

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25 2001 7 30 P M**

CONVENE Preceding a Study Session to discuss the Altrio Open Video System (AVS) Application from 5 30 P M to 7 25 P M at the Monrovia Community Center 119 West Palm Avenue at which all City Councilmembers were in attendance Mayor Lara Larramendi Blakely convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday September 25 2001 at 7 35 P M in City Council Chambers 415 South Ivy Avenue Monrovia California

INVOCATION Dr John Mastrogiovanni Jesus is Lord Christian Center led the Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Councilmember Joe Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL In attendance were Councilmembers Tom Adams Victor M Franco Joe Garcia Mayor Pro Tem Rob Hammond and Mayor Lara Larramendi Blakely

REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation Government Code §54956 9(a) Pasillas et al v City of Monrovia Los Angeles Superior Court Case No BC257273

City Attorney Michael Colantuono reported on the matter discussed at the September 13 2001 Closed Session and reported that instructions had been given to the City Attorney and that no reportable action had been taken

PRESENTATIONS

1 Recognition of the Top Five Fundraisers for the Monrovia Water Cats Summer Fundraiser Lap-A-Thon Jourdan Perkins Nicole Ballew Sarah Curtright Cady Paramoure and Katie Fisher

Every summer the Monrovia Competitive Swim Team holds their annual lap-a-thon fundraiser The money raised from this event funds the annual banquet as well as swimmerships and equipment purchases

Jessica Ralles Assistant Recreation Coordinator introduced the top five money-raisers to the Mayor City Council and community From least to most money collected they were Katie Fisher Cady Paramoure Sarah Curtright Nicole Ballew and Jourdan Perkins who raised \$824 00 by herself Total money raised from this fundraiser was \$5429 18 Mayor Blakely congratulated the money-raisers for their excellent work

2 Recognition of the Monrovia Water Cats for Their First Place Finish in Division Two at SCAA Summer Championships

This year Monrovia Water Cats finished first in Division II at the Southern California Aquatics Association Championships Other teams in the Water Cats division include Sierra Madre Baldwin Park and El Segundo The Water Cats won by a margin of over two hundred over second place finisher El Segundo

Head Coach Robin Hart introduced the Water Cats to the Mayor City Council and community Mayor Blakely congratulated the Water Cats on their accomplishments She also introduced Coach Hart noting that she too had been a Water Cat

3 Introduction of the 2001-2002 Youth Commissioners

The Youth Commission program was designed in the spring of 1995. The Youth Commission's goal is to give the youth of Monrovia a voice in their community through participation at teen meetings and with local volunteer projects. The Youth Commission has become very successful in the last few years and has grown to 35 current Youth Commissioners from the middle and high school levels. One of the Youth Commission's greatest attributes is its diversity. These young residents come from all different walks of life. Some of their projects include Make a Difference Day, City-Wide Special Events, Arbor Day and Monrovia Day celebration.

Kerri Zessau, Recreation Coordinator, gave a brief description of the Youth Commission program, then introduced the Board and other Commission members to the Mayor, City Council, and the community. Mayor Blakely thanked the Commissioners for the volunteerism and commitment to the community.

4 Recognition of the Odyssey Book Review Winners

A recent addition to the Monrovia Public Library's annual summer reading club has been a Young Adult Reading Program for students going into the seventh grade and up. Of the 2,129 participants in the library's summer reading club this year, 112 joined the Young Adult Program called *2001 A Book Odyssey*. The requirements of the program were for participants to read a book at or above grade level and write a short book review for the library's Teens Recommend File, which is used as a resource to help young library patrons know what their peers suggest reading. This summer, 24 Odyssey participants were acknowledged and awarded for the outstanding book reviews they contributed to the library.

Senior Librarian, Youth Services, Melinda Steep introduced the participants to the Mayor, City Council, and the community. Mayor Pro Tem Hammond presented pencils to each of the participants, and Mayor Blakely congratulated them on their achievements.

5 Recognition of Volunteer Set Builders for the 2001 Summer Reading Club

Each year a thematic set is built in the Youth Section of the library to encourage children to join the annual Summer Reading Club. The theme for the 2001 Summer Reading Club was outer space and was called *Book Blastoff: Take Me To Your Reader*. The dynamic set, complete with a rocket that could blast and a control panel with lots of interactive knobs and buttons, was built by Frank Simpson and Scott Burkholder. The time, labor, and materials that these two volunteers put in to this project are much appreciated.

Senior Librarian, Youth Services, Melinda Steep introduced the set builders to the Mayor, City Council, and the community. Mayor Blakely and Mayor Pro Tem Hammond presented plaques of appreciation to each and thanked them for their generous contributions.

6 Recognition of Newly Promoted Police Officers Lieutenant Steve Cofield, Sergeant Zeke Cerecerez, and Sergeant Donald Newton

Police Chief Joe Santoro presented a brief background and introduced newly promoted Police Officers Lieutenant Steve Cofield, Sergeant Zeke Cerecerez (who was not in attendance), and Sergeant Donald Newton to the Mayor, City Council, and community. Chief Santoro also introduced members of the family in attendance. Mayor Blakely congratulated each and thanked them for their commitment to the community.

PROCLAMATIONS

1 Proclaiming September 25, 2001 as AeroVironment Day in Monrovia in Recognition of the Flight of Helios

On August 13 2001 the Helios prototype a solar-powered remotely piloted aircraft platform which was designed and built by AeroVironment soared over 96 500 feet becoming the highest flying non-rocket powered aircraft in the world

City Manager Donald R Hopper in his introduction of AeroVironment Chairman Paul MacCready stated that AeroVironment was one of the premiere companies in the entire world and that the City is very proud that AeroVironment has its headquarters here It was founded in 1971 by Cal Tech graduates and is one of the world's leading technology companies known for its human powered and man-soared powered airplanes and high performance electric cars Most of the inventions are now housed in the Smithsonian Institute Mr Hopper stated that inventions have included the Gossamer Condor in 1977 Gossamer Albatross in 1979 Solar Challenger in 1981 the QN pterodactyl in 1985 and the Sun Racer the first solar powered car to win the cross-nation race in Australia AeroVironment is now working on breakthrough technologies in energy systems and electric powered vehicles It is an exceptional corporate citizen with a worldwide reputation that it has brought to Monrovia He stated that the Proclamation included all things in the past and all things to come in the future

Dr MacCready stated that he was delighted to have AeroVironment receive the honor and wished that all could have seen the flight of the Helios a complex operation almost like the space shuttle or man to the moon The wingspan of the Helios was 246 feet larger than a football field and soared to 96 863 feet two miles higher than any other airplane in level flight It was run on renewal energy which does not pollute the atmosphere as is all of their vehicles He stated that AeroVironment came to Monrovia seventeen years ago Employees live in the area and are delighted to be in Monrovia He further stated that he was delighted with the youngsters who are doing so well in education in a city that is dedicated to it and also with the people who are doing community service as that was as important too

2 Proclaiming the Week of October 1-5 2001 as Ride Share Week

During the week of October 1-5 millions of commuters throughout California will be leaving their vehicles at home and instead carpooling riding transit bicycling or even walking to work as part of the 16th Annual Rideshare Week It is the largest event of its kind in the nation and a valuable opportunity for commuters to show their commitment to reducing traffic congestion and smog

City Manager Donald R Hopper accepted the proclamation from the Mayor and City Council

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT Student Government Liaison Matt Binford reported on activities at Monrovia High School

A CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Councilmember Adams seconded by Councilmember Franco to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of Items *B *F-1 *I-1 *I-2 *I-3 *I-4 *I-5 *I-6 *J-1 and *K

ROLL CALL

Ayes Councilmembers Adams Franco Garcia Mayor Pro Tem Hammond* Mayor Blakely
Motion carried 5-0

*with the exception of *B

***B MINUTES** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14 2001 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar

C ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

At the request of Mayor Blakely City Clerk Linda B Proctor read the guidelines for Oral Communications as follows

At this time citizens who wish to speak on any City business item not on the Agenda should first complete and return a Speaker Information Form to the City Clerk before this 45-minute period. By State law the City Council may not discuss and vote on items not on the Agenda. Speakers will be called on a first come first served basis. Time allotted for each speaker is a maximum of 3 minutes. Please state your name and address for the record. Those not accommodated during this period have an additional opportunity to speak under M ORAL COMMUNICATIONS Continued if necessary following public City business. The City Attorney will track the minutes remaining in the 45-minute period and advise the Mayor prior to the last speaker speaking. Speakers were asked to come to the front of the Chambers to sit and wait their time to speak as the City Clerk called their names three at a time. She also explained the new light system for the speakers stating that the green light indicated the speaker had two and a half minutes, the yellow light cautioned the speaker that he/she had thirty seconds remaining and the red light indicated that the three minutes were expended. She further explained that at the end of three minutes thirty seconds a bell would ring.

- 1 Cyrus Kemp Monrovia spoke regarding the California Freedom of Information Act
- 2 Jim Shea Duarte spoke in favor of Planned Parenthood
- 3 Elwanda Seelig Monrovia spoke against Planned Parenthood
- 4 Jasen Lewis Monrovia Community Media of the Foothills Executive Director announced the opening of two positions on the Board of Directors and provided his telephone number and e-mail address for interested parties to apply
- 5 Bill Beebe Monrovia thanked all those who were able to attend the Black Tie Event recently to kick off the Monrovia Arts Festival s October Festival and announced that applications were ready for tryouts for the Royal Court for 2002-03 for junior and senior girls in any of Monrovia high schools
- 6 John O Neill Monrovia spoke regarding the land use for Planned Parenthood facility
- 7 Rochelle Lilley Monrovia spoke against Planned Parenthood
- 8 Rosemary Harrahill Monrovia spoke regarding her son s recent military graduation and his placement in a training program which could take him to Afghanistan a letter sent out to residents last year regarding Planned Parenthood which was in English only and that the Spanish speaking community needed to be heard signs regarding Planned Parenthood will be put away on Friday in respect for the recent tragedies and that she was very proud of the Police Department as it has gone above and beyond in supporting their safety at the Planned Parenthood site
- 9 Maria Moroyoqui and Maria Danla Monrovia reported that she and neighbors are circulating a petition for an ordinance for rent control She presented the petitions to the City Clerk
- 10 Nancy Tinker 167 Poinsettia Monrovia spoke against Planned Parenthood
- 11 Sister Maria Albrecht Maryknoll Sisters Monrovia spoke against Planned Parenthood

Mayor Blakely called a recess from 8 54 P M 9 09 P M

D PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS None

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

CONVENE Chairman Lara Larramendi Blakely convened the Regular Meeting of September 25 2001 of the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors at 9 09 P M in City Council Chambers without adjourning the City Council Meeting

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

A CONSENT CALENDAR *B

It was moved by Boardmember Garcia seconded by Boardmember Adams to approve the Consent Calendar

ROLL CALL **Ayes** Boardmembers Adams Franco Garcia and Chairman Blakely
Abstain Vice-Chairman Hammond
Motion carried 4-0

***B MINUTES** The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14 2001 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar

MRA REPORTS None

ADJOURN Chairman Blakely adjourned the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 9 10 P M and the City Council Meeting continued

RECONVENE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

E BIDS None

F COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

***1 Denial of Claim** Law Offices of William W Green & Associates (on behalf of Ricardo Ramirez) v City of Monrovia

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

Mr Ramirez claimed that on or about February 20 2001 he was involved in a traffic accident at the intersection of Myrtle and Central Avenues due to malfunctioning traffic signal lights

Cal Trans is responsible for maintenance of the traffic signal lights at this intersection Therefore the City bears no responsibility in this matter Mr Ramirez has been notified to contact Cal Trans The claimant sought in excess of \$77 000 00 in damages

Staff recommended that the City Council deny this claim

G REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS & SUB-COMMITTEES

1 Mayor Blakely reported that

- (a) Student Government Day and the Joint Special Meeting with the Monrovia Unified School District and Monrovia Chamber of Commerce would be held prior to the October 9 2001 City Council Meeting at 5 00 P M Monrovia Community Center
- (b) The Press Conference to acknowledge the Tzu Chi September 11 Emergency Family Assistance Program was held on September 25 2001 10 30 A M at City Hall The Foundation has set aside sufficient funds to provide \$1000 00 for each family who lost a loved one in the terrorist attacks that occurred in New York and at the Pentagon Funding is also available for those who were severely disabled as a result of the attacks She further stated that the City was very fortunate to have such a compassionate organization in our community
- (c) A community blood drive would be held on October 12 2001 sponsored by the Fire Department and Red Cross She stated that at the last San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments meeting the Red Cross made a presentation and all cities present were challenged Monrovia's goal is 100 units of blood 136 donors are needed and posters will be distributed throughout the City
- (d) **Traffic Safety Improvements at Fifth Avenue and Foothill Boulevard** Public Works Director David Fike reported that left-hand turn lanes are to be added to the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Foothill Boulevard both on the Monrovia side and the Arcadia side Staff has met with all of the businesses affected on Foothill Boulevard and the residences on Fifth Avenue The left-hand lane will have a real impact on the businesses but they were willing to accept the change for the sake of safety He reported that there is parking in the rear and that a green zone will be located in front of the businesses Mayor Pro Tem Hammond asked Staff to examine the cost

involved if some of the sidewalk were removed on the north side of Foothill to give room for the left-hand turn lane and negate the removal of parking spaces

2 Mayor Pro Tem Hammond reported that

- (a) He thanked all of those involved who supported the recent fundraiser for the Monrovia Reads program He especially thanked Janet Cerswell for organizing the event Domenico's for the donation of the labor and huge cut in the cost of the food Joanne Spring ROP students Craig Shied Joe Santoro Miller Brewing and all of the other sponsors
- (b) All Krikorian Theaters were donating all proceeds today of both the admission and concession receipts to the disaster relief fund
- (c) Tzu Chi Foundation USA who has donated \$1000 00 per family to those who lost a loved one in the terrorist attacks is a beautiful organization whose mission is world peace He stated that Monrovia was truly blessed to have them and that they do outstanding things in the entire world

3 Councilmember Adams reported that

- (a) The Fire Department will collect money for the disaster relief fund at the Family Festival this Friday
- (b) The Rotary will hold its annual BBQ this Saturday evening at Monrovia Nursery
- (d) Department of Public Works Snapshot Public Director David Fike presented a ten minute video edited by Parks Division Manager Dan Iwata of Public Works divisions-- Utilities Facilities Streets Engineering Parks and Administration
- (e) He introduced former Councilmember John Nobrega who complimented Public Works for its quick response to a water emergency at his home recently
- (c) **Proposed Redistricting for City of Monrovia**

It was moved by Councilmember Adams seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hammond to send tomorrow to the Governor a letter requesting that he not sign any legislation that would split Monrovia in two

Much discussion ensued with Councilmembers debating the possible negative and positive affects of the split of City of Monrovia into two legislative districts

ROLL CALL

Ayes Councilmembers Adams Garcia Mayor Pro Tem Hammond
Noes Councilmember Franco Mayor Blakely
Motion carried 3-2

4 Councilmember Franco reported that

- (a) He attended the Black Tie Event of the Monrovia Arts Festival and supports their efforts wholeheartedly
- (b) He also attended the Monrovia Reads fundraiser at the Monrovia Historic Museum and is very supportive of its cause
- (c) He congratulated Pam Fitzpatrick as the newly elected President of the Boys and Girls Club of which he is a new Board member
- (d) He too attended the Tzu Chi Foundation press conference and was very impressed with their support of the victims of the New York and Washington D C disaster of \$1000 00 per family
- (e) He was very proud of the God Bless America banner at the entrance to the City which reflected what Monrovia was all about

5 Councilmember Garcia reported that

- (a) He attended the Tzu Chi press conference and expressed gratitude to them for taking time to acknowledge that we are the United States of America a unified force trying to help the victims He stated that over \$5 200 00 was collected by the Fire Department's Fill the Boot drive and that the spirit of Monrovia was really great
- (b) He announced the new Teen Program presented by Community Services Department at the Armory It is open to junior and high school students and will continue through December 19 2001 A variety of events will be offered

(c) All three of Domenico s Restaurants will donate 20% of their proceeds from September 25 26 27 2001 to the wives and children of the fire department and police personnel who were lost in the recent tragedy

H REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES None

I ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

***1 Set for Public Hearing on October 9 2001 Moratorium for New Single Family Homes on Hillside Infill Lots Pending Review and Approval of New Regulations Ordinance No 2001-19**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

At its meeting of September 12 2001 the Planning Commission discussed several options for proposed regulations for vacant infill hillside lots that are not in the Specific Plan areas These remaining hillside lots are the more difficult lots to develop and could have a significant impact on adjacent residential properties The Commission felt that further study was needed and is recommending that the City Council enact a 45-day moratorium on the development of single-family homes on vacant hillside lots The moratorium will temporarily delay any applications that may be submitted while the proposed regulations are developed and enacted

Staff recommended that the City Council set October 9 2001 as the date of the Public Hearing

***2 Set for Public Hearing on October 9 2001 Altrio Open Video System (OVS) Agreement**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

A Study Session was held prior to the September 25 2001 City Council Meeting

Staff recommended setting the date of October 9 2001 as the date of the Public Hearing to receive public input on this agreement

***3 Set for Public Hearing on October 9 2001 General Plan Amendment GPA 2001-03 Resolution No 2001-51 and Zone Change ZC 2001-02 Ordinance No 2001-16**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

At its meeting of September 12 2001 the Planning Commission held a public hearing to review a proposed General Plan Amendment and Zone Change for two recently approved hillside parcels the "Wright" and "Dunbar" properties The proposed designation for the properties is Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP) At the close of the Public Hearing the Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval to the City Council

Staff recommended that the City Council set October 9 2001 as the date of the Public Hearing

***4 Set for Public Hearing on October 9 2001 General Plan Amendment GPA 2001-04 for Property Owned by Budincich Chiropractic Clinic Inc Located at 631 East Foothill Boulevard Resolution No 2001-52**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

At its meeting of September 12 2001 the Planning Commission held a public hearing to review a text amendment to the Land Use Element of the General Plan incorporating regulations for signs for nonconforming commercial properties in Planned Development Area 2 The Commission adopted Resolution 2001-10 recommending approval of the General Plan Amendment to the City Council

Staff recommended that the City Council set October 9 2001 as the date of the Public Hearing

***5 Set for Public Hearing on October 9 2001 General Plan Amendment GPA 2001-05 for Property Owned by World Vision Located at 800 West Chestnut Avenue**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

At its meeting of September 12 2001 the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing to review a proposed amendment to the Sign Ordinance to allow a freeway sign for office buildings within 600 feet of the freeway The Planning Commission is forwarding this application to the City Council with a recommendation of denial

Staff recommended that the City Council set October 9 2001 as the date of the Public Hearing

***6 Rehabilitation of Well No 3 Booster 1-5 and Booster 2-1 Acceptance of Work Notice of Completion and Approval of Final Payment to General Pump Company in the Amount of \$156 513 00**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

On April 10 2001 a contract was awarded to General Pump Company in the amount of \$148 370 00 to rehabilitate Well No 3 Booster 1-5 and Booster 2-1

This project included cleaning the well casing and screen that will prolong the well's life and enhance water quality the replacement of old motors with new high efficiency motors and new pump assemblies It is estimated that the newly refurbished well motor and pumps will operate at a 20% higher efficiency saving the City approximately \$25 000 00 in electrical costs per year The Utilities Division has applied and obtained an incentive grant with Southern California Edison under their Commercial Standard Performance Contract program (SPC) The program offers cash payment to non-residential customers for replacing existing equipment with new high-efficiency equipment The incentive payment amount is determined by the amount of savings in one year of operation Our incentive amount was calculated to be \$11 718 00

Staff recommended that the City Council accept the contract work as completed by General Pump Company in the amount of \$156 513 00 direct the City Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with the County of Los Angeles Recorder and authorize the Director of Public Works to approve payment in the amount of \$156 513 00 thirty-five (35) days after filing of Notice of Completion with the County Recorder

J ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

***1 Amendment of the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority Joint Powers Agreement Approving the Admittance of the City of Palm Springs to the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority Resolution No 2001-59**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

The Independent Cities Risk Management Authority (ICRMA) is comprised of twenty-nine cities that have pooled their resources to form a risk management authority to share risk related to various insurance programs The Governing Board has approved the City of Palm Springs application for membership Approval of two-thirds of the member cities is required to confirm Palm Springs membership in the pool

An actuarial study performed indicated that admission of the City of Palm Springs to the pool would not adversely affect the risk sharing pool as their loss history is within acceptable limits as established by the pool

The addition of the City of Palm Springs to ICRMA lowers Monrovia's percentage share in the pool related to debt service administrative costs and risk premium

Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No 2001-59 approving an amendment to the joint exercise of powers agreement for insurance and risk management purposes and approving the admittance of the City of Palm Springs to membership in the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority

***K PAYROLL & VOUCHERS** Payroll No 19 in the net amount of \$383 084 84 and Voucher Numbers 97444 through 97773 nonsequentially in the amount of \$1 096 438 91 were approved by order of the Consent Calendar

L SCHEDULED MEETINGS

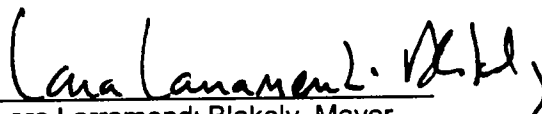
Preceding a Joint Special Meeting with the Monrovia Board of Education and Monrovia Chamber of Commerce 5 00 P M Monrovia Community Center 119 West Palm Avenue the next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council is scheduled for Tuesday October 9 2001 7 30 P M City Council Chambers 415 South Ivy Avenue Monrovia California

M ORAL COMMUNICATIONS IF NEEDED None

N CLOSED SESSION None

O ADJOURN It was moved by Councilmember Franco to adjourn Mayor Blakely adjourned the meeting at 10 18 P M

APPROVED


Lara Larramendi Blakely Mayor

ATTEST


Linda B Proctor CMC City Clerk

