

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2001, 7:30 P.M.**

**CONVENE:** Mayor Robert T. Bartlett convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday, February 27, 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 Lara L. Blakely 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 OF FEBRUARY 13, 2001:**

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section §54957.6. Agency Negotiator: Theresa St. Peter; Group Employees: Police Officers Association.

City Attorney Michael G. Colantuono reported that at the last City Council meeting, the Council gave instructions to the negotiator. The results will be heard as item J-I this evening.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. **Councilmember Dr. Sheng Chang from the City of Arcadia**

Dr. Chang presented Mayor Bartlett with a plaque from the City of Arcadia in recognition of years of service to not only Monrovia but also the whole of the San Gabriel Valley.

2. **Introduction of Newly Hired Community Service Assistant Recreation Coordinator Jessica Ralles**

Michele Tompkins, Recreation Division Manager, introduced Jessica Ralles, newly hired Community Service Assistant Recreation Coordinator, to the Mayor, City Council and community. Mayor Bartlett welcomed Ms. Ralles to the Monrovia family.

3. **Recognition of Retiring Historic Preservation Commissioners Donna Baker and Kent Cornwall**

Robert Kastenbaum, Director of Community Development, assisted Mayor Bartlett in recognizing Donna Baker and Kent Cornwall, who recently retired from the Historic Preservation Commission.

**PROCLAMATIONS:** None

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

Representative Burau extended his thanks to the Council for the opportunity to serve as Student Representative and noted the uniqueness of this position.

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR:** It was moved by Councilmember Hammond, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Adams, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of Items \*E-1, \*F-1, \*F-2, \*I-1, \*I-2, \*I-3, \*I-4, \*I-5, \*J-1 and \*K.

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

**B. MINUTES: None****G. REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS & SUB-COMMITTEES – Out of Order**

Mayor Bartlett moved this item out of order.

At this time, Councilmember Blakely asked to move her planned showing of a video regarding the Canyon Park Education Program to allow the representatives in attendance to leave. She introduced Dan Iwata, Parks Division Manager, who presented the video and introduced Glen Owens and Joanne Spring. Mr. Owens and Ms. Spring spoke on their appreciation of the program.

The 10-minute video was of the interior of the Canyon Park, its educational programs and its wildlife.

**C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Pastor Robert Spurgeon, 139 West Palm Avenue, Monrovia, read a letter from the Monrovia Ministerial Association regarding Planned Parenthood. He also spoke representing First Christian Church's opposition to Planned Parenthood opening in Monrovia.
2. Denise Regio, Monrovia, spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood.
3. Clair Chesley, California Avenue, Monrovia, spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood.
4. Joe Keene, 109 East Hillcrest, Monrovia, spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood.

Mayor Bartlett asked City Attorney Michael Colantuono to explain the City's position on the Planned Parenthood issue. Mr. Colantuono noted that Planned Parenthood had obtained the necessary building permits to construct a building in the BE (Business Enterprise) Zone. This zone allows for medical use without any discretionary approval. He also stated that he has tried to find some way for the City to deny the use including contacting the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, but has not found anything to prevent the use.

5. Robert Autman, 4640 Ramola, La Verne, spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood.
6. Douglas Barris. (no address given) spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood.
7. Dr. Joe Capitano, 7203 Shady Lane Drive, Duarte, spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood.
8. Lisa Burrows, 1935 Anaheim St, Costa Mesa, spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood.
9. Scott Garland, Wildrose Avenue, Monrovia, spoke regarding being disabled and his disappointment with the theater to meet the needs of the handicapped. He stated that he believes his opinion has not been heard.

Mayor Bartlett requested that Staff review the situation. City Manager Hopper stated that he has been in contact with Mr. Garland.

10. Karen Garland, 328 Wildrose Avenue, Monrovia, spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood.
11. Dr. Jim Bagett, Santa Teresita Hospital, spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood.
12. John O'Neil, 239 Prospect, Monrovia, President of Monrovia's Against Planned Parenthood, spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood.
13. Christine O'Neil, 239 Prospect, Monrovia, spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood.
14. Sandy Natal, Oak Meadow Rd., Arcadia, spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood.
15. Heather Burkhead, 140 Madison, Monrovia, spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood and in support of Scott Garland.
16. Susan Hicks, 322 West Lime, spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood.
17. Wanda Wiggins, 7321 Suess, West Covina, spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood.
18. Terese Burch, 235 West El Sur, Monrovia, spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood.
19. Dee Tony, 1626 South Mayflower, Monrovia, spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood.
20. Celeste (no last name given), 156 El Nido, Monrovia, spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood.

Mayor Bartlett called for a short break from 8:54 PM. to 9:04 P.M.

21. Bob Wheeler, 632 West Lime, Monrovia, asked Councilmembers to state their positions on abortion. Mayor Bartlett noted that Oral Communications is the time for the public to speak to the

Council.

22. Steve Miller, Ridgeside Drive, Monrovia, thanked Mayor Pro Tem Adams for his work on the Wilderness Preserve.
23. Karen Suarez, 174 Madeline, Monrovia, spoke in support of Councilmember Blakely.
24. Betty Cleveland, Sierra Madre, spoke in opposition to Planned Parenthood.
25. Harrison Taylor, 253 N. Ivy, Monrovia, spoke in support of Monrovia's Against Planned Parenthood. Also spoke about the Longford house as historic home.

**D. PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS:**

**1. Hearing of Protests for Abatement of Weeds, Rubbish and Refuse**

Linda Proctor, City Clerk, reviewed the Staff Report.

On February 13, 2001 the City Council approved a resolution setting a Hearing of Protest for the February 27, 2001, City Council meeting. The Hearing will give an opportunity for any property owner whose property had been noticed by the County for potential weed abatement a time to be heard and to state reasons as to why the nuisance should not be removed. Owners have the option of removing the nuisance themselves or having the County abate and charge the owners accordingly on their property tax statement. Two property owners had contacted the City Clerk to date in protest and had been assisted by Jim Hartman, Los Angeles County Weed Abatement Division. Mr. Hartman was in attendance to answer any questions.

**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 Mayor Pro Tem Adams, seconded by Councilmember Blakely, to adopt the Abatement Order directing the Agricultural Commissioner of Los Angeles County to abate the identified nuisances at the Property Owners' expenses.

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

**2. Historic Landmark Designation HL-32/Mills Act Contract MA-32 for Property Located at 101-107 West Foothill Boulevard and 107 North Myrtle Avenue by Owner Robert Apramian; Resolution No. 2001-08**

Alice Griselle, Planning Division Manager, reviewed the Staff Report.

This building consists of a combination of an older and newer building. The older building (101, 103, 105, 107 Foothill Blvd. and 107 N. Myrtle Ave.) was built in 1928. This section is well preserved and embodies an architectural style detailing original rough-sawn doors and frames that have been preserved and restored in their exact original detail. Each storefront has large window panels that have decorative fixed window transoms above them. The brick exterior is trimmed with decorative strips of ceramic white bricks that provide a distinguishing detail.

The other building (109 and 111 West Foothill Boulevard) was built in 1952. In 1998, the exterior of that building was given a new look. Brick veneer and windows were added to mimic the exterior of the older part of the building, however, the transoms above the windows have been excluded.

In 1991, when the building was seismically reinforced, the engineers and contractor were instructed to preserve the aesthetic integrity in design without any visible bolts, straps or hardware facing Foothill Blvd and Myrtle Avenue. This technique helped to preserve the integrity of the exterior brick facade.

As specified by the Historic Landmark Ordinance, a property must meet one or more of the designation criteria. The Historic Preservation Commission determined that the building at 101-107 West Foothill Boulevard meets three of the required criteria.

Concurrent with requesting historic landmark status, the applicants are requesting approval of a Mills Act Contract. The Mills Act Contract will provide tax savings for the property owner. The City will lose a small portion of the property tax collected on the property to assure its preservation and enhancement.

In addition to the set standards and conditions, the Commission proposed additional conditions that will restore the building to landmark quality in ten years. These include removing the existing canopies and replacing them with period-style straight angled canopies, replacing the bricks along the exterior sill of each storefront window with white ceramic bricks, reconstructing transoms that have been modified so that they reflect the original style, and replacing non-wood window frames with wood frames.

The Commission determined that the 1928 building qualifies as a historic landmark with a Mills Act contract. The applicant has requested to include the newer building (109-111 West Foothill Boulevard) in the designation and Mills Act. However, the Commission felt that although the façade has been remodeled to match the original building, it does not meet the required criteria for designation, and should not be covered by the Mills Act Contract. The buildings are on one site but are separate buildings built at separate times.

The Historic Preservation Commission recommends approval of landmark designation and execution of a Mills Act Contract for the building at 101-107 West Foothill Boulevard.

Councilmember Blakely asked about the ability to be released from the program. Ms. Griselle explained the procedure and noted that it has been explained to the applicant.

**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 Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Hammond, to approve Resolution No. 2001-08 designating the property at 101-107 West Foothill Boulevard Historic Landmark Number 32, and approve entering into a Mills Act Contract with the conditions of approval.

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

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

**CONVENE:** Chairman Robert T. Bartlett convened the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2001 of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 9:50 P.M. in City Council Chambers without adjourning the City Council Meeting. Those in attendance were Boardmembers Blakely, Garcia, Hammond, Vice-Chairman Adams, and Chairman Bartlett.

**A.     **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None**

**B.     **MINUTES:** None**

**MRA REPORTS:**

**1.     **Marketing Brochure Contract Agreement for Redevelopment and Production of Marketing Materials with John Kruissink in an Amount of Not Exceed \$35,000.00****

Dick Singer, Public Information Officer, reviewed the Staff Report.

Monrovia's economic development marketing materials have become outdated. A good, general brochure has not been produced for at least ten years, and a new piece with a new approach is badly needed. As envisioned, this new brochure will also serve as a core for other marketing materials, providing design motif, copy and art work that can be adapted as needed for specified target firms.



improvements.

On January 25, 2001 nine (9) bids were received and opened by the City Clerk. Bids ranged from \$225,575 to \$439,100 with the engineer's estimate being \$283,000. During subsequent discussions with the low bidder, he stated that the project plans did not reflect sufficient detail on private properties; therefore the possibility of change orders was raised adding additional costs to the project and the possibility that the low bidder could become the high bidder. Also subsequent to the bid opening, the City Attorney suggested that the City secure in writing, consent from each property owner allowing the City contractor to perform the necessary work on his or her property prior to beginning the work.

Staff recommended that the City Council reject all bids and authorize Staff to re-advertise the project.

#### **F. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

##### **\*1. Receive and File; Application of ABC Beverage (Person-to-Person Transfer) License for Holiday Inn, 924 West Huntington Drive**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

Notice was received from ABC that David H. Chen, Nancy L. Chen and Jerry D. Easley have submitted an application for a type 47 On-Sale General License. Based on the background investigation on the applicants, Staff finds no reason to recommend any other action on this application. There is no fiscal impact and Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file the application.

##### **\*2. Denial of Liability Claim – Fire Insurance Exchange (on behalf of Valeria Walker) v. City of Monrovia**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

Ms. Walker experienced a sewer back up into her home on December 7, 1999. The City immediately responded and had the affected area cleaned up. Her insurer has submitted a claim on her behalf for property damage.

The claim submitted by the insurer is completely excessive. The itemized list of items repaired and/or replaced was not damaged as a result of the sewer back up.

Claimant sought \$15,356.93 in damages. Staff recommended rejection of the claim.

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

##### **1. Councilmember Blakely reported that:**

- (a) Monrovia Business Association had appointed their officers with Marjorie Irvin as President.
- (b) She will not be in attendance at the March 13, 2001 City Council meeting due to meetings in Washington D.C.

##### **2. Councilmember Hammond reported that:**

- (a) Read across Monrovia coincided with the celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday.

##### **3. Councilmember Garcia reported that:**

- (a) The Coronation for the Monrovia Days Queen and Court had been held and several councilmembers were in attendance.
- (b) The first community meeting including parents and youth with the architects for the proposed skate park will be tomorrow night.

##### **2. Mayor Pro Tem Adams reported that:**

- (a) He met with the Fire Department and the new residents of Peppertree Lane where an appreciation lunch was held catered by Albertson's for allowing the Fire Department to do training exercises on the adjoining property.

**3. Mayor Bartlett reported that:**  
**(a) Appointment of Mayor's Advisory Committee (MAC)**

It was moved by Mayor Bartlett, seconded by Councilmember Blakely, to appoint Gloria Huss, Monrovia Floral, Michael Colasuonno, MAC Financial, and Ted Goldbeck, Krikorian Premiere Theaters, to the Monrovia Advisory Committee.

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

- (b) He will not be in attendance at the March 13, 2001 City Council meeting due to being in Washington, D.C.  
 (c) He extended thanks to City employees, past and present City Managers, Linda Proctor, Rachael Hughes, Police and Fire Departments, for their effort and support over the years.

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

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**\*1. Permit for Temporary Encroachment on a Public Street for the Monrovia Business Association to Operate the 2001 Family Festival, Effective March 2, 2001 to December 21, 2001**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

Each year, the Monrovia Business Association (MBA) requests an encroachment permit for the Friday Night Family Festival. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year of the Festival and the MBA is again requesting the encroachment permit. The permit is attached and addresses a wide array of concerns ranging from the traffic flow to liability indemnification. The Festival is a key economic promotion for the downtown and a distinctive community event for the City. Staff recommends approval of the permit.

**\*2. 1999-2000 City Sidewalk Project; Acceptance of Work, Filing of Notice of Completion, and Final Payment in the Amount of \$29,684.90 to E. C. Construction**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

On June 13, 2000, the City Council awarded a contract in the amount of \$30,642 to E.C. Construction of South El Monte, California for the City CDBG Sidewalk Project, 2000. The work started on August 15, 2000 and was completed on September 19, 2000. Public Works staff reviewed the work throughout its progress and found it to be completed in a satisfactory manner.

The final cost of the project was \$29,684.90, a decrease of \$957.10. The difference in cost was due to quantities of field measurements of completed work.

Staff recommended that the City Council accept the contract work as completed by E.C. Construction (2213 Chino Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733) in the total amount of \$29,684.90, 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 (35) days after filing of the Notice of Completion with the County Recorder.

**\*3. Set for Public Hearing on March 13, 2001; Amendment to Title 17 of the Monrovia Municipal Code Relating to Regulations Pertaining to Drive-Thru Business Operations, Ordinance No. 2001-05**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

At its meeting of February 14, 2001, the Planning Commission approved Planning Commission Resolution 2001-02 recommending approval of Ordinance 2001-05 amending Title 17 (Zoning). The proposed ordinance would place regulations on businesses with drive-thru operations that are within 100

feet of residential zones. Staff recommends that the City Council set March 13, 2001 as the date for the Public Hearing.

**\*4 Set for Public Hearing on March 13, 2001; Amendment to Title 17 of the Monrovia Municipal Code Relating to Adding Regulations Pertaining to Late Night Business Operations, Ordinance No. 2001-06**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

At its meeting of February 14, 2001, the Planning Commission approved Planning Commission Resolution 2001-03 recommending approval of Ordinance 2001-06 amending Title 17 (Zoning). The proposed ordinance would place regulations on businesses with late night operations that are within 100 feet of residential zones. Staff recommended that the City Council set March 13, 2001 as the date for the Public Hearing.

**\*5 Set for Public Hearing on March 13, 2001; General Plan Amendment GPA2001-02/Zone Change ZC2001-01; Change RM300/PUD and Zone Designations to PD-Area 23 to Establish Regulations specifically for Double Frontage Lots; Ordinance No. 2001-04**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

At its meeting of February 14, 2001, the Planning Commission approved Planning Commission Resolution 2001-01 recommending approval of a General Plan amendment and a zone change for the Walnut/Royal Oaks neighborhood. The General Plan Amendment creates a new Planned Development Area with specific regulations for the double frontage lots along Walnut Avenue and Royal Oaks Drive. The proposed Zone Change would change the zoning designation from RM3000/PUD to the proposed PD-23 (Planned Development-Area 23). Staff recommended that the City Council set March 13, 2001 as the date for the Public Hearing.

**I. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

**\*1. Consideration of Approval to Amend Personnel Rules and Regulations to Provide for Compensation and Supplemental Benefits, as well as a Unit Change, for Police Lieutenants from Appendix "G" to Appendix "H", Resolution No. 2001-10.**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

Adoption of Resolution No. 2001-10 would provide for the movement of Police Lieutenants from the Police Officers' Association (Appendix "G") to the Mid-Management Unit (Appendix "H") as well as compensation and benefit adjustments for these employees effective March 1, 2001.

Police Lieutenants have historically been members of the Police Officers' Association. However, their job duties place their main responsibilities as managers over distinct units. Therefore, it seems more appropriate to place these employees in the Mid-Management Employee Unit.

Additionally, both the Police Lieutenants and the Police Officers' Association representatives agree that a commonality of interests does not exist between the parties. As a result, they have each requested that the City remove this classification of employees from the Monrovia Police Officers' Association.

The current Mid-Managers all report directly to a Department Director. Police Lieutenants report to the Police Captains, who are also members of the Mid-Management Unit.

The Police Lieutenants have agreed to slightly reduced benefits than those enjoyed by the current Mid-Managers. As a result, they will not receive the City deferred compensation contribution or an auto allowance. The Police Lieutenants will receive a 4.27% increase in total compensation based on survey results obtained for fiscal year 2000-01.

The total cost to the General Fund to provide for the recommended salary increase is \$10,424.00 that which is available from General Fund revenues. Staff recommended approval.

**\*K. PAYROLL & VOUCHERS:** Payroll No. 4 in the net amount of \$372,881.30 and Voucher Numbers 92674 through 92973 non-sequentially in the amount of \$668,923.77 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

**L. SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

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

Mayor Bartlett noted that a Special Meeting of the Monrovia City Council will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2001, 7:30 P.M., City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California, to accept the City Clerk's Canvass of Votes and administer the Oaths of Office to the newly elected Mayor, City Councilmembers, City Clerk and City Treasurer. A reception will follow.

**M. CLOSED SESSION:**

1. Contract Employee Performance Evaluation – City Attorney, Pursuant to Government Code §54957

Mayor Bartlett announced that this matter had been rescheduled to March 13, 2001.

**N. ADJOURN:** Mayor Bartlett adjourned the meeting at 10:12 P.M. in memory of Peter Savage who passed away on February 14, 2001.

APPROVED:

  
Lara Larramendi Blakely, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Linda B. Proctor, CMC, City Clerk