

PRESENTATIONS

1 Recognition of the Sponsors of the Monrovia Competitive Swim Team Lap-A-Thon

Jessica Ralles Assistant Recreation Coordinator assisted Mayor Blakely in recognizing the Monrovia Competitive Swim Team and the presenting of Certificates of Appreciation to corporate sponsors for the 2002 Annual Lap-A-Thon fundraiser. This year's corporate sponsors donated money and products in the amount of \$1,025.65. Swimmers raised \$3,647.67 in sponsorships from parents, friends, and neighbors. This year's highest money raiser was Jourdan Perkins, who raised \$744.50. Money collected from this event will be used for the Swim Team's Scholarship Program to fund the annual banquet and for much needed equipment.

Mayor Blakely took the following Agenda item out of order

F COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

2 Report by Senator Bob Margett Regarding the Economic Condition of the State of California

State Senator Bob Margett presented a brief presentation to the City Council regarding the economic condition and overall well-being of the State of California.

2 Presentation of Payment of Altrio's PEG Access and Community Connectivity in the Amount of \$30,000.00 to the City of Monrovia and Presentation of a Check in the Amount of \$30,000.00 to Community Media of the Foothills (KGEM) by the City of Monrovia

Brenda Trainor, Altrio's Vice President for Public Policy, presented a check to Mayor Blakely and the City Council in the amount \$30,000.00 covering Altrio's obligation under its franchise agreement with the City to assist with funding for local access cable television. In turn, the check was presented to Karen Keeshan-Suarez, Chair, Community Media of the Foothills, providers of KGEM's public access cable operation, to be used towards the new studio.

3 Recognition of Lisa Magno and Cathy Parnell Monrovia Providers Group Inc for the November 14, 2002 Putting the Gold Back Into the Golden Years Senior Citizens Seminar

Mayor Blakely introduced Lisa Magno and Kathy Parnell of the Monrovia Providers Group Inc. in recognition of their successful senior citizens seminar on November 14, 2002, entitled "Putting the Gold Back Into the Golden Years." Each was presented with a Certificate of Recognition. They thanked the City Council for the recognition. Mrs. Magno invited all to attend the Holiday Parade, December 5, 2002, 7:00 P.M., sponsored by the downtown merchants.

4 Recognition of America Recycles Day Fifth Grade Art Contest Winners Christina Doering, Daniel Maldonado, and Lalli Tostado

Tammy Evans, Management Analyst I, introduced the winners of the America Recycles Day Fifth Grade Art Contest as follows: Christina Doering, First Lutheran School; Daniel Maldonado, Monroe Elementary; and Lalli Tostado, Plymouth Elementary, to the Mayor, City Council, and community. Gifts from various sponsors were presented to each winner.

PROCLAMATIONS**1 Proclaiming December 1 2002 as World AIDS Day**

Mayor Blakely proclaimed December 1 2002 as "World AIDS Day 2002" World AIDS Day is an international event and a time to remember those lost to this disease and a time to renew commitment to services to those with or at risk for HIV infection. The County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services Public Health requested that the City Council proclaim the day and will invite them to a kick-off event in an observance at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angeles in downtown Los from 2 00 PM to 4 00 PM. Other World AIDS Day activities will include HIV memorial events targeted counseling and testing and HIV educational outreach programs to college university school and faith-based groups throughout Los Angeles County. The Proclamation will be mailed to the County for display at the event.

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

A CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Adams seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hammond to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of items *B *F-1 *J-1 *J-2 and *K.

ROLL CALL

Ayes Councilmembers Adams Mayor Pro Tem Hammond
Mayor Blakely
Excused Councilmembers Franco Garcia
Motion carried 3-0

***B MINUTES** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12 2002 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

C ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- 1 Jim Conkle California Route 66 Preservation Foundation and The Friends of the Aztec Hotel reported on the recent Aztec Hotel Dedication Ceremony.
- 2 Cyrus Kemp Monrovia presented an email sent by Mayor Blakely to a constituent and asked that the City Council agendaize the matter of personal use of a City DSL line and that the City Attorney look into the matter.

D PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS**1 Historic Landmark HL-46/Mills Act Contract MA-44 for Property Located at 356 North Myrtle Avenue by Owners Bill and Gail Hartley Resolution No 2002-96**

Alice Griselle Director of Community Development reviewed the Staff Report.

Built in 1923 this house is indicative of southern California vernacular architecture of the 1920s. Shifting from the California Bungalow of the 1910s residential structures built during this period were an eclectic mix of architectural design often resulting in whimsical interpretations of established architectural styles Colonial Spanish Revival Mission Pueblo French Norman and in this case the English Tudor Cottage.

At its meeting of October 30 2002 the Historic Preservation Commission determined that the house meets one of the required criteria for landmark status and recommended approval of landmark designation. The Commission is also recommending approval of a Mills Act Contract which will provide tax savings for the homeowners. The homeowners have agreed.

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PUBLIC HEARING OPENED Mayor Blakely opened the Public Hearing
In favor
Bill Hartley owner

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED Mayor Blakely closed the Public Hearing as there was no one else who wished to speak for or against the matter

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Hammond seconded by Councilmember Adams to approve Resolution No 2002-96 designating the property at 356 North Myrtle Avenue Historic Landmark Number 46 and the Mills Act Contract MA-44 with the conditions of approval

ROLL CALL Ayes Councilmembers Adams Mayor Pro Tem Hammond
Mayor Blakely
Excused Councilmembers Franco Garcia
Motion carried 3-0

2 Historic Landmark HL-47/Mills Act Contract MA-45 for Property Located at 360 North Myrtle Avenue by Owners Eric and Jill Perez Resolution No 2002-97

Alice Griselle Director of Community Development reviewed the Staff Report

The house at 360 North Myrtle Avenue was built in 1926 The house is a prime example of a Spanish Colonial Revival bungalow—which typifies 1920s southern California vernacular architecture The style was synonymous with Los Angeles of the 1920s and romanticized California's historic ties to Spain and Mexico This house incorporates many of the features typical of Spanish Colonial Revival

At its meeting of October 30 2002 the Historic Preservation Commission determined that the house meets one of the required criteria for landmark status and recommended approval of landmark designation The Commission is also recommending approval of a Mills Act Contract which will provide tax savings for the homeowners The homeowners have agreed to the standard conditions and maintenance schedule which will assure the house's preservation and enhancement

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED Mayor Blakely opened the Public Hearing
In favor
Jill Perez owner

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED Mayor Blakely closed the Public Hearing as there was no one else who wished to speak for or against the matter

It was moved by Councilmember Adams seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hammond to approve Resolution No 2002-97 designating the property at 360 North Myrtle Avenue Historic Landmark Number 47 and the Mills Act Contract MA-45 with the conditions of approval

ROLL CALL Ayes Councilmembers Adams Mayor Pro Tem Hammond
Mayor Blakely
Excused Councilmembers Franco Garcia
Motion carried 3-0

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

CONVENE Chairman Lara Larramendi Blakely convened the Regular Meeting of November 26 2002 of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 8 44 P M in City Council Chambers 415 South Ivy Avenue without adjourning the City Council Meeting

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

A CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Boardmember Adams seconded by Vice-Chairman Hammond to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of Item *B

ROLL CALL Ayes Boardmembers Adams Vice-Chairman Hammond
Chairman Blakely
Excused Boardmembers Garcia and Franco
Motion carried 3-0

***B MINUTES** The Minutes of the Meeting of November 12 2002 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar

MRA REPORTS None

MRA ADJOURNMENT Chairman Blakely adjourned the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 8 44 P M and the City Council Meeting continued

RECONVENE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

E BIDS None

F COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

***1 Application for ABC Beverage License (Type 21 Off Sale General Person to Person Transfer) for House of Spirits 501 W Duarte Road Danny Khalil Salwa Khalil and Souheil Khalil**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

Notice was received from ABC that Danny Khalil Salwa Khalil and Souheil Khalil have submitted an application for a Type 21 Off Sale General License person to person 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

2 Report by Senator Bob Margett Regarding the Economic Condition of the State of California

This matter was taken out of order following Presentation No 1 (see above)

G REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS & SUB-COMMITTEES

1 Mayor Blakely reported that

- (a) She announced the California Senate Fellows Program for 2003-2004 stating that there were applications for 18 college graduates for the eleven month program which would be on file in the City Clerk's Office
- (b) At the meeting with the Ministerial Association last Wednesday they also talked about safety issues happening in the community noting that it was important that the churches and their families work closely with the Police Department
- (c) At the last meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government meeting they continued to take action towards the creation of a Joint Powers Authority to get to Phase II of the Gold Line
- (d) In response to the meeting of the Editorial Board which she reported on at the last City Council Meeting a good editorial was written regarding the COG's efforts in the area of brownfields

2 Mayor Pro Tem Hammond report that

- (a) He thanked Councilmember Adams for his steadfastness culminating in saving the City of Monrovia money for the purchase of the GIS system from the County of Los Angeles
- (b) Amicus Brief Rubin v City of Burbank He reported that the City Council met with the Ministerial Association last week One of the items that were discussed was the Rubin v City of Burbank At Mayor Pro Tem Hammond's request City Attorney Craig A Steele reported that at a City Council meeting in Burbank in November 1999 Irv Rubin of the Jewish Defense League took issue with an invocation making sectarian references to God or Jesus Christ and subsequently he and others filed a suit against the city alleging that the city's invitation to the pastor who gave the invocation and the pastor's use of a sectarian prayer at the beginning of the meeting violated the United States Constitution and was essentially the city's endorsement of a particular religion The city in turn argued that they were not endorsing any particular religion and that members of the pastoral community had First Amendment rights to express themselves The Trial Court judge in that case found that the invocation with the sectarian prayer did in fact violate the Establishment Clause and ordered the city to if indeed it were to have an invocation insure and instruct the person giving the invocation that it would be non-sectarian in nature The City of Burbank appealed the case but the Court of Appeal affirmed the Trial Court's decision The city has now asked the California Supreme Court to review that case and that request was now pending The League of California Cities has an amicus brief effort going in this case and if the California Supreme Court decides not to review or takes it and affirms it that decision will affect the City of Monrovia as it has a long history of beginning Council Meetings with an invocation Mayor Pro Tem Hammond noted that the City of Monrovia has joined with the City of Burbank in an amicus brief to support Burbank He asked that the City Council do this on a formal basis by a vote of the City Council

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Hammond seconded by Councilmember Adams that the City of Monrovia join the amicus brief and back not only the ability of a person having an invocation but also the right of home rule with the City having the ability to govern itself

Mayor Blakely stated that at the meeting with the Ministerial Association the City Council stressed that it did want to continue the tradition of invocations by ministers who were invited by the City Clerk to the City Council Meetings Mayor Pro Tem Hammond stated that he did not advocate going against the law but if the removal of invocations did become the law in California he would work to change the law

ROLL CALL

**Ayes Councilmembers Adams Mayor Pro Tem Hammond
Mayor Blakely
Excused Councilmembers Franco Garcia
Motion carried 3-0**

(c) He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving

3 Councilmember Adams reported that

(a) Update of Request for GIS Data from Los Angeles County He reviewed the circumstances of the request noting that the County had originally offered to sell the public information compiled by information secured from the City itself but formatted into its present form by the County The County had originally quoted \$20 000 00 last year and Councilmember Adams requested Staff to further research the cost of a GIS system from the County He asked Information Systems Manager Mitch Cochran to report on the status of the GIS data Mr Cochran reiterated that the cost for the public record was quoted at \$20 000 00 but that after approximately a year of negotiations the cost to the City was now 90% of that figure plus normal processing charges bringing the total to \$5 000 00 During that period of time the Fire Department secured a Homeland Security grant for \$18 000 00 worth of software from the same company providing the data In essence the City ended up saving approximately \$38 000 00 He presented slides of information actually taken from the GIS system He presented the City Council with an aerial map of the City from the system Mr Cochran was thanked for his work City Manager Hopper stated that the aerial maps could now be available for \$50 00 to citizens instead of the \$200 00 it has cost to provide the same information

(b) He reported on the Wilderness Station Clean-up Project that occurred last weekend noting that there were seven roll-off bins of debris and other materials filled that day He thanked all of those who participated in the event Photographs of the event were shown

(c) He reported that the Canyon Park volunteers would be recognized at an event on Tuesday December 17 6 30 P M to 8 30 P M at the Cabin in Canyon Park He read the list of names of those being recognized

(d) He wished all a happy Thanksgiving

4 Councilmember Franco was excused

5 Councilmember Garcia was excused

H REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES None

I ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

***1 Amendment to the Official Zoning Map in Title 17 to Change the Land Use and Zoning Designations to Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP) for Property Recently Acquired by the City for Permanent Open Space Zone Change ZC2002-01 Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No 2002-12**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

This was the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No 2002-12 amending the official Zoning Map in Title 17 relating to land use and zoning designations Staff continued to recommend approval of this ordinance

***2 Amendment of Title 10 of the Monrovia Municipal Code Relating to the 2002-2007 Engineering and Traffic Survey for City Street Speed Limits Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No 2002-15**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

This was the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No 2002-15 amending Title 10 of the Monrovia Municipal Code relating to the 2002-2007 Engineering and Traffic Survey for

City Street Speed Limits Staff continued to recommend approval of this ordinance

***K PAYROLL & VOUCHERS** Payroll No 24 in the net amount of \$462 791 30 and Voucher Numbers 106914 through 107186 non-sequentially in the amount of \$889 360 71 was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

L SCHEDULED MEETINGS The next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council is scheduled for Tuesday December 10 2002 7 30 P M Council Chambers 415 South Ivy Avenue Monrovia California

Mayor Blakely noted that the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council scheduled for Tuesday December 24 2002 had been cancelled

M ORAL COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUED IF NEEDED None

N CLOSED SESSION None

O ADJOURNMENT The City Council Meeting was adjourned at 9 07 P M in memory of Lulu Vickers

APPROVED


Lara Larramendi Blakely Mayor

ATTEST


Linda B Proctor CMC City Clerk