

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009, 7:30 P.M.**

CONVENE: Mayor Mary Ann Lutz convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday, November 3, 2009, at 7 30 P.M., City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California. In attendance were City Manager Scott Ochoa, City Attorney Craig A. Steele, and City Clerk Alice D. Atkins.

INVOCATION: Pastor Gregory Douglass gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Becky A. Shevlin led the Flag Salute.

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

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

PR-1 Proclaiming Tuesday, November 10, 2009 as "Methodist Hospital Day": Mayor Lutz proclaimed Tuesday, November 10, 2009, as "Methodist Hospital Day" in recognition of Methodist Hospital's vital role, and of the importance its expansion plays in providing healthcare for the community. Methodist Hospital Foundation President Mike Driebe was on hand to accept the proclamation.

PR-2 Recognition of Sponsors for the 2009 Halloween Costume and Pumpkin Carving Contests: Community Services Commission Chair Brian Ulm introduced and thanked the sponsors of the 2009 Halloween Costume and Pumpkin Carving Contest who were being recognized by the Mayor and City Council. The event was held on Saturday, October 31st from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at the Monrovia Community Center. Event activities included a costume contest for youth 0-14 years, a pumpkin carving contest for youth and adults and a toddler area. The main event sponsors included Citizen's Business Bank, Kaizen Martial Arts and Fitness, Monrovia Old Town Merchants, The Sauce Creative Services, Monrovia Memorial Hospital and Sierra Autocars, Inc.

PR-3 Recognition of Retired Planning Commissioner Patricia Gonzales and Retired Library Boardmember Amit Sen: The Mayor and City Council recognized retired Planning Commissioner Patricia Gonzales and retired Library Boardmember Amit Sen for their dedication to the community and presented them each with a plaque in appreciation of their service.

PR-4 Recognition of Artist Susan Dobay for her Generous Donation of Paintings for Display at City Hall: The Mayor and City Council recognized Susan Dobay for her generous donation of her original artwork to the City of Monrovia. The paintings highlighted scenes of Monrovia's historic Old Town District and were being displayed in the City Hall Lobby.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Student Liaison Savannah Spicer reported on past and future activities at the high school.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: There were no changes to the order of business.

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Adams abstained on CC-1 as he had not been in attendance at the Meeting. There were no objections. The Consent Calendar consisted of the following Agenda items:

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the October 20, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council

CC-2 Payroll No. 22 in the Amount of \$583,000.06 and Voucher Nos. 161346 through 161650 in the Amount of \$1,110,497.51

CC-3 Set for Public Hearing on November 17, 2009; Amendment to Title 17 (Zoning) of the Monrovia Municipal Code pertaining to regulations for Electronic Message Boards: Earlier in the

year, the City received a request from a church and private school requesting permission to install an electronic message board. At the time, the City of Monrovia Sign Code (Chapter 17 24) prohibited this type of sign.

Staff reviewed a number of recently adopted ordinances of other communities and an April 2008 Zoning Practice report from the American Planning Association (APA). On the basis of this review, Staff was of the opinion that it was appropriate to create regulations to allow electronic message boards for churches and private institutions. In order for this to occur, the City's Sign Ordinance would need to be amended. On October 14, 2009, the Planning Commission reviewed the draft Ordinance and, after taking public testimony, recommended approval of the Ordinance to the City Council. Staff recommended setting November 17, 2009 as the date of the Public Hearing.

CC-4 County of Los Angeles 2008 State Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-recipient Agreement; and purchase of one Automated License Plate Reader from PIPS Technology in the amount of \$23,112.00: The Monrovia Police Department and Monrovia Fire Department were seeking approval to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the County of Los Angeles as administrator of 2008 the Homeland Security Grant. The Monrovia Police Department was also seeking approval for the sole source purchase of one Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) from PIPS Technology for the amount of \$23,112, utilizing a portion of the grant funds.

Staff recommended that the City Council approve the 2008 State Homeland Security Grant Program Sub-recipient Agreement, authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents, and approve of the purchase of one Automated License Plate Reader from PIPS Technology in the amount of \$23,112.00.

CC-5 Certificate of Authorized Officials for Signing Official Documents, Resolution No. 2009-67: Resolution No. 2009-67 identified the authorized officials who were qualified and could conduct either banking or custodial transactions, or sign documents on the City's behalf. This listing was a standard procedure for banking, custodial operations, and all other official city business, and permitted agencies to execute transactions after an authorized official had provided direction.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Kim Millwee, Monrovia
2. Kurt Thorgerson, Monrovia
3. Pam Fitzpatrick, Monrovia

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS: There were no Public Hearings.

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

MRA CONVENE: Chairman Mary Ann Lutz convened the Meeting of November 3, 2009, of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 8:00 P.M. in City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, without adjourning the City Council Meeting.

MRA ROLL CALL: Those in attendance were Boardmembers Joe Garcia, Clarence R. Shaw, Becky A. Shevlin, Vice-Chairman Tom Adams and Chairman Mary Ann Lutz.

MRA CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Boardmember Garcia, seconded by Boardmember Shaw, to approve the Consent Calendar. Vice Chairman Adams abstained as he had not been in attendance at the Meeting. There were no objections. The Consent Calendar consisted of the following item.

MRA CC-1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency of October 20, 2009

MRA PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS: None

MRA ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

MRA ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Lutz adjourned the Meeting at 8 01 P.M

RECONVENE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND SUB-COMMITTEES:

RCC1 Mayor Lutz reported that

(a) **Appointments to fill the Unscheduled Vacancies on the Planning Commission and Library Board:** It was moved by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, to appoint Jhaila Brown to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Patricia Gonzales ending June 30, 2011, and Andy Bencosme to the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Amit Sen ending June 30, 2010. There were no objections.

(b) **Monthly Census Update:** Community Development Director Alice Griselle updated the City Council on the Census.

(c) She announced the official grand opening of Living Spaces at the former Expo site.

(d) She attended the Broker's Reception on Thursday, October 29, 2009, and commented that the City and the Chamber of Commerce had partnered to inform businesses in the surrounding areas about opportunities in Monrovia.

(e) She attended the Santa Anita Family Service Second Annual Visions of Hope Dinner where they honored former City Clerk Linda Proctor, Doris Brochu, and Gladys Gomez for their many years of service and contributions to the community.

(f) She attended the 20th Anniversary celebration of the Tzu-Chi Foundation and reported on the many contributions they have made to the community, the country, and throughout the world.

RCC2 Mayor Pro Tem Adams reported that

(a) **Proclaiming November 15, 2009 as "America Recycles Day":** He proclaimed November 15, 2009 as "America Recycles Day" and reported on the events related to day, including a partnership with LA County to launch a reusable bag campaign through December 17, with free bags being offered through the Department of Public Works November 16-20, 2009.

(b) He worked with Councilmember Garcia at Canyon Park for Make a Difference Day and talked about scheduling a work day at Canyon Park in the spring to be followed by a community barbeque.

RCC3 Councilmember Garcia reported that:

(a) It was Election Day for some cities and counties, and the following day he would be attending a Legislative Reception hosted by the League of California Cities, Los Angeles Division, honoring outgoing Legislators Statewide for their service.

RCC4 Councilmember Shaw reported that

(a) He had the opportunity to serve on the selection committee for the Planning Commission vacancy, there were a lot of qualified candidates and he congratulated everyone who applied.

RCC5 Councilmember Shevlin reported that.

(a) As the MOTAB liaison, she reviewed upcoming holiday events in Old Town.

(b) She reviewed the upcoming community events, including the 44th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on November 20, and the Veterans Day Observance and dedication of the war memorials on November 11.

(c) She announced that her son, daughter-in-law and grandchild would be arriving from Germany on November 10.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR: None

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council was scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2009, 7 30 P.M., City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California.

PUBLIC INPUT, CONTINUED, IF NEEDED: None

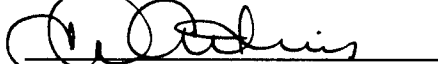
ADJOURNMENT: At 8.20 P M. Mayor Lutz adjourned the Meeting in memory of Rose Marie Sherman, Monrovia resident and wife of Greg Sherman, and Earline Mountjoy, longtime Monrovia resident, wife of former state Senator Richard Mountjoy and mother of Assemblyman Dennis Mountjoy

APPROVED:



Mary Ann Lutz, Mayor

ATTEST



Alice D. Atkins, CMC, City Clerk

