

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY JANUARY 28 2003 7 30 P M**

CONVENE Following a Study Session to discuss the 2002-2003 Mid-Year Budget at which all City Councilmembers were in attendance in City Council Chambers 6 00 P M to 7 15 P M Mayor Lara Larramendi Blakely convened the Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council of Tuesday January 28 2003 at 7 33 P M in City Council Chambers 415 South Ivy Avenue Monrovia California

FLAG SALUTE Mayor Pro Tem Hammond led the Flag Salute

INVOCATION City Clerk Linda B Proctor led the invocation

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 (S)

January 14 2003

1 Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code §54956 9(a) Bench vs City of Monrovia Case No 00-0011A City Attorney Craig A Steele reported that no reportable action was taken Councilmember Franco was excused

2 Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section §54956 9(b) Number of Potential Cases 1 City Attorney Steele reported that the City Council authorized initiation of litigation regarding NPDES by a 4-0 with Councilmember Franco excused

Councilmember Rob Hammond announced that it was Tom O Connell s 92nd birthday today Mr O Connell who has attended City Council Meetings for many years was in the audience

PRESENTATIONS

1 Presentation of Pass-through Check in the Amount of \$83,503 00 to Citrus Community College Board of Trustees

Pursuant to California Redevelopment Law and the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency s (MRA) tax increment revenue sharing agreement with the Citrus Community College District the MRA is required to pass through a fixed percentage of its tax increment to the local community college district The tax increment is to be used on capital improvement projects that benefit both the College and the City of Monrovia For the period of fiscal year 1999-2000 through 2001-2002 this amount totals \$83 503 00

City Manager Donald R Hopper introduced Joanne Montgomery Monrovia resident and member of the Citrus College Board of Trustees who accepted the check from the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors Mrs Montgomery stated that the funds would be set aside for special projects and encouraged the City of Monrovia to use the college s marquee which was purchased with pass-through funds

2 Introduction of Newly Hired Finance Division Manager Terrence Beaman

Mark Alvarado Director of Administrative Services introduced newly hired Finance Division Manager Terrence Beaman to the Mayor City Council and community

3 Neighborhood Pride Award Program Recognition of Julius and Hazel Parker 141 Fig Avenue Single Family Owner Occupied and Francisco and Armida Acosta 630 East Colorado Boulevard Multi-Family Rental Property

Bill Skiles Neighborhood Preservation Manager introduced the winners of the Neighborhood Pride Award Program Julius and Hazel Parker single-family owner occupied category and Francisco and Armida Acosta multi-family rental property category to the Mayor City Council and community The recipients recognized for maintaining their properties in an outstanding manner Each was presented with a Certificate and a basket of Monrovia mementoes

4 Introduction of Newly Installed Senior Club Presidents for Year 2003 Golden Age Club President Willie Emerson New Horizon Club President Norma Yuhas and Gad-A-Bouts Club President Larry Gimlich

Penny Arroyo Assistant Recreation Coordinator introduced the year 2003 Senior Club Presidents Willie Emerson Norma Yuhas and Larry Gimlich (unable to attend) to the Mayor City Council and community A brief biography was read for each club president followed by the presentation of City pins to each president by the Mayor

PROCLAMATIONS

1 Proclaiming the Year of 2003 as Monrovia Police Centennial Year'

Mayor Blakely proclaimed the Year 2003 as "Monrovia Police Centennial Year" The year 2003 will mark the 100th anniversary of the Monrovia Police Department The genesis of the Police Department as an organization came with the appointment of its first Special Police Officer by Monrovia's City Board of Trustees on December 15 1903 Out of this first appointment would follow many others and through the years develop into the department as we know it today This next year will be an exciting time in the Police Department's history—a time for remembering the past and for looking forward to the future Chief Roger Johnson accepted the Proclamation

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 *J-1 and *K

ROLL CALL

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

***B MINUTES** None

C ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1 Mary Ann Lutz President Monrovia Day Association introduced the 2002 Queen and Court and presented the Association's scholarships to them She also introduced Cindy York who is in charge of the Queen and Court

2 John Campbell Monrovia asked if out-of-the-country expenses had been reimbursed by the National League of Cities for Mayor Blakely and asked for a mechanism for City Council approval before funds were expended by City Councilmembers

3 Stephen Grollnek Monrovia questioned that the City of Monrovia had really been saving money as reported at the preceding Study Session and gave his opinion of the Trolley program Valet Parking program and Theater project

4 Cyrus Kemp Monrovia questioned the cuts presented by Staff at the preceding Study Session for projected shortfall

5 Dot De Leon Diamond Bar spoke regarding Police Department issues and victims and handed out packets of information to the City Councilmembers

6 Lauren Silverman Monrovia Youth Education Program Manager spoke regarding a new free 12-week course in television production for ages 14-21 for Monrovia and Sierra Madre residents The Monrovia Youth Information Technology program is offered by Community Media of the Foothills

7 Harrison Taylor Monrovia expressed his feelings of encouragement regarding comments from various City Councilmembers over the budget stated he was still investigating his opinion of misuse of City funds and expressed his opinion that perhaps the City was pouring too much money in the truancy law

8 Pam Fitzpatrick Monrovia stated that the Trolley was free and valet parking for those who wish to park and shop was \$4 00 with a \$2 00 discount if patrons shopped in a participating merchant's place of business disagreed that the theater had been a bad idea believing that the stores of today wouldn't be there

Mayor Pro Tem Hammond stated that Family Festival was free that there would be no police positions lost and none lost from attention that the two position budgeted but not filled is not the same as cutting personnel and that the current level of service is not being reduced—"a resident can call fire and police today the same as yesterday"

Councilmember Adams requested that a policy regarding reporting of City Council expenditures be included on the next Meeting Agenda for discussion stating that he believed that an easier version of a report card on the City council should be available and that a vehicle needs to be in place that is extremely simple for citizens to find out what the five of them are doing Mayor Pro Tem Hammond suggested that Staff check with other cities

D PUBLIC MEETINGS/HEARINGS

1 1 Tentative Tract Map No 53941/CUP2002-22/Variance V2002-07 for Property Located at 1221-1225 South Alta Vista Avenue by Developer Hank Jong

Steve Sizemore Planning Division Manager reviewed the Staff Report

At 8 42 P M City Councilmember Adams exited Council Chambers stating that he had a working relationship with the Contractor Mur-Sol Construction and would not discuss or vote on the matter

The applicant requested approval of a Tentative Tract Map Conditional Use Permit and Variance to allow the construction of a 14 unit detached 2-story Planned Unit Development The subject property consists of four parcels of land located on the west side of South Alta Vista Avenue south of Huntington Drive in the RH (Residential High Density) Zone The surrounding zones and land uses consist of high-density apartments condominiums and townhouses

The proposal meets the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance with the exception of the request for a variance There are 10 units along the side property lines six units are setback 12 encroaching 3 into the required 15 setback There is room to comply with the minimum setback of 15 but this would provide uniform siting of units and reduced landscaping along the private driveway The Planning Commission discussed the setback encroachment and felt that the reduced setbacks provided a better site design and increased landscaping

RECONVENE MONROVIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**E BIDS None****F COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS None****G REPORTS OF CITY COUNCILMEMBERS & SUB-COMMITTEES****1 Mayor Blakely reported that**

(a) She attended the League of California Cities Committee meetings last Friday in response to the City of Santa Clarita's six-month trial program in targeting 200 households for the recycling of disposal diapers. Senator Don Perata will shortly introduce legislation to promote the curbside recycling of disposable diapers. The bill is sponsored by a Canadian company called Knowaste which is running the pilot disposable diaper curbside recycling program jointly with the City of Santa Clarita. Currently most if not all disposable diapers go to a solid waste facility thus putting what essentially is raw sewage into landfills. The goal of the proposed Perata bill is to establish a funding source for local governments that will encourage development of the infrastructure to expand curbside recycling opportunities for disposable diapers. More information is desired prior to the League taking a position.

Other issues included continued discussion on NPDES-- the storm water legislation. Monrovia has now joined other cities in suing the state for these storm water regulations. Monrovia is in favor of clean air and clean water and wants to make sure that everything that goes out in the storm drains is as clean as it can. Monrovia and other cities have been commended for the measures they have taken but believe that some of the regulations that have been imposed are onerous and go beyond that the percentage of cleanliness that they are asking for may be minuscule but the cost related to it is tremendous and the cost benefit analysis does not work out. Other issues included the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government's work on a housing trust fund using the 20% set aside funds from other cities. Suzanne Reed, Assemblywoman Lui's Administrative Aide, asked for information on this issue and was referred to COG by Mayor Blakely. Ms. Reed met with the Executive Director of COG and the Councilmember from Sierra Madre on Friday and are now working on a spot bill.

(b) Update of State Budget Crisis Resolution No 2003-11

It was moved by Mayor Blakely, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hammond to adopt Resolution No 2003-11 in support of the reinstatement of the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) with the deletion of Be. It further resolved that the City of Monrovia hereby expresses its profound appreciation to the legislators who support such VLF restoration legislation. The deletion was accepted.

Resident Cyrus Kemp spoke in opposition of the Resolution.

ROLL CALL

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

In response to Mayor Blakely's request, City Manager Hopper explained the 1998 reduction of VLF and the promise to cities that the State's General Fund would backfill. It stopped short of guaranteeing a trigger to re-establish the fund when it was no longer available from the General Fund of the state to backfill. This resolution encouraged the state to do the right thing in restoring this fee.

2 Mayor Pro Tem Hammond reported that

(a) He and Staff are meeting with members of the Assembly on Friday to discuss budgetary issues and also with the Editorial Board of the Pasadena Star News regarding the affect of VFL cuts to cities. He again asked citizens to send letters to the editor and to

Sacramento if they believed that Sacramento should solve its own budgetary programs rather than putting it on the backs of cities

(b) He attended the City of Azusa s Council meeting at its request to bring the City s Blue Star and Pen Pal Program to them The Council will adopt the programs shortly

3 Councilmember Adams had no report at this time

4 Councilmember Franco reported that

(a) He had been attending meetings with elected officials in Sacramento and felt somewhat encouraged with responses given to him However feels that no one has stepped up to the plate to take ownership of the problem that all are facing as everyone is waiting for someone else to introduce a bill that basically calls for either tax increases or budget reductions He stated that it angered him and he believed that it was important for the citizens to understand that we need to communicate with our elected officials today and let them know how angry we are that we are going to be watching what they are doing and how they vote because how they vote is going to direct us directly We cannot wait until we hear from Sacramento as to whether we get the VLF monies back or not It is critical that they hear from us He further stated that it was important that residents take the time to come to City Hall and look at the budget that was presented tonight so they will know exactly how it would impact their lives He said that we have to do something about it— we have to communicate-- we have to get angry-- and we have to show them that it is criminal for them to do what are doing to us We did the right thing tonight in planning and preparing for a worse case scenario but it is incumbent upon us to communicate and let them know that we will watch what they are doing and figure out ways to get the right folks up there if they do not make the right decisions

(b) He congratulated the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce for the Passport for the Old Trolley He was very pleased with the contents which basically encouraged citizens to shop in Old Town as there were discounts for people to shop and dine in the downtown area keeping money here in Monrovia Sales tax is the number one revenue stream for the City of Monrovia so it was critical to keep money in Monrovia

5 Councilmember Garcia reported that

(a) He attended the League of California Cities Housing and Community Economic Development Policy Committee of which the agenda included issues that could affect our community One was the new model building code adoption and he has given that information to the Community Development Department and another was on the implementation of Proposition 46 the Housing Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002 In it was a program that discussed all of the bond bill allocations including some of the other targeted allocations and what is available as far as grant funds

H REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES None

I ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1 Annual Service Rate Adjustments for the Collection of Commercial/Industrial Solid Waste from the Old Town Franchise Area Pursuant to the Exclusive Franchise Agreement Between the City of Monrovia and Athens Services Resolution No 2003-08

Scott Ochoa Assistant City Manager reviewed the Staff Report

Athens Services submitted the annual Service Rate Adjustments request to the City on December 24 2002 with hopes that it would be approved and take effect February 1 2003 The Exclusive Franchise Agreement stipulates that Athens Services is eligible for annual Service Rate Adjustments upon their satisfactory performance of the Contract Services

J RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

***1 Set for Public Hearing on February 25, 2003 Approving Declaration List of Properties Designated by the County of Los Angeles Requiring Weeds or Brush and/or Rubbish Abatement and Setting a Hearing of Protests for the Owners of Such Properties Resolution No 2003-09**

This matter was approved by order of the Consent Calendar

Each year the Los Angeles County Department of Agricultural Commissioner Weights and Measures Office identifies properties which have been found to contain weeds brush and/or rubbish constituting an existing or potential health and safety hazard to adjacent property owners Upon the City Council's approval of the date for the Property Owners Protests identified property owners will receive an Annual Weed Abatement notice from the County requiring that they maintain their parcels in a fire safe condition throughout the year If the property owner does not complete the weed abatement the County will remove the nuisance and recover the costs from the property owner

Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No 2003-09 with Appendix A accepting the Declaration List and setting February 25 2003 as the date for the Hearing of Protests

***K PAYROLL & VOUCHERS** Payroll No 2 in the net amount of \$417 446 06 and Voucher Numbers 108129 through 108493 non-sequentially in the amount of \$795 364 20 was approved by order of the Consent Calendar


L SCHEDULED MEETINGS A Salute to Service Program City Council Chambers 7 00 P M will precede the next Regular Meeting of the Monrovia City Council scheduled for Tuesday February 11 2003 7 30 P M Council Chambers 415 South Ivy Avenue Monrovia California

M ORAL COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUED IF NEEDED None

N CLOSED SESSION

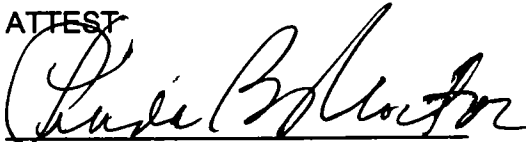
O ADJOURNMENT The Meeting was adjourned at 9 32 P M in memory of Carl Graves

APPROVED



Lara Larramendi Blakely Mayor

ATTEST



Linda B Proctor CMC City Clerk