

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL
AND THE
MONROVIA BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2006, 5:00 P.M.**

CONVENE: Mayor Rob Hammond convened the Special Joint Meeting of the Monrovia City Council and the Monrovia Board of Education of Tuesday, February 9, 2006 at 5:11 P.M. at the Monrovia Community Center. Staff in attendance was City Manager Scott Ochoa, City Attorney Craig A. Steele, City Clerk Linda B. Proctor, Superintendent of Schools Louise K. Taylor, and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Kristin K. Mariconda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Clare R. Chesley led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL: In attendance: Clare R. Chesley, President, Bryan Wong, Vice President, Ed Gililland, Clerk, Chris Rich, Member, and Councilmembers Tom Adams, Joe Garcia, Dan Kirby, Mayor Pro Tem Mary Ann Lutz, and Mayor Rob Hammond.

PUBLIC INPUT FOR MATTERS ON THE AGENDA:

Those speaking:

1. Charlotte Schamadan, Monrovia Library Board
2. Bruce Carter, Monrovia
3. Betty Sandford, Monrovia
4. Becky Shevlin, Monrovia
5. Gloria Crudgington, Monrovia

OTHER BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA: President Chesley presented a framed award winning picture by a student to the City Council.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

President Chesley stated that all of the Board supported the Library bond both privately and publicly, but that they have taken an oath of support to support the High School. She stated that it was incumbent on her to work for Monrovia Unified School District students, and that she hoped that the City would choose to support their bond if put on the ballot.

1. Findings of Monrovia Unified School District High School Improvement Bond Survey: Superintendent Taylor presented the findings of the independent bond survey with the aid of Power Point. She reviewed the various responses. She noted that the decision date as to whether to initiate a bond issue was February 22, 2006. Discussion ensued, including Mayor Pro Tem Lutz's request of how many of the respondents lived in the City as opposed to the County area of Monrovia. As that data was not available at this time, Superintendent Taylor would provide it to the City next week.

In answer to Mayor Hammond's inquiry regarding the funding structure, Superintendent Taylor stated that the Board had not as yet met with the underwriters, but she anticipated a \$30 million bond would be \$9.00 per \$100,000.00 assessed evaluation and that it would extend the current bond. Further discussion ensued.

2. Findings of Monrovia Public Library Renovation Survey: City Manager Ochoa presented the findings of the independent bond survey with the aid of Power Point. He reviewed the various responses. He then presented a bond issue scenario of the type of bond structure the District's underwriters had provided to the City. Discussion ensued, including the Board's statement that the structure of the financing of the bond had not been discussed or decided.

Further discussion ensued regarding the City's support of the School District's bond issue of 1997, with anticipation of the same support for the City's Library bond issue.

At the conclusion of the Meeting, Mayor Hammond stated that people care very passionately about the issue at hand, and that the City had had its plan in place since 2000 with a rendering of what it needed and wanted for a new Library, whereas he did not believe that School District had such in place.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Hammond adjourned the Meeting at 7:05 P.M.

APPROVED:

Rob Hammond, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda B. Proctor, MMC, City Clerk