

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009, 7:30 P.M.**

CONVENE: Mayor Mary Ann Lutz convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday, September 15, 2009, at 7 30 P M , City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California, preceded by a Special Meeting of the Monrovia City Council and the Historic Preservation Commission, 6 00 P M , at the Library Community Room to discuss the evaluation of historic resources (at which all City Councilmembers and all Commissioners, with the exception of Marianne Lee and Javier Gonzalez-Camarillo were in attendance) In attendance were City Manager Scott Ochoa, City Attorney Craig A Steele, and City Clerk Linda B Proctor

INVOCATION: Reverend Jim DeFoe gave the Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Mayor Pro Tom Adams 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 Introduction of Monrovia Unified School District Superintendent Linda Wagner

The Mayor and City Council welcome Superintendent Wagner to the community and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition to congratulate her on her appointment as Superintendent of the Monrovia Unified School District She reported that City and Schools had won the Golden Bell Award for the YES Program

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS: City Manager Ochoa announced that Agenda Item AR-2, 2008 Monrovia Environmental Accords Annual Report had been pulled from the Agenda and was rescheduled for October 6, 2009

NEW BUSINESS: Fire Chief Chris Donovan reported that the Station Fire was 91% contained and would not now affect Monrovia They expected to have full containment on Saturday He reported that it had been the largest fire in Angeles National Forest history covering over 250 square miles, that Canyon Park would be reopened tomorrow, that there would be updates on the City website as information became available, and that Chief Haberle would continue to be the City representative A special team from Los Angeles Forest Service was going over all areas to assess the damage done The cost of the fire to date was in excess of \$93,000,000.00 with 200 structures lost, and was an intentionally set fire Two firefighter's lives were also lost It turned out to be a full pledged IN exercise for the EOC and steps had been so that we were much better today than we had been He thanked the City Manager's office, Dick Singer, Lt Alan Sanvictores, and Public Works for their work and effort Mayor Lutz introduced Chief Scott Haberle, Dick Singer, representatives from the Fire Department, and members of KGEM, stating that throughout the last two weeks this group of people and every single department in the City had worked together, keeping the City, schools, and other agencies thoroughly informed, and that their work had been outstanding She commended all members of the City Staff who willingly without complaint cancelled any plans to be out of town over the Labor Day holidays in order to respond in the event the EOC was activated, calling in each morning in the event of activation

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Adams, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, to approve the Consent Calendar. There were no objections The Consent Calendar consisted of the following Agenda items

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

CC-2 Payroll No. 18 in the Amount of \$612,432.07 and Voucher Nos. 160538 through 160759 in the Amount of \$1,545,600.09

PUBLIC INPUT:

- 1 Allyson Tucker, Paul Dols, Monrovia High School, "Every 15 Minutes" Program
- 2 Jennifer Ranger, Monrovia, representing Susan Hirsch, Monrovia Adult School
- 3 Pam Fitzpatrick, Monrovia
- 4 Chuck Keen, American Legion Post 44, 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 September 15, 2009, of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 8 04 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. There were no objections. The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items

MRA CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the September 1, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency

MRA PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS: None

MRA ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

MRA ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Lutz adjourned the Meeting at 8 05 P M

RECONVENE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS AND SUB-COMMITTEES:

RCC1 Mayor Lutz reported that

(a) **Appointment of George Algarin, Monrovia Old Town Advisory Board for an Unexpired Term Ending June 30, 2010:**

It was moved by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, to appoint George Algarin to the unexpired term ending June 30, 2013 of Boardmember Jerry Brascia. There were no objections

(b) Due to budget restraints, only Councilmember Garcia would be representing the City Council at the League Conference

(c) She reviewed the status of the City's application for the enterprise zone funding

RCC2 Mayor Pro Tem Adams had no report at this time

RCC3 Councilmember Garcia reported that

(a) He would be attending the upcoming League of California Cities Conference

RCC4 Councilmember Shaw had no report at this time

RCC5 Councilmember Shevlin reported that

(a) She displayed a shadow box and thank you poster from the Tzu Chi Preschool celebrating its third anniversary

(b) American Legion Day would be held annually on September 16

(c) She reviewed the upcoming community events

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

AR-1 Community Survey 2009 Results

Public Information Officer Dick Singer reviewed the Staff Report

He reported that the City surveyed its residents on a regular basis to determine levels of satisfaction and developing needs and issues. Such a survey was carried out in June and July of this year by the Rose Institute of State and Local Government, using telephone, mail-in surveys and focus group panels. The Survey's cost, inclusive of the Rose Institute's work, the mail-in survey and the focus groups, was approximately \$42,500.00. In summary the Rose Institute concluded, "These citizens, who reflected great diversity in their demographic characteristics, not only cared deeply about their community, but were also fully *engaged*. This sort of informed engagement does not happen by accident. It is in no small part a reflection of a city administration that takes its job seriously and, in turn, engages citizens."

Selected results included that 95% of Monrovia residents were either satisfied or very satisfied with City services, that 93% felt safe in their homes and on the streets, and that 81% felt the community was heading in the right direction with 79% rating the community as an 8 or higher on a scale of 1 to 10. 95% said they were satisfied or very satisfied with the Fire Department, 87% with the Police Department, and 81% were satisfied or very satisfied with the City Library with only 3% dissatisfied. 88% were satisfied with infrastructure maintenance, 94% with waste collection, and 93% with water services. 32% of residents said that Monrovia Today newsletter was their primary source of local information, with 28% citing newspapers and 13% relying on word of mouth. KGEM accounted for another 9% and the City website for 8%. 78% rated Old Town as an 8 or higher, 60% said they visited Old Town at least once a week, and 80% said they found Old Town parking "easily accessible." 73% rated "low taxes" as the most important local issue, with 72% stating "preserving the city character," 60% stating "improving the quality of life," 61% stating "emergency response," and 51% "new development."

The full 2009 results and their frequency tables were available at the Library, City Clerk's Office, and directly on the City website.

Discussion ensued. Directions from the City Council included determining why some areas were less, why was dissatisfaction with a department due to an isolated incident rather than that the department was not doing a good job, why people weren't watching the City Council Meetings, why did they just come in to speak their piece at a Council Meeting and then leave, information on what the City Council should expect as compared to other communities, where we were now and what to do to remedy, how did the community feel about economic development, comparison of surveys would how do we reach people with cell phones only with the phone survey, were we taking the data and improving, why didn't the Rose Institute present the data, and could the survey be conducted next time for less money.

City Manager Ochoa enumerated the projects instituted due to the results of past surveys.

It was moved by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, to receive and file the Community Survey 2009 Report. There were no objections.

AR-2 2008 Monrovia Environmental Accords Annual Report

This item was rescheduled for the October 6, 2009 City Council Meeting.

AR-3 Monrovia Library Water Fountain Project No. C-3037, Award of Contract to Patrick Glynn Construction in the Amount of \$159,000.00

Ron Bow, Director of Public Works, reviewed the Staff Report.

The Monrovia Library and Park Master Plan included a new water fountain feature at the main entrance of the library. The proposed water fountain was crafted with a unique style that complimented the library and park setting.

On September 8, 2009, two bids were received and opened by the City Clerk ranging from \$159,000 00 to \$321,700 00. The apparent low bidder was Patrick Glynn Construction in the amount of \$159,000 00. Staff reviewed the apparent low bidder's background, found all required documents to be in order, and contacted references with satisfactory recommendations. Funds for the project were available in the Water Fund.

Discussion ensued which included the request by the City Council to bring back a copy of the proposed fountain at the next City Council meeting, and to move the Gold Star Mother Plaque to the Memorial Garden.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Adams, seconded by Councilmember Shevlin, to award a contract to Patrick Glynn Construction for the Monrovia Library Water Fountain in the amount of \$159,000.00 and reject all other bids. There were no objections.

AR-4 Update on Wildlife in the Foothill Communities

Captain Rick Miglia reviewed the Staff Report.

The report included providing information on the recent increase in bear and other wildlife calls for service this past spring and summer and discussing behavioral characteristics of both the wildlife and community members in order to better understand the causal factors of these issues affecting our community and public safety resources.

Discussion ensued concluding in the request by Mayor Lutz for an informational video about bears, and the statement by Councilmember Shaw that if the residents don't change in their habits, then the three or four nuisance bears needed to be gotten rid of.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Adams, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, to receive and file the Wildlife in Foothill Neighborhood update. There were no objections.

AR-5 Old Town Myrtle Avenue Entrance Sign Recommendation from the Monrovia Endowment for the Arts Committee

Alice Griselle, Community Development Director, reviewed the Staff Report.

The 163 unit residential/commercial project "The Courtyards at Old Town" was rapidly progressing on the 700 block of South Myrtle Avenue. Pursuant to the Art in Public Places Ordinance in Title 15 of the Monrovia Municipal Code, the developer was required to provide public art or pay an in lieu fee equal to 1% of the building valuation of the project. In this case, the amount was \$225,000 00. Urban Housing Group had elected to use their fee to pay for the Old Town entrance sign and for public art on their site. For the corner plaza at Myrtle and Olive Avenues, they proposed art related to the Red Car as this site was once occupied by the Monrovia Pacific Electric station. They also considered proposing art at their mid-block entrance to the leasing office, courtyard and units. In the future, this art would be brought to the Committee for a recommendation and then on to the City Council for approval.

The recommended design of the entry sign included dark bronze posts and support cross arms. The letters would have a gold finish. The bases and posts were the same as the light standards used in Old Town which would provide continuity of the streetscape, but larger in diameter with a dark brown finish which would make them distinctive from the light standards. LED up-lighting would be placed along the lower cross support. The design featured the official City seal with the palm tree as this was the same logo used on the Historic Landmark plaques and District signage. The gateway would span Myrtle Avenue and be installed approximately 10 to 15 feet north of the intersection at Walnut Avenue. The streetscape had been designed to integrate with the sign location.

The developer would pay for the fabrication, engineering and installation of the sign. South Coast Lighting quoted a total price of \$136,573 00. The \$88,427 00 balance would be used to satisfy the condition of approval by the City Council and Planning Commission for public art to be located in the new plaza area at Myrtle and Olive Avenues and potentially at the mid-block entrance to the project.

The Endowment for the Arts Committee and Staff recommended approval of the Old Town Entrance sign.

In response to Councilmember Shaw's inquiry, City Manager Ochoa stated that maintenance was low and would be a part of the low maintenance required for the light standards

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Adams, seconded by Councilmember Shevlin, to approve the Old Town Myrtle Avenue entrance sign. There were no objections

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council was scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2009, 7 30 P M , City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California

PUBLIC INPUT, CONTINUED, IF NEEDED: None

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR: None

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION: At 8 58 P M , Mayor Lutz adjourned the Meeting to Closed Session in memory of Mark A Dickson, Long-time Monrovia resident, noting that the City Council would reconvene the City Council Meeting to report on Closed Session Closed Sessions items were

ACS-1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Government Code §54957, City Manager

ACS-2 Conference with Legal Counsel, Government Code §54956.9(a); Workers Compensation Claim, Ron Lingo vs. City of Monrovia, Case No. ANA 0367007

RECONVENE AND REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION: At 10 30 P M , Mayor Lutz reconvened the City Council Meeting City Attorney Steele reported that no reportable action was taken in Closed Session on either item

RCS-1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Government Code §54957, City Manager

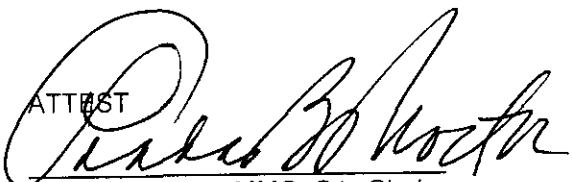
RCS-2 Conference with Legal Counsel, Government Code §54956.9(a); Workers Compensation Claim, Ron Lingo vs. City of Monrovia, Case No. ANA 0367007

ADJOURNMENT: At 10 30 P M Mayor Lutz adjourned the Meeting

APPROVED


Mary Ann Lutz, Mayor

ATTEST


Linda B Proctor, MMC, City Clerk