

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 11 2001 7 30 P M**

CONVENE Mayor Lara Larramendi Blakely convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday September 11 2001 at 7 30 P M in City Council Chambers 415 South Ivy Avenue Monrovia California

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

INVOCATION Pastor Richard Sullender First Baptist Church led the Invocation

COMMENTS

Mayor Blakely stated with respect to the terrorists acts committed on America in the destruction of the New York World Trade Center attack on the Pentagon and further loss of lives in an airplane crash in Pennsylvania Today we have all witnessed despicable acts of cowardice on our country and on our citizens and I know that I along with my fellow Councilmembers and many of us here share the outrage and the anger and the strong emotions against those that committed these acts against our country We join our nation in condolences to the families of all who perished in New York and Washington D C on the ground and in airplanes and to the service and the public safety people trying to do their job and who gave up their lives for fellow countrymen and countrywomen I know that many of us were unable to do much of anything today but its been said that no man or no woman is an island and we are all part of an area There are many things we can all do even though we are here and much of the acts were committed back East As Pastor Sullender talked about this evening there are special Prayer Services at the First Presbyterian Church tonight at 7 30 P M and other churches are having special Prayer Meetings tonight and tomorrow night

She further stated that she had talked to Barbara Pieper American Red Cross She encouraged all residents to donate blood and reported that donations of blood could be made at the Blood Donor Center 81 N Lake Avenue Pasadena Prospective donors can call 626 799-0841 or 800 448-3543 to leave their names and numbers for the Red Cross to schedule appointments If one cannot give blood now blood will be needed for a long period of time

Mayor Blakely called upon City Manager Donald R Hopper to present a briefing

City Manager Hopper stated that he was deeply saddened to have to provide this type briefing to you this evening Our Agenda has been modified in light of all of the tragedies that have surrounded us today Like the rest of the United States we in Monrovia were in shock horror and disbelief as thousands of Americans were injured or killed by a reprehensible act of as of yet unknown cowardly terrorists I think the hearts and prayers of all Americans will blend as one tonight as we jointly grieve the loss of so many Americans Although the heinous acts were perpetrated on unsuspecting citizens it has shaken the lives of Americans who always believed that we were largely immune to that kind of terrible act But I think what has not been shaken is our belief in a free and democratic society

He continued It is my hope and my expectations that the resolve and commitment of all Monrovia's and citizens across the country and free people throughout the world will come together and blend tonight as well With one common voice we will declare that we will not be intimidated we will not give in to terror and we will not yield to dishonorable and immoral actions that have threatened to rob us of this greatest liberty But indeed life will go on But today the watchword is vigilance and preparation The City of Monrovia is at the highest level of readiness While we in Monrovia have not experienced the kind of terror we saw on television this morning our public safety personnel and our public works department and crews stand ready to protect our citizens and our neighbors

City Manager Hopper called on Chief Joe Santoro and Fire Chief Sam DiGiovanna to give a status report on Monrovia's readiness Each Chief outlined the actions taken reporting on the many resources available actions taken and extensive cooperation among the many local and state agencies

Each Councilmember expressed his sorrow for the victims and their families encouraged all to pray for each other and for the friends and families of the victims and for those who knew not whether or not a loved one was alive acknowledged the horrific loss of the public safety people as they attempted to save others and asked that those who could to give blood now and in the future for those injured and in need

City Manager Hopper stated that he would recommend that in respect for all the great loss of life today and the tragedy that has surrounded and galvanized this country it would probably be better if the Council dispensed with the normal business this evening and come together on Thursday September 13 2001 7 30 P M For this evening in accordance with the City Attorney's counsel Oral Communications can be heard but there will be an opportunity on Thursday evening to speak and that it would be respectful to allow the City Council and others to attend the Prayer Vigils that are going on this evening

Mayor Blakely stated that she would entertain a motion to adjourn the Meeting to September 13 2001 after Oral Communications

C ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

At the request of Mayor Blakely City Clerk Linda B Proctor read the guidelines for Oral Communications as follows

At this time citizens who wish to speak on any City business item not on the Agenda should first complete and return a Speaker Information Form to the City Clerk before this 45-minute period By State law the City Council may not discuss and vote on items not on the Agenda Speakers will be called on a first come first served basis Time allotted for each speaker is a maximum of 3 minutes Please state your name and address for the record Those not accommodated during this period have an additional opportunity to speak under M ORAL COMMUNICATIONS Continued if necessary following public City business The City Attorney will track the minutes remaining in the 45-minute period and advise the Mayor prior to the last speaker speaking Speakers were asked to come to the front of the Chambers to sit and wait their time to speak as the City Clerk called their names three at a time She also explained the new light system for the speakers stating that the green light indicated the speaker had two and a half minutes the yellow light cautioned the speaker that he/she had thirty seconds remaining and the red light indicated that the three minutes were expended She further explained that at the end of three minutes thirty seconds a bell would ring

ADJOURNMENT

At 8 09 P M Mayor Blakely moved to adjourn the City Council to 7 30 P M Thursday September 13 2001 and reschedule the Study Session to September 25 2001 in memory of all of our fellow Americans who lost their lives on the airplanes and in tragedies in New York City and Washington D C

APPROVED


Lara Larramendi Blakely
Lara Larramendi Blakely Mayor

ATTEST


Linda B Proctor CMC City Clerk

