

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL  
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2003, 7:30 P.M.**

**CONVENE:** Mayor Lara Larramendi Blakely convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at 7 29 P M. in City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Maurice Battle, Jr , All Nations Seventh Day Adventist, led the Invocation

**FLAG SALUTE:** Councilmember Joe Garcia led the Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL:** In attendance were Councilmembers Victor M Franco, Joe Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Rob Hammond, and Mayor Lara Larramendi Blakely Councilmember Tom Adams was excused

**REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION (S):** None

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** At the request of Mayor Blakely, City Clerk Linda Proctor announced that the swearing in of the newly elected members of the City Council and the stepping down of the exiting City Councilmembers would be done at the Special Meeting of March 18, 2003 A reception will follow, giving the public an opportunity to say good-bye to those leaving and congratulating those newly installed

**PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Recognition of Drug Store Program Student Role Players**

Sergeant Richard Wagnor explained the Drug Store Program and the role of the students The "Drug Store Program" successfully demonstrated the negative factors of a person's life while using illegal drugs He and various other representatives of law enforcement agencies presented plaques to fifteen volunteer students and introduced them to the Mayor, City Council and community

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** Student Liaison Dayshia reported on activities at Monrovia High School

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hammond, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of Items \*B, \*E-1, and \*K.

**ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Councilmembers \*Franco, Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Hammond, Mayor Blakely  
Excused: Councilmember Adams  
Motion carried: 4-0

\*with the exception of the Minutes of February 25, 2003

**\*B. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 25, 2003 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar

**C. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

1 Clinton Arsenault, Monrovia, asked if the proposed Planned Parenthood building was going to be removed

2 Walt Shelly, Monrovia, expressed concern with the turnout of voters where he worked as a polling officer at Fire Station No 2 He commended the 40% to 45% of residents of Pilgrim Way who voted He expressed his disapproval of the candidates' literature.

3 Bill Beebe, Monrovia, representing Monrovia Arts Festival Association (MAFA), shared events that were planned and events that have occurred. He stated that the Black Tie Event will again be held this year, and that MAFA is always looking for funding He introduced Ester McDonald who informed the City Council of the after school art classes to begin this month for 100 students at Bradoaks Elementary School who are enrolled in the existing after school program Local artists will meet with the students on Tuesday and Thursday each week

4 Jimi Hendrix, Monrovia, expressed concern regarding the possibility of the loss of historic homes in Monrovia, explained information he received recently at a conference regarding Historic Preservation, and offered solutions to prevent possible infractions.

5 Clare Chesley, Monrovia, congratulated the successful candidates and thanked all candidates who ran for election, and thanked City Clerk Linda Proctor and Administrative Secretary Alice Atkins, and KGEM for their part in the election. She asked that the City Council pass a resolution in support of our troops if a war does occur with Iraq. A copy could be sent to the troops, dovetailing with the Blue Star Program She suggested not drinking or buying French wine if France continued to choose not to support America

At the request of Mayor Blakely, City Manager Donald R Hopper responded that there is currently a request for a bid to demolish the proposed Planned Parenthood building and that the demolition should be completed within a couple of weeks.

Mayor Pro Tem Hammond thanked all of the precinct officers who worked the polls and all of those who made the effort to go to the polls to vote

**D. PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS: None**

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

**CONVENE.** Chairman Lara Larramendi Blakely convened the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2003 of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 8 02 P M in City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, without adjourning the City Council Meeting

**ROLL CALL.** Those in attendance were Boardmembers Victor M Franco, Joe Garcia, Vice-Chairman Hammond, and Chairman Lara Larramendi Blakely Boardmember Tom Adams was excused

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

It was moved by Boardmember Garcia, seconded by Vice-Chairman Hammond, to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of Items \*B.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Ayes: Boardmembers Garcia, Vice-Chairman Hammond,  
Chairman Blakely**

**Abstain: Boardmember Franco**

**Excused: Boardmember Adams**

**Motion carried: 3-0**

**\*B. MINUTES** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 25, 2003 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar

**MRA REPORTS:** None

**MRA ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Blakely adjourned the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 8 03 P M and the City Council Meeting continued

**RECONVENE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING****E. BIDS:****\*1. Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement; Award of Contract to L.A. Signal, Incorporated, in the Amount of \$29,280.00**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

The City has used contract traffic signal maintenance services for several years. The contractor provides routine monthly inspections of each of the City's 34 signalized roadway intersections. These inspections ensure the reliable operation of the signal systems and reduce the City's liability exposure. They also provide emergency response maintenance 24 hours a day 365 days a year.

Staff received 4 bids ranging from the low bid of \$21,316.00 to the high bid of \$50,380.80.

Staff reviewed the lowest bid proposal documents from Team Econolite and found their proposal specifications were not responsive to the City's bid request, and included additional tasks that the City did not request. Staff reviewed the second lowest bidder, LA Signal, Incorporated, and they were found to be the lowest responsive bidder.

Staff recommended that the City Council award a contract to LA Signal, Incorporated (15100 E Nelson Ave, Industry, CA 91744) for the maintenance of the City's traffic signals, in the amount of \$29,280.00, and reject all other bids. Funding for these services will come from the Streetlight Assessment Fund.

**F. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS** None**G. OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS & SUB-COMMITTEES:****1. Mayor Blakely** reported that

(a) This week was the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, DC. She stated that the Gold Line delegation from the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments was back there talking to Tom Petri, the Wisconsin senator who toured the entire pathway of the Gold Line by helicopter recently and were very confident that it would be successful in receiving funds to continue. She reviewed the various other matters that were on the agenda for the conference.

**2. Mayor Pro Tem Hammond** had no report, but, in reference to Mr. Shelly's comments, thanked all who were a part of the election process and stated that they were all very much appreciated.

**3. Councilmember Adams** was excused.

**4. Councilmember Franco** reported that

**(a) Designation of Housing Fair Donation**

Councilmember Franco reviewed the success of the last Housing Fair, noting that Monrovia was very fortunate as the sponsors of last year's fair, as well as the fifty-two vendors, wanted to come back. He stated that as there was a surplus of \$1003 68 and future funding would not be hard to generate, he wanted to donate the surplus to the Foothill Unity Center.

**it was moved by Councilmember Franco, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hammond, to donate \$1003 68 to the Foothill Unity Center to be used for Housing Vouchers.**

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmembers Franco, Garcia, Mayor Pro Tem Hammond, Mayor Blakely  
Excused: Councilmember Adams  
Motion carried: 4-0**

5 Councilmember Garcia reported that

(a) He attended the California League of Cities and California State Association of Counties conference last week and found it very informative. James F. Hamill, California Communities, spoke regarding such programs such as CALEASE, Statewide Community Infrastructure Program (SCIP), Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note (TRANS), and Water and Wastewater. The information will be forwarded to the appropriate City Staff member.

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

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**1. Proposed 2003 Park Capital Projects List**

Daniel Iwata, Parks Division Manager, reviewed the Staff Report, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

Approximately every two years, the Community Services Commission reviews and updates the Park Capital Improvement Projects List. The list provides staff with direction on how to proceed on future park improvements and development. The Park Capital Projects Committee, under the direction of the Community Services Commission, has reviewed and revised the current projects list. The Committee submitted thirteen proposed Park Capital Projects for the Commission's consideration, and the newly revised Capital Improvement List was approved at its February 20, 2003 meeting. Funding for these projects was from County, State, and Federal sources, including non-profit and private donations.

Proposition 40, a Park Bond, was passed by the voters in 2000 and will provide Monrovia with approximately \$340,000 00 for park capital improvements. The Committee's recommended projects are estimated at \$21,676,000 00. The largest expenditure is a ten-acre park at an estimated value of \$20,000,000 00. The remaining proposed projects were estimated at \$1,676,000 00.

Presently, there is not enough funding to complete all of these projects. However, the new list prioritized the projects and provided Staff with direction on which projects to proceed with as funding sources became available. Those projects were

Recreation Park Phase, Recreation Park Phase II, Rotary Park, Julian Fisher Park, Recreation Park Phase III, Canyon Park, Clifton School, Grand Avenue Park, New City Park at south end of City, New Play Equipment at five parks, Olive Avenue Park, City Tree Inventory System in GIS, and Library Park.

