mayor Pro Tem Garcia. **NOES:** Councilmember Shevlin; Mayor Lutz. **ABSENT:** Councilmember Shaw.

City Manager Ochoa explained that with no action taken, the 2010 Park Capital Project List would remain in effect.

Councilmember Adams requested that an item be placed on the December 6, 2011, agenda to consider filling Councilmember Shaw's seat for the balance of his absence so that there is a way to break a tie vote. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia requested information on the legal aspect of both filling the seat temporarily and input from Councilmember Shaw regarding his ability to participate when needed via teleconference or other means.

City Manager Ochoa stated that the item related to parks was already on the December 6 agenda, that the Special Meeting was called due to timing related to 601 Los Angeles Street. On December 6, the City Council could, if it was their pleasure, separate out the two items for consideration.

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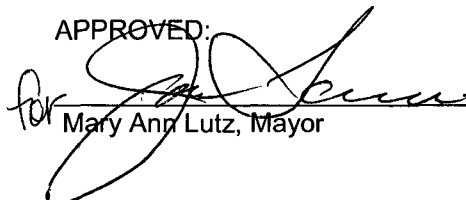
1. Gwendolyn Jones
2. Larry Spicer
3. Betty Thomas

ADJOURNMENT: At 5:05 p.m., Mayor Lutz adjourned the Meeting.

ATTEST:


Alice D. Atkins, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED:


for Mary Ann Lutz, Mayor