

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014, 7:30 P.M.**

STUDY SESSION: Mayor Mary Ann Lutz convened the Special Study Session of the Monrovia City Council at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, in City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California, at which all Councilmembers were present to discuss the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget, with focus on financing options to address deferred maintenance costs, including borrowing amounts and costs, options to pay annual principal and interest payments, and alternative options to use existing funds on an annual basis or to start with most critical areas. Following discussion, City Council gave direction to Staff to prioritize the deferred maintenance projects and bring back to City Council over one or multiple study sessions to identify funding. Mayor Lutz adjourned the Study Session at 6:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Lutz convened the Closed Session Meeting of the Monrovia City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, in City Council Chambers, at which all Councilmembers were present to discuss the following Closed Session item: CS-1 Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code §54957.6; Agency Negotiator: Danielle Tellez; Group Employees: All Groups; CS-2 Public Employee Appointment Pursuant to Government Code §54957: City Manager; CS-3 Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Government Code §54956.8; 123 and 137 West Pomona Avenue; Successor Agency Negotiator: City Attorney; Negotiating Party: Wine of the Month Club, Inc.; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment. Mayor Lutz Adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

CONVENE: Mayor Lutz convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at 7:33 p.m. in City Council Chambers. In attendance were Acting City Manager Steve Sizemore, City Attorney Craig A. Steele, and City Clerk Alice D. Atkins.

INVOCATION: Police Chaplain Terrence Brown led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Alexander C. Blackburn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: In attendance were Councilmembers Tom Adams, Alexander C. Blackburn, Larry J. Spicer, Mayor Pro Tem Becky A. Shevlin, and Mayor Mary Ann Lutz.

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION: City Attorney Craig Steele stated that the City Council met in closed session to discuss the items on the posted agenda. With regard to items CS-1 and CS-2, there was no reportable action. The City Council would adjourn to closed session after the Regular Meeting to finish discussion on item CS-3.

Mayor Lutz made a statement regarding losing her temper at the previous meeting and offered an apology to all concerned and pledged that moving forward she would strive to maintain her composure and foster effective communication that all of the community deserved.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

PR-1 Recognition of 2013-2014 Student Liaison Kevin Lee: The Mayor and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Kevin Lee, thanked him for his in-depth reporting over the past year, and wished him well.

PR-2 Recognition of Donna Baker, Congresswoman Judy Chu 2014 Women of Distinction Honoree; Joanne Spring and Vicky Thrower, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano 2014 Women of the Year Honorees; Keely Milliken, Senator Liu 2014 Women Mean Business "Women in Arts & Entertainment" Honoree; Joan Schmidt, Supervisor Michael Antonovich 2014 Women of the Year Honoree; Pam Fitzpatrick and The Dollmakers' Kattywompas, Assemblymember Chris Holden 2014 Small Business of the Year Honoree: The Mayor and City Council recognized the honorees and thanked them for their dedication and outstanding contributions to the community.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Student Liaison Kevin Lee reported on past and future activities at the high school. He thanked the City Council for allowing him to sit in on the meetings and learn more about how local government works.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: Sizemore stated that item CC-1 would be postponed to the next meeting, and CC-3 would be heard following Administrative Reports.

CONSENT CALENDAR: It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Spicer, to approve the consent calendar, with the exception of items CC-1 and CC-3. The motion carried unanimously. The Consent Calendar consisted of the following Agenda items:

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the May 20, 2014, Special and Regular Meetings of the Monrovia City Council: This item was postponed to the June 17, 2014, Regular Meeting.

CC-2 Payroll No. 11 in the Net Amount of \$496,978.25, and Warrant Register Dated May 15, 2014 in the Total Amount of \$722,416.45: The City Council approved Payroll No. 11 in the net amount of \$496,978.25, and Warrant Register dated May 15, 2014, in the total amount of \$722,416.45.

CC-3 Legislative Bulletin: This item was pulled for discussion following Administrative Reports

CC-4 Program Supplement Agreement No. N009 for HSIPL-5069(013) to the State of California Department of Transportation Administering Agency-State Agreement for Federal Aid Projects No. 07-5069R Relating to Highway Safety Improvement Grant; Resolution No. 2014-29: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2014-29.

CC-5 Agreement with TES2 Training and Education Services in the Amount of \$8,152.50 for Contemporary Tactics for the Modern Fire Ground Training: The City Council approved an agreement with TES2 Training and Education Services in the amount of \$8,152.50 for Contemporary Tactics for the Modern Fire ground training, and authorized the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Colleen Carey, representing Jim Manning, owner of 1515 South Myrtle Avenue
2. Guillermo Olaiz, representing Jim Manning, owner of 1515 South Myrtle Avenue
3. Cyrus Kemp, Monrovia

In response to comments during Public Input, City Attorney Steele provided clarification on the allowance of closed sessions for the purpose of real property negotiations and reviewed the history of the particular item in question that had been discussed both in open and closed sessions over the prior 18-24 months. Staff would be happy to respond to an email received that day from one of the speakers regarding the property currently under negotiations; the City Council had not provided direction to Staff and would continue discussion when they adjourned to closed session.

Fire Chief Chris Donovan responded to concerns raised by Mr. Kemp, stating that brush abatement season had begun and confirming firefighters were conducting inspections in the very high fire hazard zone. Chief Donovan offered to meet with Mr. Kemp to get more details on the specific tree mentioned, and provided assurance that the City is responsible for the maintenance and abatement of City owned trees.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / MEETINGS: None

REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER AND STAFF

RCM-1 Monrovia Area Partnership (MAP) Summer Programming: Heather Greer, Neighborhood Services Assistant, provided an overview of programs and events planned for the summer.

RCM-2 Update on Drought Conditions: Carl Hassel, Director of Public Works, gave an update on drought conditions in the state and local areas, and agreed to provide an update immediately should conditions change in Monrovia.

Acting City Manager Sizemore stated that the next two items would be presented concurrently.

RCM-3 Revised Letter to Congresswoman Chu regarding National Recreation Area**RCM-4 Letter to Congresswoman Chu and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments regarding Proposed Wild and Scenic Rivers and Wilderness Designation**

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Shevlin, seconded by Councilmember Adams, to accept both letters as prepared. The motion carried 4-0-1, with Councilmember Blackburn abstaining.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS & SUB-COMMITTEES**RCC-1 Mayor Mary Ann Lutz:**

(a) Appointment of Community Services, Historic Preservation, and Planning Commissioners, Library and Monrovia Old Town Advisory Boardmembers for Terms Beginning July 1, 2014: Mayor Lutz reviewed the following Selection Committee recommendations: the reappointment of Scott Austin and Carlos Parrague and the appointment of Coulter Winn to the Planning Commission for a term of three years; the reappointment of James Hendrix and the appointment of Karen Bullis to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term of three years; the reappointment of Genia Mills and the appointment of Joannie Yuille to the Community Services Commission for a term of three years; the reappointment of Janet Wall and John Carlson to the Library Board for a term of three years; and the reappointment of Rudy Castellon and Vanessa de la Riva and the appointment of Millie Olivas to the Monrovia Old Town Advisory Board for a term of two years. **It was moved by Mayor Lutz, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Shevlin, to make the appointments as recommended by the selection committee.** The motion carried unanimously.

RCC-2 Mayor Pro Tem Becky A. Shevlin:

- (a) Upcoming events in the community
- (b) Announced she would be leading Session 2 at the MAP neighborhood conference in August

RCC-3 Councilmember Tom Adams had no report.

RCC-4 Councilmember Alexander C. Blackburn:

- (a) Presentation of awards to graduating high school seniors on behalf of Rotary
- (b) **Direction to Staff to Place Re-Introduction of Ordinance Relating to Regulating the Use of Plastic Carryout Bags and Recyclable Paper Bags and Promoting the Use of Reusable Bags:**

Public Input

1. Cyrus Kemp, Monrovia, spoke against bringing the item back
2. Karen Suarez, Monrovia, spoke in support of bringing the item back
3. Chris Shevlin, Monrovia, spoke against bringing the item back
4. Ray Morford, Monrovia, spoke against bringing the item back
5. Norm and Pat Johansen, Monrovia, spoke in support of bringing the item back
6. Genia Mills, Monrovia, spoke against bringing the item back
7. Laurie Beyer, Monrovia, spoke in support of bringing the item back
8. Amanda Reye, Monrovia, spoke in support of bringing the item back
9. Stephanie Knapik, Monrovia, spoke in support of bringing the item back
10. Pam Fitzpatrick, Old Town Merchant, spoke against bringing the item back
11. Susan Yost, Monrovia, spoke in support of bringing the item back

It was moved by Councilmember Blackburn, seconded by Councilmember Spicer, to direct Staff to Place Re-Introduction of Ordinance Relating to Regulating the Use of Plastic Carryout Bags and Recyclable Paper Bags and Promoting the Use of Reusable Bags on the next agenda.

Discussion ensued regarding concerns that the ordinance piecemealed regulations, lack of participation in discussions on failing infrastructure, education and training versus regulation, and unintended consequences related to banning single-use plastic bags.

Councilmember Blackburn stated that the issue had been in the public forum for over a year and the ordinance adopted at a meeting of the City Council; that the issue was being raised again because while two members of the City Council were absent, members who voted against introduction of the ordinance voted to reject the adoption.

Following discussion, the motion carried on the following roll call vote: **AYES:** Councilmembers Blackburn, Spicer, Mayor Lutz. **NOES:** Councilmember Adams, Mayor Pro Tem Shevlin.

RCC-5 Councilmember Larry J. Spicer had no report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

PUBLIC INPUT, CONTINUED, IF NEEDED: None.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR, IF NEEDED:

CC-3 Legislative Bulletin

Mark Alvarado, Director of Administrative Services, reviewed a trailer bill relating to a pension tax levy issue in the 2014-2015 State Budget that would affect 12 cities in Los Angeles County, including Monrovia, and recommended sending a letter to Senators Steinberg and Leno requesting their support to end the diversion of City voter-approved tax revenues intended for pension tax costs to other taxing entities in the county.

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Blackburn, to direct Staff to send a letter to Senators Steinberg and Leno. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Spicer, to approve the Legislative Bulletin and direct staff to contact Monrovia's elected representatives as outlined in the Agenda Report. The motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS: The next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council was scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 7:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION: At 9:41 p.m., Mayor Lutz adjourned to Closed Session to continue discussion of Closed Session item CS-3.

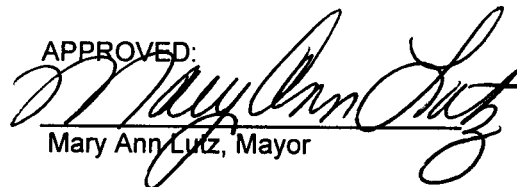
RECONVENE AND REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION: Mayor Lutz reconvened the Regular Meeting at 10:05 p.m. City Attorney Steele stated that there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT: At 10:05 p.m., Mayor Lutz adjourned the meeting in memory of Othello Howell, son of longtime Monrovia and community advocate, the late Eldora Polk; Juanita Rose O'Connell, long-time member of the Gad-A-Bout Club and community volunteer; Anna Leah Divinagracia Cuatico, sister of Human Resources Employee Pauline Gallo; and Mary Felvey Cardenas, grandmother of Administrative Services Employee Alexandria Hernandez.

ATTEST:


Alice D. Atkins, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED:


Mary Ann Lutz, Mayor