

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY JULY 10 2001 7 30 P M**

CONVENE Preceding a Study Session to review the 1996 Telecommunications Act at the Monrovia Police Community Room 140 East Lime Avenue from 6 13 P M to 7 20 P M at which all City Councilmembers were in attendance Mayor Lara Larramendi Blakely convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday July 10 2001 at 7 30 P M in City Council Chambers 415 South Ivy Avenue Monrovia California

INVOCATION City Clerk Linda B Proctor led the Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Councilmember Victor M Franco led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL In attendance were Councilmembers Tom Adams Victor M Franco Joe Garcia Mayor Pro Tem Rob Hammond and Mayor Lara Larramendi Blakely

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION None

PRESENTATIONS

1 Introduction of Newly Appointed Assistant Recreation Coordinators Juan Dorantes and Penny Arroyo

April Soash Director of Community Services introduced newly appointed Assistant Recreation Coordinators Juan Dorantes and Penny Arroyo to the Mayor City Council and community She gave a brief description of their activities become coming to Monrovia and their duties during their tenure in Monrovia Each introduced members of his/her families and friends in the audience

2 Introduction of Newly Promoted Human Resources Technician Danielle Tellez

Theresa St Peter Director of Human Resources/Risk Management introduced newly promoted Human Resources Technician Danielle Tellez to the Mayor City Council and community Ms St Peter gave a brief description of her activities during her tenure in Monrovia

3 Introduction of Newly Hired Public Works Department Administrative Secretary Norma Teran

David Fike Director of Public Works introduced newly hired Public Works Department Administrative Secretary Norma Teran to the Mayor City Council and community Mr Fike gave a brief description of her activities prior to coming to Monrovia

PROCLAMATIONS None

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT Student Government Liaison Matt Binford reported on Monrovia High School activities

because Planned Parenthood had purchased the property obtained their permits and moved forward with construction there is now very little the City can do about it The authority to regulate these services lies with Sacramento and Washington D C The federal courts have created over the last several years increasing authority in state government to regulate abortion services more than has historically been the case but nobody has granted that power to local government So we are now faced with the position that we have a number of unhappy residents who regret Planned Parenthood's decision to come to the community but no formal power as a City to do anything about it And so our choice is to appear unresponsive to those who wish us to take action or to violate Planned Parenthood's rights knowing that they have access to legal counsel and every incentive to sue us for both a moral victory and the attorney fees And the City has chosen to try and respect both Planned Parenthood rights under the laws which we did not write and the rights of those who wish to express their rights both in the Council Chambers and in the streets

D PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS

1 Tentative Tract Map No 53532 Conditional Use Permit CUP2001-12 to Construct a Detached Six-Unit Two-Story Planned Unit Development in the RH (Residential High Density) Zone at 1226-1228 South Alta Vista Avenue Applicant Hank Jong

Craig Jimenez Associate Planner reviewed the Staff Report

The applicant requested to allow the construction of a two-story six-unit Planned Unit Development (PUD) at 1226-1228 South Alta Vista Avenue The property is located on the east side of South Alta Vista between Cypress and Central Avenues The property is zoned RH (Residential High Density) The surrounding land uses are multiple family residential

The proposed site plan consists of six (6) detached two-story units The front two units are oriented toward the street with a central driveway running down the center The rear four units face the central driveway The proposal meets all of the development standards of the Zoning Ordinance including parking and private open space requirements Required guest-parking spaces are provided at the center and rear of the site

In summary the site currently has six small single story rental units that are proposed to be replaced with six ownership units The proposed project is an attractive well-designed development The overall site layout provides adequate building separation and open space The dwellings are well designed with craftsman architecture with good roof and façade modulation and architectural detailing

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the project

In response to Councilmember Franco's concerns regarding those who will be displaced Community Development Director Robert Kastenbaum responded that Staff will assist all tenants in a non-financial way in referring them to resources including in the housing industry in all forms

Mayor Pro Tem Hammond requested that attention be given to the finishing of the siding of all the units Mr Kastenbaum stated that the finishing details would be submitted to the Development and Review Committee for final review and reported back to the City Council

Public Hearing Opened and Closed Mayor Blakely opened and closed the Public Hearing as there was no one who wished to speak for or against the matter

	Proposed Separation (in feet)	Current Requirement (in feet)
First story	6	6-12
Second story	12	8-20

Multiple Family Density Regulations In order to keep new development compatible with existing neighborhoods of medium density zones (RM4000 RM3500 RM3000 RM2500 PD-RM) The Planning Commission proposed separation requirements for each story

	Proposed Separation (in feet)	Current Requirement (in feet)
First story	10	6-9
Second story	15	8-20

High Density Multiple Family Regulations The proposed building separation requirements for higher density residential zones (RM/RH RH) are

	Proposed Separation (in feet)	Current Requirement

	Proposed Separation (in feet)	Current Requirement
First story	8	6-9
Second story	12	8-20

Since massing is a result of height as well as separation staff is proposing additional separation for buildings with a ridge height over 27 feet For buildings with a ridge height over 27 feet an additional ½ foot of separation would be required for each 1 foot over 27 feet in height measured from finished grade to the ridge This additional separation would apply to two-story buildings with high ridgelines as well as buildings over two stories

Staff has also included several clean-up measures in the Ordinance These include

- Elimination of additional separation requirements for large accessory structures
- Elimination of the requirement of a CUP for the development of existing lots of record under 5 000 square feet

In conclusion after looking at several alternatives for separation requirements the Planning Commission feels that the proposed standards will address many of the concerns of the community without creating a disincentive to build detached units Establishing different separation requirements for single family zones medium density zones and high-density zones will help control the massing on a lot and keeping the development compatible with surrounding neighborhoods

At its meeting of June 13 2001 the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the ordinance to the City Council

Public Hearing Opened and Closed Mayor Blakely opened and closed the Public Hearing as there was no one who wished to speak for or against the matter

After discussion it was moved by Councilmember Garcia seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hammond to introduce and read by title only Ordinance No 2001-10 As there were no objections City Attorney Michael G Colantuono read as follows

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 17 CHAPTER 17 08 AND CHAPTER 17 12 OF THE MONROVIA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BUILDING SEPARATION REQUIREMENTS ON RESIDENTIAL LOTS

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

CONVENE Chairman Lara Larramendi Blakely convened the Regular Meeting of July 10 2001 of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 9 13 P M in City Council Chambers without adjourning the City Council Meeting

ROLL CALL Those in attendance were Boardmembers Tom Adams Victor M Franco Joe Garcia Vice-Chairman Rob Hammond and Chairman Lara Larramendi Blakely

A CONSENT CALENDAR It was moved by Boardmember Adams seconded by Councilmember Garcia to adopt the Consent Calendar consisting of Item *B

ROLL CALL Ayes Boardmembers Adams Franco Garcia Vice-Chairman Hammond Chairman Blakely
Motion carried 5-0

***B MINUTES** Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 26 2001 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar

MRA REPORTS None

ADJOURN Chairman Blakely adjourned the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 9 14 P M and the City Council Meeting continued

RECONVENE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

E BIDS None

F COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS None

G REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS & SUB-COMMITTEES

1 Mayor Blakely reported that

(a) Reappointment of Library Boardmembers Denise Zoolalian and Gail LaBau

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Hammond seconded by Councilmember Garcia to reappoint Denise Zoolalian and Gail LaBau to the Library Board There were no objections

(b) At a recent meeting of the Monrovia Business Association the Board voted with one abstention to conduct a needs assessment regarding Family Festival which would be an evaluation of the 10-year old Festival that will supply the board with information needed to continue and to enhance the Festival—what s working and new things to be considered

(b) She chairs the International Task Force for the National League of Cities and one of the questions that keeps getting asked is the fact that many of us are not really aware of our City s international connections Unbeknownst to many of us we have many companies especially

along Huntington Drive that have a lot of international business and there are benefits that come to the cities She is aware that there a correlation between the trade agreements that get adopted by the U S Trade representative and how it affects our business It is something that we need to keep our eye on Also again the business attraction

(c) She had the honor of addressing the InterAmerican Conference of Mayors and Councilmembers- about 600 of them—from Central and Latin America She was on the panel speaking about cities and the three challenges—the administrative the political and the fiscal What was interesting with many countries with new emerging democracies transparency in government is very important The two big hits that she was able to convey to them on how Monrovia conducts business was our Annual Report and the television of our City Council meetings The fact that an evaluation is prepared and reported to the community what has been done during the past year with a copy mailed to each household was impressive to them She had requests for copies of the Annual Report and the franchise with our cable company She presented her presentation in Spanish She stated that the things we take for granted-- openness in government-- is what we can t take for granted

2 Mayor Pro Tem Hammond reported that

(a) He publicly thanked Mayor Blakely and Councilmember Garcia for their work on the Wilderness Preserve project including obtaining a letter of support from Congressman Dreier through much effort on their parts and for the hours upon hours of volunteer time spent on the Wilderness Preserve Steering Committee He remarked that their efforts have not gone unnoticed and thanked them both

3 Councilmember Adams reported that

(a) In relation to an article about Family Festival that he expressed concern about during his report at the June 12 2001 City Council Meeting he talked to Monrovia Business Association President Marjorie Irvin who told him that her comments were taken out of context and that there never was or will be plans for a charge or restrict access to the Family Festival

(b) He requested that at the next City Council Meeting the City Manager present a report to inform the public about the progress of the Wilderness Preserve

(c) He Councilmembers Garcia and Franco and Mayor Pro Tem Hammond would be attending the ICA Conference

4 Councilmember Franco had no report at this time

5 Councilmember Garcia reported that

(a) As the newly appointed Recreation Coordinators introduced earlier this evening reported this Saturday July 14 2001 11 00 A M to 4 00 P M Recreation Park a Skate Demonstration will be held co-sponsored by Stix Sports Shop All proceeds will go to the Skate Park Stix has arranged for KROQ Radio Station to set up and play music from Recreation Park during the skate demonstrations Stix will set up a booth and sell t-shirts and Community Services will hold a raffle and sell food and drink The Marine Corps substation will run a pull-up challenge There will be a best trick contest with pro and amateurs performing It is a time for the youth in our community to shine

(b) At the last Wilderness Preserve Steering Committee the Committee was fortunate to receive word that a letter of support for our project has come not only from the Monrovia Mountains Conservancy and the Trust for Public Land but also from our Congressman David Dreier He reported that these very important letters of support will go with the very formidable letters of support to go before the State Wilderness Committee Board on August 30 2001

H REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES None

I ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**1 Safe Neighborhood Parks Clean Water Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 Application for Grant Funding Resolution No 2001-45**

Daniel Iwata Parks Division Manager reviewed the Staff Report

The State's Safe Neighborhood Parks Clean Water Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 better known as Proposition 12 will provide \$372 000 00 in per capita grant funding The approval of the Master Plan last month identified Prop 12 funds of one of the funding sources for this project

Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No 2001-45 to allow City Staff to appropriate Proposition 12 per capita funds for the Armory Renovation Project

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Hammond seconded by Councilmember Adams to adopt Resolution No 2001-45

ROLL CALL

**Ayes Councilmembers Adams Franco Garcia Mayor Pro Tem Hammond Mayor Blakely
Motion carried 5-0**

2 Annual Report of the Status of the General Plan

Robert Kastenbaum Director of Community Development reviewed the Staff Report

State law requires that each city and county adopt a general plan and that the legislative body annually review the status of the General Plan and the progress of its implementation

There are seven General Plan elements It provides the long-range plan for the City and guides future growth and development There are optional elements that the City is also looking at

The Land Use Element is critical to growth and development of Monrovia Monrovia's Land Use Element was amended in 1993 The State says you should not throw out your Land Use Element from year to year as it should be reference point and guide for the future While it gradually changes it not discarded The Circulation Element was last updated in 1993 These are primarily set as Monrovia is an older City The Housing Element is probably the most detailed documents that are required by the State law We have an adopted plan adopted in 1993 and it needs to be updated every five years which has not been done due to circumstances not under our control The RHNA will be discussed at the Study Session regarding this element to be held July 16 2001 in a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and the City Council This plan will be for the years 2000-2005 The Safety Element adopted in 1983 has had a draft update completed by our consultants and will go before the Planning Commission and City Council in a few weeks As with the Safety Element the Noise Element will also go to the Planning Commission and the City Council shortly It was adopted in 1975 and has been update by our consultants The Open Space Element hasn't been updated since 1966 but has now been updated and budgeted for in the 2001-03 Budget The Conservation Element was adopted in 1966 and has now been updated and budgeted for in the 2001-03 Budget

Staff recommended that the City Council receive and file the Annual Report

It was moved by Councilmember Adams seconded by Councilmember Franco to receive and file the Annual Report

Staff requested that the City Council set the above date for the Public Hearing to accept the Confirmation Report of Noxious Weed Abatement from the Los Angeles County Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Office Noxious Weed Abatement

Affected owners will have the opportunity to protest any and all charges at this proposed Protest Hearing Staff recommended that the City Council set July 24 2001 as the date of the Protest Hearing

***5 Extension of Contract with Foothill Transit for the Administration of Monrovia Transit Dial-a-Ride in the Amount of \$9 032 00 for Fiscal Year 2001-2002**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

Foothill Transit has assisted in administering Monrovia Transit since 1993 monitoring the contractor's operation of the system in terms of dispatching vehicle maintenance training and other operational aspects of the service They also furnish the City with a biannual report of the service Last year the City paid Foothill Transit \$8 718 00 to provide these administrative services This year a 3.6% increase is being requested raising the cost to \$9 032 00 This increase is based on last year's CPI

Staff recommended that the City Council authorize approval of the 2001-2002 Foothill Transit Dial-a-Ride Administrative Services Agreement

***6 Set for Hearing on July 24 2001 Congestion Management Plan (CMP) Annual Report Resolution 2001-44**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

All cities in Los Angeles County are required to adopt and file a Local Implementation Report with the MTA by September 1 2001 The Local Implementation Report is required to be adopted by the City Council at a noticed public hearing

Staff recommended that the City Council set July 24 2001 as the public hearing date

***7 Final Tract Map No 53385 Regarding Property Located at 868 West Colorado Boulevard**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

Final Tract Map No 53385 is the re-subdivision of the properties at 868 W Colorado Boulevard into a six-unit Planned Unit Development of single family detached two-story dwelling units The tentative map was approved by the City Council on January 23 2001

The Final Tract Map was checked and found to substantially conform to the tentative map is technically correct conforms with the requirements of the Subdivision Map Act and the City's Subdivision Ordinance The CC&R's are on file and the map is in order Staff recommended that the City Council approve the Final Map for Tract No 53385

***8 Huntington Drive Median Project Magnolia to Myrtle Avenues Acceptance of Work Notice of Completion and Final Payment to Pima Corporation dba Advanced Construction in the Amount of \$262 622 50**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

On October 24 2000 the City Council awarded a contract to Pima Corporation d b a Advanced Construction in the amount of \$261 233 00 for the construction of a new median on Huntington Drive from Magnolia Avenue to Myrtle Avenue The work included landscaping irrigation and relocation of streetlights to within the median installation of storm water catch basins and concrete pavement repairs at Primrose Avenue

This project completes the final section of median islands on Huntington Drive within City limits Staff recommended that the City Council accept the contract work as completed by Pima Corporation d b a Advanced Construction in the total amount of \$262 622 50 direct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the County of Los Angeles Recorder and authorize the Director of Public Works to approve payment of the retention thirty-five days after filing of Notice of Completion with the County Recorder

***9 Ratification of Action to Close Monrovia Canyon Park During July 4 2001 Weekend**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

Historically the Fire Department has closed Monrovia Canyon Park on the Fourth of July holiday The Fourth of July attracts large numbers of people who want to have cookouts and sometimes use fireworks in parks and recreation areas The fireworks are dangerous (and illegal in Monrovia) and unsupervised barbecuing by numerous people can be particularly dangerous in Canyon Park during fire season when we typically experience hazardous fire weather In fact the vegetation/brush hazard in our hillside areas is at a critical stage

The closure of Canyon Park is a standard fire prevention tool that has been successfully utilized for years It is the Fire Department's desire to continue that practice in order to protect the public health safety and welfare Additionally City Council approval is required at a subsequent City Council meeting to ratify the closure

In the interest of public safety Monrovia Canyon Park was closed by the Fire Department on July 4 2001 According to the Monrovia Municipal Code the Fire Chief is authorized to close Monrovia Canyon Park to protect the public health safety and welfare Section 12 32 030 of Chapter 12 32 of Title 12 further requires City Council approval of Monrovia Canyon Park closures "at a subsequent City Council meeting"

Staff recommended that the City Council ratify the Fire Department's action of closing Monrovia Canyon Park during the July 4 2001 holiday

10 Residential Curb Numbering Program

Fire Chief Peter Bryan reviewed the Staff Report

Residential curb numbers have been in poor condition or non-existent over the years Numbers are critical for the rapid response of police fire and ambulance personnel Over the years a variety of youth organizations and small businesses have painted curb numbers to varying degrees of quality and continuity from house to house

The Fire Department will be coordinating this program with the Community Development Department Monrovia youth organizations will be invited to apply for a "permit/authorization" and after agreeing to the conditions noted in the staff report will be assigned a residential area in which to operate The City has developed a standardized stencil format which includes the mountains and oak tree branch from the City logo The numbers and graphic logo will be dark green over a white background oval in shape

It was moved by Councilmember Garcia seconded by Councilmember Franco to adopt Resolution No 2001-46

ROLL CALL Ayes Councilmembers Adams Franco Garcia Mayor Pro
Tem Hammond Mayor Blakely
Motion carried 5-0

K PAYROLL & VOUCHERS Payroll No 14 in the net amount of \$415 362 53 and Voucher Numbers 95398 through 95744 and 95719 through 95769 nonsequentially in the amount of \$290 054 86 and \$722 357 48 respectively were approved by order of the Consent Calendar

L SCHEDULED MEETINGS A Special Joint Meeting of the Monrovia City Council and the Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday July 16 2001 5 30 P M Dinner 6 00 P M Meeting Police Community Room 140 East Lime Avenue Monrovia California

The next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council is scheduled for Tuesday July 24 2001 7 30 P M City Council Chambers 415 South Ivy Avenue Monrovia California

Note The Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday August 28 2001 has been cancelled

M ORAL COMMUNICATIONS IF NEEDED

As the initial Oral Communication session did not exceed forty-five minutes there was no need to continue at this time

N CLOSED SESSION None

O ADJOURN It was moved by Councilmember Franco to adjourn Mayor Blakely adjourned the meeting at 10 05 P M

APPROVED


Lara Larramendi Blakely Mayor

ATTEST


Linda B Proctor CMC City Clerk