

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2006, 7:30 P M**

CONVENE: Mayor Pro Tem Mary Ann Lutz convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at 7:38 P M in City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California (preceded by a Study Session, 6:07 P M, Council Chambers, to study fees and charges, at which all Councilmembers with the exception of Councilmember Adams were in attendance, with Mayor Hammond exiting at 7:12 P M to attend another meeting) Staff in attendance was City Manager Scott Ochoa, City Attorney Craig A. Steele and City Clerk Linda B. Proctor

INVOCATION: Dr. John Mastrogiovanni, Pastor, presented the Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Councilmember Dan Kirby led the Flag Salute

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

PRESENTATIONS:

1 Introduction of Newly Hired Public Works Department Senior Engineer Gaudencio "Jun" Cervantes and Downtown Caretaker John Ogden

Ron Bow, Utilities Division Manager, and Louis Celaya, Senior Management Analyst, introduced newly hired Public Works Department personnel, Senior Engineer Gaudencio "Jun" Cervantes and Downtown Caretaker John Ogden, to the Mayor, City Council and the community

2. Introduction of Newly Hired Police Officer Michael Garcia, and Jailer Rudy Ramirez

Police Captain Rick Miglia introduced newly hired Police Officer Michael Garcia and Jailer Rudy Ramirez to the Mayor, City Council and the community

3. Recognition of Sponsors of the 2006 Spring Egg Hunt "A Band of Bunnies"

Becky Shevlin, Community Services Commission Chair, assisted the Mayor and City Council in recognizing the sponsors of the 2006 Spring Egg Hunt "A Band of Bunnies" held on April 15. The main event sponsors recognized by the Mayor and City Council were Bowden Development (unable to attend), Carden of the Foothills, Monrovia Youth Baseball League, Donna Baker, Dickson Podley Realtors, Jodi Breneman (unable to attend), Dickson Podley Realtors, and Diane Balsamo, Countrywide Home Loans

PROCLAMATIONS: None

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Student Liaison Krystina Mastrogiovanni reviewed activities at Monrovia High School

Mayor Pro Tem Lutz reported that a missing bicyclist in Monrovia Canyon Park was found in good condition today at 1:30 P M. He had been reported missing at 6:00 P M, Monday. Mayor Pro Tem Lutz applauded the efforts of Monrovia Police Department along with neighboring Police Departments for the assistance in finding Mr. Matthew Chew, who was now at home and doing well.

At its meeting of March 29, 2006, the Historic Preservation Commission determined that the house met Criteria Number 4 (Architecture) for designation and voted unanimously to recommend approval of Historic Landmark status and execution of a Mills Act Contract

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AND CLOSED Mayor Hammond opened and closed the Public Hearing as there was no one who wished to speak for or against the matter

It was moved by Councilmember Garcia, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, to adopt Resolution No 2006-22 designating the property at 728 East Greystone Avenue as Historic Landmark Number 95 and approve entering into a Mills Act Contract with the conditions of approval.

ROLL CALL Ayes: Councilmembers Garcia, Kirby, Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, Mayor Hammond
Excused: Councilmember Adams
Motion carried 4-0

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

CONVENE: Chairman Rob Hammond convened the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2006 of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 8 27 P M in City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, without adjourning the City Council Meeting

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

A CONSENT CALENDAR:

It was moved by Boardmember Garcia, seconded by Vice-Chairman Lutz, to adopt the Consent Calendar consisting of Agenda Item *B.

ROLL CALL: Ayes Boardmembers Garcia, Kirby, Vice-Chairman Lutz, Chairman Hammond
Excused Boardmember Adams
Motion carried. 4-0

***B UNADOPTED MINUTES** The unadopted Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency of April 4, 2006 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar

MRA REPORTS None

MRA ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Hammond adjourned the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 8 28 P M

RECONVENE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

E BIDS

1 Award of Bid for the Purchase of One ¾-Ton Utility Truck for the Parks Division from Pasadena Ford in the Amount of \$27,077 75

David Fike, Public Works Director, reviewed the Staff Report

The existing truck was purchased in July 1992 with a service life expectancy of 15 years. It was Staff's recommendation to approve the replacement of the Parks Division ¾-ton service utility body truck with extended cab and full service body from Pasadena Ford.

Bid specifications were sent to 13 dealers, and four responded. Funds were available in the Equipment and Vehicle Replacement Fund.

It was moved by Councilmember Kirby, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, to approve the purchase of one ¾-Ton Ford Utility Body Truck from Pasadena Ford per Bid No 05-11 in the amount of \$27,077.75 and reject all other bids. There were no objections.

F. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS.

***1 Application for ABC Beverage License (Type 20 – Off-Sale Beer and Wine) for Rigos Deli & Mini Market, 448 West Foothill Boulevard; Receive and File**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

Notice was received from ABC that Primitiva Serrano and Rigoberto Serrano had submitted an application for a Type 20 – Off-Sale Beer and Wine License. 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 and Staff recommended that the City Council receive and file the application.

***2 Application for ABC Beverage License (Type 20 - Off-Sale Beer and Wine) for Monrovia Shell at 702 East Huntington Drive; Receive and File**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

Notice was received from ABC that Khalil Farah, Ahlam Farah, Nelly Rabadi and Jalal Rabadi had submitted an application for a Type 20 – Off-Sale Beer and Wine License. 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 and Staff recommended that the City Council receive and file the application.

G REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS & SUB-COMMITTEES

1. Mayor Hammond reported that

(a) He thanked Mayor Pro Tem Lutz for all she had done to organize teams for the Relay for Life and Dr. Domotor for organizing the event.

(b) He addressed the issues of the articles appearing in the newspapers lately regarding the Monrovia Police Department, and stated that the Council wanted to dispel rumor and myth. He stated that the safety of each person in the community was of the utmost importance in the minds of the City Councilmembers and that residents were safe. He further rendered the Council's positive opinion of the current Police Chief.

2 Mayor Pro Tem Lutz reported that

(a) **Proclaiming the Month of April 2006 as "Earthquake Preparedness Month".** The Month of April 2006 had been proclaimed as "Earthquake Preparedness Month." She called upon Interim Fire Chief Derek Young to give report on the activities planned. Mayor Hammond asked that earthquake survival information be prominently displayed on the City's website.

(b) **Proclaiming April 22, 2006 as "Earth Day."** April 22, 2006 was proclaimed as "Earth Day." She reviewed the many events to celebrate the day.

(c) Monrovia was hosting the Relay for Life on April 22-23, 2006. There were 28 Monrovia teams. She reviewed the schedule of events concluding with a pancake breakfast Sunday morning hosted by the Monrovia Police Department.

3 Councilmember Adams was excused.

4 Councilmember Garcia reported that

(a) The Monrovia Historic Museum's featured program on April 25, 7:00 P.M., would feature former Mayor Pat Ostrye, speaking on her experiences in World War II. Other veterans were invited to share their stories also, as time permitted. The Museum had been gathering veterans' histories and asked that other veterans respond by filling their information on a form that could be found at Monrovia City Hall. All information gathered was available at the Museum.

(b) The Monrovia League and Monrovia Library were co-sponsoring a program featuring KGEM's Executive Jason Lewis.

5. Councilmember Kirby reported that

(a) He extended his appreciation to all of those who organized and presented the Spring Egg Hunt in spite of the torrential rain. He stated it was a remarkable event and he was sure there were more than 1000 participants as reported. He complimented that program, stating that it was a great service to the community.

(b) He would be attending the SCAG Housing Summit and would be reporting back at the next City Council Meeting.

I ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1 Award of Contract to LSA & Associates, Inc. in the Amount of \$125,150.00 for Preparation of the Hillside Wilderness Preserve and Hillside Recreation Management Plan

April Soash, Director of Community Services, reviewed the Staff Report.

Since March of 2004, the Community Services Commission and the Trails Committee listened to public input, studied the language in Measures A & B, and reviewed grant requirements for the property acquired in the Hillside Wilderness Preserve to develop an outline for a management plan. At the January 20, 2005 Community Services Commission meeting the Commission approved the outline for the Draft Hillside Wilderness Preserve and Hillside Recreation Management Plan. From January to June of 2005, the Trails Committee continued to complete research on the area, study other areas similar to Monrovia's, and continued to listen to public input.

After much research, it was determined that hiring a consultant to complete the plan would be the best course of action. Those submitting proposals were LSA & Associates, Inc., P&D Consultants, and The Planning Consortium. The interview panel's recommendation was based on the proposals, presentations, the responses to the follow-up questions, and references. LSA's proposal was very thorough and provided the necessary steps to compile a comprehensive plan. The plan included five phases which were outlined in the Staff Report.

The Community Services Commission recommended that the City enter into a contract with LSA & Associates, Inc., for completion of the Hillside Wilderness Preserve and Hillside Recreation Management Plan.

Mayor Hammond thanked all the members of the Trails Committee and Community Services Commission who had spent years getting to this point in time.

Those speaking

1 Paul Larson, Monrovia, part of the subcommittee who interviewed the prospective consultants, spoke on the process and the product

Mayor Hammond asked the City Manager and City Attorney to address the "gateway properties" as identified by a Monrovia resident in an email prior to the City Council Meeting. The City Manager read portions of the grant referring to the preservation of the hillsides. The second question regarding the appropriateness of using the grant monies for a management plan was, in the opinion of the City Attorney, entirely within the bond measure structure as it was within the language of a resource, management or maintenance of the hillsides.

2 Gloria Crudginton, Monrovia, spoke in favor of the matter

After further discussion, it was moved by Councilmember Kirby, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, to award a contract to LSA & Associates, Inc , for \$125,150.00 to complete the Hillside Wilderness Preserve and Hillside Recreation Management Plan with \$62,575.00 from department savings and \$62,575.00 from the Hillside Wilderness Preserve Maintenance fund

ROLL CALL

Ayes Councilmembers Garcia, Kirby, Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, Mayor Hammond
Excused Councilmember Adams
Motion carried 4-0

City Manager Ochoa noted that the name of the Trails Committee would be changed to more appropriately describe the nature of the Committee

2. Overview of Monrovia Customer Service Program, Receive and File

Deputy City Manager Tito Haes reviewed the Staff Report

The City Council had always considered customer service a priority. Staff embraced this approach and moved forward to improve how the City delivered excellent customer service. It was not only good government to serve the public effectively and efficiently, but good business as well. It was important to resolve the customer service issue during the initial contact as this was usually the only time a customer interacted with the City.

In 2003, as a way to gauge public opinion regarding City services, the City commissioned the Rose Institute of State and Local Government of Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California, to conduct a telephone survey of 401, randomly selected Monrovia residents. The results were overwhelmingly positive. Further, as a way to keep current on customer service levels, City Staff had been distributing customer service response forms to anyone doing business with City Hall.

The customer service response forms that were returned were tabulated and any specific comments were addressed and responded to. Thus far, between the months of November 2005 and March 2006, the responses had been very positive. Of a total number of 385 cards returned there had been a total of 87% Excellent, 11% Good, 1% Fair, and 1% Needs Improvement responses. While those numbers were great, Staff strived to improve how it could get more customer service input and how to increase the number of "Excellent" responses.

Monrovia City Staff created a program called the Monrovia Idea Team (MIT). The MIT was an ad-hoc committee, made up of City employees from every department to meet and discuss how to improve a subject-- in this case, Customer Service. This group was made up of a wide variety of Staff with differing types of customer contacts including a Police Field Officer, Clerical

Staff, Mid-managers, Public Works Field Staff, and Recreation Staff in order to ensure all departments' experiences were considered

After discussion, including thanking the entire City Staff, it was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, seconded by Councilmember Garcia, to receive and file the report There were no objections

3. Objecting to Certain Provisions of AB2987 Relating to a Proposed Telecommunications Reform Bill, and Urging Specified Amendments, Resolution No. 2006-24

Dick Singer, Public Information Officer, reviewed the Staff Report

In answer to growing technological advances in telecommunications services and under pressure from telecommunication companies that wanted to enter the video services market in competition with cable companies, the State Legislature was currently considering Assembly Bill 2987 (Nunez) that would take away franchising authority from cities and counties and establish a new State franchise for such services. The bill was a result of heavy lobbying from AT&T and Verizon. The two firms were seeking to avoid local franchises nationwide.

The State legislation was similar to legislation also being considered in the U.S. Congress that would establish a national franchise system, likewise stripping local communities of their traditional franchising authority. The proposed State legislation would, in its current form, do serious damage to our ability to oversee cable services, control our public right-of-way, support local Public Access, Education and Government (PEG) programming, assist local consumers, assure fair and even service throughout the community and generate revenue. Resolution 2006-24 asked the State Legislature to amend AB2987 to correct those deficiencies and suggests 14 requirements that should be included to assure continued local control, customer service standards, PEG revenues and other necessary provisions.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Lutz, seconded by Councilmember Kirby, to Adopt Resolution No. 2006-24. There were no objections.

***4 Legislative Bulletin; and Urging the MTA Board of Directors to Place the Metro Gold Line Extension as a Funded Project in the MTA's Long Range Plan, Resolution No 2006-25**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar.

This report highlighted and summarized pending State legislation that might be important to Monrovia and provided a brief analysis of the potential impacts to the City. The recommendations made by Staff reflected the City's priorities and programs, as well as the direction taken by the League of California Cities, were as follows: Support, AB2483, AB2468, SB1407, SB1798, AB1387, AB3042, AB1387, AB3042, AB2158, Oppose, AB2987, SB1210, AB1990, SB1177, AB2922, SCA20, ACA22, SB1206, AB2922, SCA20, ACA22, Watch AB2015.

The adoption of Resolution No. 2006-25 would urge the MTA Board of Directors to place the Metro Gold Line Extension as a funded project in the MTA's long range plan.

Staff recommended the approval of the Legislative Bulletin, directed Staff to contact Monrovia's elected representatives for their support, and adopt Resolution No. 2006-25.

***5 Extension of Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Time Limitations; Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No 2006-06**

This was the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No 2006-06 extending Monrovia Redevelopment Agency time limitations Staff continued to recommend approval of this ordinance

***6 Elimination of Time Limit on Establishment of Loans, Advancements, and Indebtedness, Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2006-07**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

This was the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No 2006-07 eliminating the time limit on the establishment of loans, advancements and indebtedness Staff continued to recommended approval of this ordinance

J PAYROLL: Payroll No 7 in the net amount of \$485,233 40, and Voucher Numbers 136175 through 136441 non-sequentially in the amount of \$806,489 58 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar

K SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Mayor Hammond announced that the next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council was scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2006, 7 30 P M , City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia, California

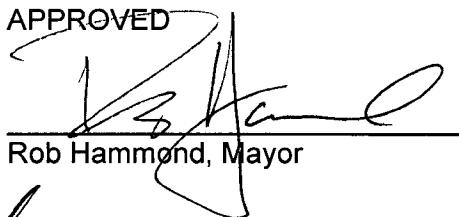
L. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, CONTINUED, IF NEEDED None

M ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION. None

N RECONVENE AND REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION. None


O. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Hammond adjourned the Meeting at 9 53 P M in memory of Patricia Josephine Gill, Grandmother of Deputy City Clerk/Administrative Secretary Alice Atkins He wished former Planning Commissioner Mimi Mency a speedy recovery from recent surgery

APPROVED



Rob Hammond, Mayor

ATTEST



Linda B Proctor, MMC, City Clerk