

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008, 7:30 P.M.**

CONVENE: Mayor Rob Hammond convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 7:34 P.M. in City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California, preceded by a Closed Session, 6:05 P.M., City Manager's Conference Room, to conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 Agency Negotiator Theresa St. Peter, Group Employees All Employees, and (added to the Agenda) Conference with Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation, Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9. 1 potential case, at which all City Councilmembers were in attendance. Staff in attendance was City Manager Scott Ochoa, City Attorney Craig A. Steele and City Clerk Linda B. Proctor.

ROLL CALL: In attendance were Councilmembers Tom Adams, Joe Garcia, Mary Ann Lutz, Mayor Pro Tem Dan Kirby, and Mayor Rob Hammond.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney reported that the City Council held a Closed Session, 6:05 P.M., City Manager's Conference Room, to conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 Agency Negotiator Theresa St. Peter; Group Employees All Employees, and Conference with Legal Counsel, Anticipated Litigation, Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section §54956.9. 1 potential case, at which time no reportable action was taken.

INVOCATION: Pastor Dan Earp led the Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Mary Ann Lutz led the Flag Salute

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

PR-1 Recognition of Angie Haven, Monrovia and Swimmer from the Monrovia Aquatix Club who Qualified for Olympic Trials in the 200 Meter Breaststroke Jan Lopez, Swim Coach of the non-profit swim team Monrovia Aquatix Club introduced Angie Haven, who qualified for the Olympic Trials in the 200 Meter Breaststroke, to the Mayor, City Council and the community

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Student Liaison Rachel Jamieson was excused

CONSENT CALENDAR It was moved by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Lutz, to approve the Consent Calendar. There were no objections.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following Agenda items:

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the February 19, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council

CC-2 Payroll No. 4 in the Amount of \$540,178.75 and Voucher Nos. 149407 through 149687 in the Amount of \$1,687,441.20

CC-3 Application for ABC Beverage License (Type 21 – Off-Sale General, Stock Transfer) for AI's Liquor Corp., 412 West Duarte Road; Receive and File: Notice was received from ABC that Dahouk Maida and Emil Maida submitted an application for a Type 21 – Off-Sale General License, Stock Transfer. Based on the background investigation on the applicants, Staff found no reason to recommend any other action on this application. There was no fiscal impact. Staff recommended that the City Council receive and file the application.

CC-4 Set for Public Hearing on March 18, 2008; Designation of Historic District HD-01 for Properties Located in the 300 Block of Wildrose Avenue, City of Monrovia, Applicant: The City of Monrovia received a request to initiate the designation of the 300 block of Wildrose Avenue as the City's first Historic District. The proposed district would include both sides of Wildrose Avenue bounded by

California Avenue on the east, Canyon Boulevard on the west, and the alleys to the north and south of Wildrose Avenue, as shown on the map included in the report. Based on the provisions of the Historic Preservation Ordinance, the Historic Commission held a Public Hearing on the proposed application on February 27, 2008. At the close of the Public Hearing, the Commission determined that the area met four of the required criteria and voted to forward a Nomination Statement to the City Council. Staff recommended that the City Council set March 18, 2008 as the date of the Public Hearing.

CC-5 Fire Station No. 2, Butler Building Foundation; Award of Contract to Venezia Concrete Company, in the Amount of \$17,172.00: On September 18, 2007 the City Council awarded a contract to disassemble, relocate, and reassemble the steel "Butler Building," which was used to temporarily house apparatus from Fire Station No. 1 during the renovation project. Disassembly and relocation had been completed and the building was ready to be reassembled at Fire Station No. 2. Before this could be constructed, a new concrete foundation must be poured in place. On February 25, 2008, ten bids were received ranging from \$17,172.00 to \$43,648.00. After evaluating each bid, Venezia Concrete Company was to be the lowest qualified bidder, with excellent references. Funding for this project was available in the Fire Department's Expenditure Control Budget.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS: None

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

MRA CONVENE: Chairman Rob Hammond convened the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2008 of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 7:44 P.M. in City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, without adjourning the City Council Meeting.

MRA ROLL CALL: Those in attendance were Boardmembers Tom Adams, Joe Garcia, Mary Ann Lutz, Vice-Chairman Dan Kirby, and Chairman Rob Hammond.

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Boardmember Adams, seconded by Boardmember Lutz, to approve the Consent Calendar. There were no objections. The Consent Calendar consisted of the following Agenda item:

MRA CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the February 19, 2008, Regular Meeting of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency

MRA PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

MRA ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

MRA AR-1 Acquisition of Real Property Located at 124 and 126 West Pomona Avenue from Robert K. Brown for the Total Consideration of \$841,000.00, Resolution No. 4-2008

Kevin O'Brien, Redevelopment Division Manager, reviewed the Staff Report for both MRA AR-1 and AR-2 as one report.

One of the areas that the Agency was considering acquiring as part of the Station Square development was the Hamby Industrial Condominium Park, located on the south side of the 100 block of West Pomona Avenue. The complex contained 28 separate ownership interests, and would require separate negotiations with each individual owner. The site being proposed for acquisition at 124 and 126 West Pomona Avenue was a Hamby park unit.

In December 2007, the owner of the proposed site asked if there was an interest by the Agency to acquire his Hamby Park unit and requested that an appraisal of the property be commissioned. In the completed report, which was prepared by the independent firm of Mason & Mason, the 9,322 square foot site was valued at \$841,000.00. The owner concurred that this was the fair market value of the property and agreed to sell the site to the Agency for the established value. To satisfy the Agency's relocation obligations, the Agency would pay all direct moving costs associated with the relocation of the Owner's business to a new location.

Staff recommended that the Agency Board adopt Resolution No 4-2008 and authorize the Executive Director to acquire 124 and 126 West Pomona Avenue.

It was moved by Boardmember Lutz, seconded by Boardmember Adams, to adopt Resolution No. 4-2008, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the required documentation. There were no objections

and

MRA AR-2 Acquisition of Real Property Located at 142 West Pomona Avenue from Local Union Number 345 for the Total Consideration of \$415,000.00, Resolution No. 5-2008

In February 2008, the owners of the subject property contacted the Agency and indicated that they were interested in selling their Hamby Industrial Park unit for incorporation into the proposed Station Square development. Following discussions with the owners, they offered to sell the site for the same per square foot price that the Agency had recently paid for other Hamby Park units. Using this valuation, they presented an offer to sell the property to the Agency for the total consideration of \$415,000.00.

Staff recommended that the Agency Board adopt Resolution No 5-2008 and authorize the Executive Director to acquire 142 West Pomona Avenue.

It was moved by Vice-Chairman Kirby, seconded by Boardmember Lutz, to adopt Resolution No. 5-2008, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the required documentation. There were no objections.

MRA ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Hammond adjourned the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 7:47 P.M. and the City Council Meeting continued.

RECONVENE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND SUBCOMMITTEES:

RCC1 Mayor Hammond reported that:

(a) He thanked Councilmember Garcia for his leadership roles in the League of California Cities and the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

(b) **Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget Update:** He explained that this item would be on the Agenda until further notice so that the public would be informed on the State Budget and its implications to Monrovia. City Manager Ochoa presented an overview of the current financial situation, noting that the State projected a \$16 billion deficit for fiscal year 2008-09; that the State and local economy projected to be flat through 2008, at least, and that sales tax was down, and property taxes slightly up. He reported that there could be a possible loss of Prop 172 funds of \$375,000.00, COPS funds (\$100,000.00, delay of gas tax funds (\$310,000.00); and potential State takeaway of local revenue of \$475,000.00 from the general fund revenues. He reported that the City Council had authorized mid-year budget adjustments in December 2007 for a balanced budget for 2007-08, which included all finalized service contracts and employee costs, with the POA contract pending. He stated that Staff would propose budget reductions in the spring to balance the 2008-09 budget.

RCC2 Mayor Pro Tem Kirby had no report.

RCC3 Councilmember Adams had no report.

RCC4 Councilmember Garcia reported that:

(a) He, Councilmember Lutz, Mayor Pro Tem Kirby and Staff traveled to Sacramento on March 5, 2008 to submit an application for grant monies from Prop C allocations and hoped that the City of Monrovia would be one of the successful applicants. He explained the criteria and awards. He stated that he felt confident that Monrovia was the only city in the San Gabriel Valley that met the criteria and would be successful in winning the allocation. They also met with Assembly members.

