

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2001, 7:30 P.M.**

**CONVENE:** Following a Study Session to discuss the 2000-2001 Mid-Year Budget commencing at 6:10 P.M. and concluding at 7:07 P.M. in City Council Chambers, at which all members of the City Council were in attendance, Mayor Robert T. Bartlett convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council on Tuesday, January 23, 2001 at 7:30 P.M., City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Robert Spurgeon, First Christian Church, led the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Rob Hammond led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** In attendance were Councilmembers Lara L. Blakely, Joe Garcia, Rob Hammond, Mayor Pro Tem Tom Adams, and Mayor Robert T. Bartlett.

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION:** There was no Closed Session held on January 9, 2001.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**1. Acceptance of Deed for Land Acquisition; Wilderness Preserve**

City Manager Donald R. Hopper assisted the Mayor and City Council in accepting the deed for the community's first land acquisition for the Hillside Wilderness Preserve from "special guest" Samson the Bear. He introduced Co-Chair Gloria Crudgington who thanked all those who were instrumental in arriving at this evening's cause for a presentation. Mayor Bartlett thanked property owner Michael Montgomery for the easement donation of eleven acres.

**2. Introduction of Newly Hired Community Services Employee Matthew Brito**

Community Services Director April Soash introduced newly hired Assistant Recreation Coordinator Matthew Brito to the Mayor, City Council and community. Mayor Bartlett welcomed him to the Monrovia family.

**3. Introduction of Newly Hired Police Department Employee Robert Van**

Police Chief Joseph A. Santoro, introduced newly hired Police Communications Operator Robert Van to the Mayor, City Council and community. Mayor Bartlett welcomed him to the Monrovia family.

**PROCLAMATIONS:** None

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** Student Representative Chris Burau reported on activities at Monrovia High School.

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR:** It was moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Adams, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of Items \*B, \*F-1, and \*K

**ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Councilmembers Blakely, Garcia, Hammond, Mayor Pro Tem Adams, Mayor Bartlett  
Motion carried: 5-0

**\*B. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2001 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

**C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Congressman Gary Miller, hillside property owner, discussed his intentions of developing his property.
2. Dorothy Kelly, Monrovia, discussed the habitats found on Mr. Miller's property.
3. Nicole Snowden, 841 East Lemon Avenue, President and CEO of the National Association of Single Mothers, asked the Council's assistance in finding quarters for her organization. City Clerk Proctor will make copies of the information submitted by her for the City Council for review.
4. Cyrus Kemp, 346 Bradoaks, discussed his views of the proceedings of the Wilderness Preserve Committee meetings.

**D. PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS:****1. Proposed Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, 27<sup>th</sup> Year; Resolution No. 2001-01**

Redevelopment Division Manager Glenn Cox reviewed the Staff Report.

Over the past 26 years, the City of Monrovia has received over \$9 million dollars in CDBG funds under the HCDA, (Housing and Community Development Act) program. Since the City has a population under 50,000, it contracts with the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (CDC) for participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City has received notification from the county that its fiscal year 2001-2002 CDBG allocation is an estimated \$524,710.00, a 1.02% increase from the previous year. In addition to the annual allocation, the City has \$75,096.00 held in contingency. These funds are an accumulation of unspent monies throughout the twenty-six year program coupled with proceeds from the sales of block grant acquired properties. These funds may be utilized during the program year for block grant eligible projects. The Community Development Commission requires participating cities to report a preliminary summary of the projected use of these funds by February 1, 2001.

Staff recommended a continuance of the basic programs that have been funded in previous years, understanding some changes may be necessary based on the final allocation amount. These programs and budget allocations can be further modified or amended when the City Council reviews the FY 2001-2002 budget. The following projects and estimated budgets represented the proposed fiscal year, 2001-2002, CDBG program:

1. Residential Rehabilitation Project - \$184,710.00
2. Code Enforcement - \$180,000.00
3. Neighborhood Recreation Program - \$78,000.00
4. Remedial Sidewalk Project - \$30,000.00
5. Administration - \$52,000.00

These CDBG Programs are crucial to the City's overall neighborhood improvement strategy. Utilizing CDBG funds for these programs allows the City to use general funds for other purposes.

The remaining \$75,096.00 of funds held in contingency may be programmed when the City Council reviews the FY 2001-2002 budget. Use of CDBG funds has no negative impact on the City's general fund.

**Public Hearing Opened and Closed:** Mayor Bartlett 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 Blakely, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Adams, to adopt Resolution No. 2001-01 relating to the Community Development Block Grant Program.**

**ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Councilmembers Blakely, Garcia, Hammond Mayor Pro Tem Adams, and Mayor Bartlett  
Motion carried: 5-0

**2. Tentative Parcel Map No. 53385, Conditional Use Permit CUP2000-24 to Construct a Six-Unit, Detached, Two-Story Planned Unit Development in the RM/RH (Residential Medium/High Density) Zone at Property Owned by Vardham Summer Located at 868 West Colorado Boulevard**

Planning Division Manager Alice Griselle reviewed the Staff Report.

The applicant requested approval of a Tentative Tract Map and Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of a two-story, six-unit Planned Unit Development at 868 West Colorado Boulevard. The site has 116.6 feet of street frontage and contains 19,805 SF of lot area. The property is zoned RM/RH (Residential Medium/Residential High Density). Eight apartment units currently occupy the site.

The site plan consists of a six-unit detached, two-story planned unit development. The front units facing Colorado Boulevard provide a front facing porch and railing along with attractive building and roofline modulation. All garages will face the central driveway, which eliminates street-facing garage doors. Exterior elevations will include stone veneer, chimneys, mullion windows and porch accents. Each unit is four bedrooms and range in size from 1767.5 to 1816 square feet. The proposal meets all the development standards of the Zoning Ordinance (e.g., parking, recreation space, setbacks), no variances are requested. A landscape and irrigation plan will provide for a mix of 24" and 36" box trees. No gates will be permitted as part of this proposal.

The overall site layout provides adequate building separation and open space. The dwellings are well designed with good roof and facade modulation. The front units' setbacks will blend in with the existing neighborhood.

At its meeting of December 13, 2000, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to review the proposal. At the Public Hearing, there was no testimony taken opposed to the project. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the project.

**Public Hearing Opened and Closed:** Mayor Bartlett 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 Hammond, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to approve Tentative Tract Map No. 53385/CUP2000-24 subject to the recommendations in the Staff Report.**

**ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Councilmembers Blakely, Garcia, Hammond Mayor Pro Tem Adams, and Mayor Bartlett  
Motion carried: 5-0

**3. Opened and Continued to February 13, 2001; Amendment to Fee Schedule Resolution Relating to the Application Review of Open Video Systems, Resolution No 2001-06**

Mayor Bartlett opened and continued to the February 13, 2001 City Council meeting. There was no one who wished to speak at this time.

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

**CONVENE:** Chairman Robert T. Bartlett convened the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2001 of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 8:32 P.M. Those in attendance were Boardmembers Blakely, Garcia, Hammond, Vice-Chairman Adams, and Chairman Bartlett.

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR:** It was moved by Boardmember Hammond, seconded by Boardmember Garcia, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of Agenda Item \*B.

**ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Boardmembers Blakely, Garcia, Hammond, Vice-Chairman Adams, Chairman Bartlett  
Motion carried: 5-0

**\*B. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2000 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

**MRA REPORTS:**

1. **Public Hearing, Opened and Continued to February 13, 2001; Nextel of California, Inc. Communications Site Lease Agreement for Property Located at 1613 South Myrtle Avenue (Park & Ride Facility)**

Mayor Bartlett opened and continued this matter to the February 13, 2001 Redevelopment Agency Meeting. There was no one who wished to speak at this time.

**MRA ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Bartlett adjourned the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 8:32 P.M. and the City Council Meeting continued.

**RECONVENE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**E. BIDS:**

1. **Award of Contract for the Recreation Park Armory Renovation and Skate Park Master Plan and Construction Documents to Cornwall & Associates and Purkiss & Rose ~ rsi in the Amount of \$74,750.00**

**Parks Division Manager Dan Iwata reviewed the Staff Report.**

In 1996, the passage of Los Angeles County's Proposition 'A' Initiative provided the City of Monrovia with \$500,000 for the renovation of the Recreation Park Armory Building. The proposed improvements include a 1400-square foot building addition, rehabilitation of the gymnasium and room facilities, landscape, and hardscape.

In order to facilitate this project, two committees were formed, a Skate Park Committee and an Armory and Skate Park Architect Selection Committee. The committees worked simultaneously on the selection of a primary architectural firm to complete the design and construction documents for the armory renovation and a landscape architectural firm to complete the design of the Skate Park. After reviewing proposals and evaluating presentations, it was determined that the most qualified team for this project is Cornwall & Associates (primary architect) and Purkiss & Rose ~ rsi (landscape & skate park design architect).

Staff received professional fees ranging from \$73,900.00 to \$92,800.00. Cornwall and Associates and Purkiss & Rose ~ rsi's proposed fee is \$74,750.00. Funds for this project are available through the following sources:

- \$500,000.00 from the 1996 Los Angeles County Proposition 'A' Initiative
- \$150,000.00 from the City (Staff is pursuing a private donor)
- \$100,000.00 from Community Media of the Foothills

An additional \$566,000.00 in federal funds is available for this project of which \$136,000.00 will be utilized to equip the proposed cable station facility in the Armory Building.

At the January 10, 2001 Community Services Commission meeting, both the Community Services Commission and the Architect Selection Committee recommended the team of Cornwall & Associates and Purkiss & Rose ~ rsi for the project. Based on their recommendation Staff recommended an award of contract to Cornwall & Associates and Purkiss & Rose ~ rsi to complete the project development, preliminary design, and construction documents for the Recreation Park Renovation and Skate Park Project.

Councilmember Hammond thanked Councilmember Garcia, the architects and others for all the work that had been done thus far. He particularly thanked Community Services Commission Kathy Olds who at her own expense traveled all over the state to accumulate information from other sites to assist in the completion of this project. He stated that she had been working towards the completion of this project for six years. Mayor Bartlett noted that this partnership allowed grant money leverage.

Dorothy Kelty, Monrovia, questioned the use of Community of the Media of the Foothills money, believing that money for a studio was addressed in the contract with Adelpia Communications. Mary Ann Lutz, Chair of the Community Services Commission and past Chair of the Media of the Foothills, stated that she did not believe the franchise agreement with Adelpia included that provision. Cyrus Kemp, 346 Bradoaks, stated his opinion as to how the project could be funded. Community Services Director April Soash stated that the station receives 2% of the gross receipts as provided for in the franchise. City Manager Hopper noted that Media of the Foothills pays \$1200.00 in rent currently. Jasen Lewis, resident, stated that he is in agreement with the project.

**It was moved by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to award a contract to Cornwall & Associates and Purkiss & Rose ~ rsi in the amount of \$74,750.00 for project development, preliminary design, and construction documents for the Recreation Park Renovation and the Skate Park Project, and reject all other proposals.**

**ROLL CALL:                   Ayes: Councilmembers Blakely, Garcia, Hammond, Mayor Pro Tem Adams, Mayor Bartlett  
Motion carried: 5-0**

Ms. Soash introduced Brian Cox, skateboarder, who has attended all of the meetings regarding the Skate Park project.

**F. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

**\*1. Receive and File; Application for ABC Beverage License (Person-to-Person Transfer) for El Matador Mexican Restaurant, 400 West Huntington Drive**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

Notice has been received from ABC that Juan Oliveros and Rigoberto Dominguez have submitted an application for a type 41 On-Sale Beer and Wine License. Based on the background investigation on the applicants, Staff found no reason to recommend any other action on this application. There is no fiscal impact. Staff recommended that the City Council receive and file the application.

**G. REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS & SUB-COMMITTEES:**

- 1. Councilmember Blakely reported that:**
  - (a) At the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Legislative meeting this morning in Irwindale the committee discussed Phase 2 of the Blue Line, which is the continuance to Claremont; solid waste standards; the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and Assemblyman Chavez's and Senator Margett's promise to support Congresswoman Solis' quest for funding for it.
- 2. Councilmember Hammond reported that:**
  - (a) He asked that anyone dependent on electricity for safety and well being contact the Fire Department to let them know in case of a power outage. He expressed his disappointment that the twinkle lights recently installed in the downtown area, which take very minimal electricity, will be turned off due to the purported power shortage. He stated that the City Council would hold a Study Session on power alternatives in the very near future.
- 3. Councilmember Garcia reported that:**
  - (a) He stated that he was excited that the Youth Center and Skate Park project was moving forward. He gave special thanks to those people who had been instrumental in bringing the project to its current status.

(b) He commended the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments for gearing up for the rolling outages.

(c) He commended Monrovia Unified School District for the growth in their recent test scores, noting that not only had it met its target, but surpassed the target.

**4. Mayor Pro Tem Adams reported that:**

(a) He congratulated Mary Ann Lutz, Iris Award winner, Richard Poston, Dick Lord Award winner, and Lathrop Hoffman, Monroe Business Leader Award winner, recognized at the Chamber of Commerce's recent annual dinner. He congratulated outgoing President Delores Olson for her presidency.

**5. Mayor Bartlett reported that:**

(a) Southern California had not been chosen for the MagLev funding but rather Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C. were the winners. He stated that other funding was available for which Southern California was eligible. He stated that the private sector has agreed to work on the project.

(b) He had received a number of telephone calls regarding the twinkle lights that were on in the downtown area. He stated that symbolically it might say to some that the City was not using electricity frugally; however, even though the lights are of low wattage, they will still be turned off.

(c) He had been working for well over a year to have legislated a sign on the freeway for those cities that were over 100 years old. While his efforts were lost in the last legislative session by Senator Margett's office, the Senator had now gone on record that he will administratively see that this is carried through or he will have a bill in this legislative year to carry this through.

(d) He hoped that the Study Session regarding uses of energy would include opportunities to lower energy costs through gas, solar, and other resources.

**H. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: None**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**1. Recreation Park Playground Accessibility and Recycling Grant Program, Resolution No. 2001-04**

Parks Division Manager Dan Iwata reviewed the Staff Report.

The Park Playground Accessibility and Recycling Grant Program is part of State Assembly Bill 18 (Villaraigose) and Senate Bill 147 (Keeley). The Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 authorizes the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to administer this grant program. The grant program assists cities in upgrading public playground equipment. In order for the City to participate in the grant program, the City Council must adopt a resolution.

In October 2000, an audit of the City's playground equipment was performed by a Certified Playground Safety Inspector pursuant to California Regulation R-39-97. Some of the play equipment at Recreation Park did not meet Federal and State Codes and is in need of replacement. Staff believed that this grant program would be a good source to provide the necessary funds to replace this play equipment.

The City can request up to \$50,000.00 in funds through this grant program and must match these funds at 50%.

Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2001-04 authorizing Staff to submit an application for grant funding to obtain new play equipment at Recreation Park.

**It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Adams, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to adopt Resolution No. 2001-04 authorizing the City's participation in the Park Playground Accessibility and Recycling Grant Program – Proposition 12 Funds (Villaraigosa-Keeley Act).**

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes: Councilmembers Blakely, Garcia, Hammond, Mayor Pro Tem Adams, and Mayor Bartlett  
Motion carried: 5-0**



community would not cover the total cost of all 600 acres of privately held foothill property, yet was optimistic that the difference could be obtained from State and/or federal sources. With matching funds in hand, City Council, staff and community leaders alike felt that Monrovia stood a great chance of being identified as a role model of how local communities can attract outside funding if they are willing to be part of the solution.

Monrovia's advocacy firm, Turch & Associates, has enjoyed a strong degree of success with obtaining federal funding through these lobbying efforts. However, despite several key victories in the areas of transportation and youth services, federal funding has been hard to come by with respect to open space acquisition. And while Turch will continue plugging away at the federal level with Congressman Dreier and Senators Feinstein and Boxer, it is apparent that Monrovia needs to double its efforts in Sacramento.

With Prop 12 Parks Bond funds being earmarked for other projects, Monrovia was going to have to act soon to have a realistic shot at securing a sizeable amount of funding. With time being of the essence, staff investigated several lobbying firms specializing in Sacramento politics. In conducting background inquiries, the firm of Rose & Kindel seemed uniquely equipped to act as Monrovia's Sacramento coalition-building specialist. They have thirteen years of experience and their staff has a great deal of expertise not only in working the political system from both sides of the aisle, but also on environmental and open space work. Staff requested a formal proposal.

Pursuant to the proposed contract, Rose & Kindel would work on a flat fee/project basis. The flat fee is \$60,000.00. The specific project is to obtain land acquisition funding for the City of Monrovia, either through existing funded programs or through a specific appropriation in the State of California's FY 2001-02 budget. This would include any and all "trailer" legislation needed to secure the appropriation.

City Staff and the Wilderness Preserve Steering Committee alike have interviewed the principal and staff at Rose & Kindel. The consensus remains that the lobbying effort at the State level is needed and that Rose & Kindel is the right firm for the task. The Wilderness Preserve Steering Committee has agreed that this expenditure is directly linked to the Committee's efforts to acquire and preserve open space, and thus, understand that it would be taken from the Measure B proceeds.

Rose & Kindel have an outstanding reputation as an effective lobbying firm. In various consultations with their principals and staff, they demonstrate a strong grasp of the politics in the environmental arena. Staff believes Rose & Kindel will be a successful advocate for Monrovia. Staff recommended that the City Council approve a contract with Rose & Kindel in the amount of \$60,000.00.

Ms. Rose of Rose & Kindel was introduced.

**It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Adams, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to direct the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Rose & Kindel, not to exceed \$60,000.00.**

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmembers Blakely, Garcia, Hammond, Mayor Pro Tem Adams, Mayor Bartlett  
Motion carried: 5-0**

**I. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: None**

**\*K. PAYROLL & VOUCHERS:** Payroll No. 2 in the net amount of \$380,944.48; and Voucher Numbers 91619 through 92273 non-sequentially in the amount of \$788,933.27 were adopted by order of the Consent Calendar.


**L. SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

The next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2001, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California.

**M. CLOSED SESSION: None**

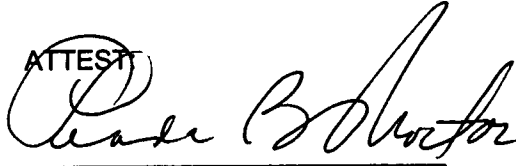
N. **ADJOURN:** It was moved by Councilmember Hammond to adjourn. Mayor Bartlett adjourned the meeting at 9:32 P.M.

APPROVED:



Robert T. Bartlett, Mayor

ATTEST



Linda B. Proctor, CMC, City Clerk