

MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL
FINANCING AUTHORITY (MPFA)
HOUSING AUTHORITY (MPHA)
GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)
SUCCESSOR AGENCY (SA)
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 5, 2023

The City Council, the Financing Authority (MPFA), the Housing Authority (MPHA), the Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD), and the Successor Agency (SA) of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Meeting of the Council in the Council Chamber, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Sanchez led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

City Clerk Maychelle Yee called the roll:

Council Members Present: Henry Lo, Vinh Ngo, Jose Sanchez, Thomas Wong,
Yvonne Yiu

Council Members Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT:, City Manager Ron Bow, City Attorney Karl Berger, City Treasurer Amy Lee, Assistant City Manager Inez Alvarez, Police Chief Scott Wiese, Fire Chief Matthew Hallock, City Librarian Diana Garcia, Director of Public Works Shawn Igoe, Director of Recreation and Community Services Robert Aguirre, Director of Finance Martha Garcia, Community Development Director Jessica Serrano, Director of Human Resources and Risk Manager Christine Tomikawa, Finance Manager Laura Borjon, Senior Librarian Cathleen Bowley, Economic Development Manager Joseph Torres, Senior Planner Beth Chow, Police Sergeant Randy Esparza, Assistant Deputy City Clerk Helena Cho

VIRTUALLY PRESENT: Housing Consultants Priscila Davila and Debbie Sottek

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

Mayor Sanchez requested to move Agenda Item No. 6A to be heard after City Manager Communication.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Monterey Park is to provide excellent services to enhance the quality of life for our entire community.

CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATION

This item was heard with Agenda Item No. 6A.

The City Council presented City Manager Bow with a plaque for his leadership and dedication to the City of Monterey Park.

Public Speakers:

- Mike Eng, representing Congresswomen Judy Chu, congratulated City Manager Bow on his retirement and his service to the community. Mr. Eng presented City Manager Bow with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Congresswomen Chu.
- Alex Avanesyan, representing State Senator Susan Rubio, thanked and congratulated City Manager Bow for his years of service. Mr. Avanesyan presented City Manager Bow with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of State Senator Rubio.
- Jennifer Tang, representing Assemblymember Mike Fong, congratulated City Manager Bow on his retirement and thanked him for his leadership and service to the City of Monterey Park. Ms. Tang presented City Manager Bow with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Assemblymember Fong.
- Frank Lu, representing County Supervisor Hilda Solis, congratulated City Manager Bow on his retirement and thanked him for his years of service to the community. Mr. Lu presented City Manager Bow with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Supervisor Solis.
- Tony Ding, City of San Gabriel Council Member, Denise Menchaca, San Gabriel Council Member, and Mark Lazaretto, San Gabriel City Manager, thanked and recognized City Manager Bow for his work and close relationship with their city. They presented City Manager Bow with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the City of San Gabriel.
- Bob Gin, representing Alhambra Unified School District, conveyed gratitude to City Manager Bow for his years of service and work alongside the City of Alhambra. Mr. Gin presented City Manager Bow with a Certificate of Recognition.
- Anita Chu, Superintendent of the Garvey Unified School District and Andy Yam, Board Member of the Garvey Unified School District, thanked City Manager Bow for his dedication and service to the students of Garvey School District. They presented City Manager Bow with a Certificate of Recognition for his leadership on behalf of the Garvey Unified School District.

- Adele Andrade, Mayor of City of Alhambra, conveyed her gratitude to City Manager Bow for his leadership and partnership with the City of Alhambra. Ms. Andrade presented City Manager Bow with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the City of Alhambra.
- Hans Liang, former City of Monterey Park Council Member, expressed his gratitude to City Manager Bow for his years of service and recognized their time working together for the City of Monterey Park.
- Nancy Arcuri, congratulated City Manager Bow on his retirement and expressed her support for Interim City Manager Inez Alvarez.
- John Tallichet, President of Specialty Restaurants (Luminarias Restaurant), congratulated City Manager Bow on his retirement and conveyed his gratitude for the relationship and partnership.
- Jesse Chang expressed his gratitude to City Manager Bow for his stability and commitment to the City of Monterey Park.
- Lloyd, a survivor of the mass shooting, expressed his feelings regarding compensation for non-physically injured survivors.
- The City of Monterey Park showed a video commemorating City Manager Ron Bow's service to the community.
- City Manager Bow expressed his gratitude to the department heads, city council, city staff, various neighboring cities, and dignitaries. He also expressed gratitude to his family.

RECESSED AND RECONVENED

The City Council recessed at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened with all council members present at 8:15 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

- Vincent Chang, former City Clerk, expressed gratitude to City Manager Bow and congratulated him on his retirement. He conveyed his support for the police bicycle patrol.
- Troy Grant, representing Monterey Park Police Officers Association, expressed gratitude to City Manager Bow for his leadership and partnership. He thanked the city council for their support of their recent contract agreement.
- Eric Chen, representing the Monterey Park Victims Support and Advocacy Group, spoke about non-physically injured survivors of the mass shooting.

- Jesus Rodarte, member of Service Employees International Union – United Healthcare Workers West (SEIU UHW), asked for support of Senate Bill 525
- Chea Liu, member of SEIU UHW asked for support of Senate Bill 525
- Angela Harvey, employee at Garfield Medical Center, asked for support of Senate Bill 525.
- William Yen, spoke about ARDII (Anti Racism Diversity Inclusion Initiative), and wanted to bring more attention to the program, as well as to petition the County Board of Supervisors to help start similar programs for Asian and Hispanic groups.
- Maychelle Yee, resident, spoke about the Rams mural at George Elder Park, sharing her, as well as constituent's concerns, about the process of approval of such projects.
- Armen Sebastian, congratulated City Manager Bow on his retirement, and spoke about illegal fireworks in the city.
- Teresa Real Sebastian, congratulated City Manager Bow on his retirement. Ms. Sebastian spoke about irregularities with City Council procedures regarding the approval of the mural at George Elder Park.
- City Clerk Yee received, filed, and read into the record one written communication from Beverly Garcia, city employee and member of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 721, spoke about the working conditions in the Public Works Department.
- Mayor Jose Sanchez inquired about Senate Bill 525 and requested that this item be presented at a future meeting for consideration.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- Library – City Librarian Garcia introduced Senior Librarian Cathleen Bowley. Senior Librarian Bowley provided updates on summer events/activities which included: college preparation programs, summer reading program, and reminded the community that the Library is used as cooling center during hot weather.
- Police Department – Police Chief Wiese introduced the Police Department's bicycle patrol team. Police Sergeant Esparza provided background information and the purpose of bicycle patrol.
- Public Works – Director of Public Works Igoe spoke about the Free Composting Event in partnership with Athens Services on July 15 at Garvey Ranch Park.

- Recreation and Community Services – Recreation Manager Alatorre spoke about the Dodgers Night event. She also spoke about the Independence Day Celebrations at Barnes Park, which were well attended. She detailed the Movie in the Park event the following evening which featured “Puss in Boots” and the following movie event that would feature “Back to The Future.” She also presented information on the summer lunches program provided by San Gabriel Unified School District that would provide free meals for ages 18 and under at the Barnes Park Picnic Shelter. Finally, she talked about the “How Do You Rec?” program where the public can share their photos enjoying unique recreational activities, and how to stay connected via social media.

1. PRESENTATION

1-A. MONTEREY PARK COMMUNITY HEALING FUND UPDATE

City Treasurer Lee provided an update on the funds raised by the Monterey Park Community Healing Fund for victims of the Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) that occurred on January 21, 2023. She stated that the amount raised to date is \$65,829 and applications are currently being accepted for grant funding for victims of the MCI. City Treasurer Lee mentioned that the Community Healing Fund has received about 35 applications, and those applications are currently being reviewed. The last day to submit applications is on July 31.

1-B. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Economic Development Manager Torres presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing the various retail and commercial projects around the City of Monterey Park.

1-C. U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN (EIDL) PROGRAM UPDATE

Economic Development Manager Torres presented a PowerPoint presentation detailing the Small Business Administration’s (SBA) collaboration with the Pacific Asian Consortium for Employment (PACE) and the city of Monterey Park to provide Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) to small businesses adversely affected by the city MCI. The event took place this past June. The event generated 117 EIDL applications, three of which have already been approved for a total of \$604,500. Barbara Nitis, Public Information Officer with the SBA, was available to answer questions.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2-A. **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST (“SGVRHT”) MEMBERSHIP**

On April 5, 2023, the City Council received a presentation from the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust. City Council gave direction to research the process for joining the SGVRHT.

There are two types of membership types that are available, including affiliate membership, which does not allow access to project funding, and full membership, which allows access to project funding and other benefits.

The City Council should consider the following:

1. Whether the City Council would like to join the SGVRHT; and
2. If so, at what membership level?

Should the City Council decide to authorize the City Manager to join the SGVRHT, the City Council would also need to authorize a budget amendment appropriating funds from the General Fund to cover annual costs for the selected membership level.

Public Communications:

- Ricki Choi, Director of Government and Community Relations, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), addressed the City Council’s inquiry regarding the amount of funding provided per housing projects.

Discussion: Community Development Director Serrano provided a PowerPoint presentation to the City Council.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council consider (1) Providing staff direction regarding the City Council’s desire to join the SGVRHT and at what membership type, affiliate membership or full membership; (2) If desirable:

- a. Authorize the City Manager to prepare a letter to join the SGVRHT as an affiliate member, with no access to project funding, for amount of \$12,042.14 for the first year and thereafter, an ongoing annual fee of \$3,042.14 plus annual Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) increase; **OR**
- b. Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with SGVRHT, in a form approved by the City Attorney, to join the SGVRHT as a full member, with access to project funding, for amount of \$24,210.68 for the first year and thereafter, an ongoing annual fee of \$15,210.68 plus annual CPI increase; **AND**
- c. Budget amendment appropriating funds from the General Fund to cover annual costs for the selected membership level;

(3) Taking such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with SGVRHT as a full member, with access to project funding, for amount of \$24,210.68 for the first year and thereafter, an ongoing annual fee of \$15,210.68 plus annual CPI increases.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wong and seconded by Council Member Yiu, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Lo, Yiu, Ngo, Wong, Sanchez
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None
Recusal:	Council Members:	None

3. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS NOS. 3A-3K

All items under the Consent Calendar are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Specific items may be removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of any member of the City Council for separate consideration.

Action Taken: The City Council approved and adopted Agenda Item Nos. 3B, 3C, 3E, 3F, 3G, 3H, and 3K on Consent Calendar, excluding Item Nos. 3A, 3D, 3I and 3J which were pulled for discussion, separate motion, reading resolutions and ordinances by the title only and waiving further reading thereof.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Yiu and seconded by Council Member Ngo, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Lo, Yiu, Ngo, Wong, Sanchez
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None
Recusal:	Council Members:	None

3-A. GOODVIEWS ABATEMENT PROJECT (GAP) NOTICE OF COMPLETION; TERMINATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY GOVERNING THE GAP

On December 21, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-R101 that extended the GAP local emergency until March 1, 2023; that emergency was subsequently extended in a series of City Council actions until July 1, 2023. The GAP is now substantially complete and, consequently, a notice of completion was recorded.

Discussion: City Attorney Berger provided a video footage depicting the start and end of the project.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the notice of completion for the GAP and adopted Resolution No. 2023-R54 terminating the local emergency governing the GAP.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wong and seconded by Council Member Ngo, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Lo, Yiu, Ngo, Wong, Sanchez
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None
Recusal:	Council Members:	None

Resolution No. 2023-R54

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL TERMINATING THE 2021 GOODVIEWS ABATEMENT PROJECT LOCAL EMERGENCY

3-B. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA ADJUSTING THE SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

If adopted, the draft resolution would establish adjusting the salaries and benefits for the eight unrepresented executive management employees.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-R55 adjusting the salaries and benefits for the Executive Management Employees, on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 2023-R55

A RESOLUTION FIXING THE SALARY RATES AND BENEFITS FOR EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES.

3-C. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE MONTEREY PARK POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2025

Representatives of the City of Monterey Park ("City") and MPPOA met and conferred to negotiate the terms and conditions of a new Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") regarding employment. The parties reached an agreement on an MOU effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-R56 approved a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the City of Monterey Park and the Monterey Park Police Officers’ Association (“MPPOA”). The MPPOA represents the police corporals and police officers in the Monterey Park Police Department, on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 2023-R56

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR CONTRACT YEAR 2023-2025 BETWEEN THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK AND THE MONTEREY PARK POLICE OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION

3-D. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AMENDMENT WITH HF&H CONSULTANTS, LLC FOR WATER, WASTEWATER, AND SOLID WASTE RATE STUDIES

In May of 2021, staff prepared specifications for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a consultant to perform a comprehensive rate study for the City’s water, wastewater, and solid waste operations and received four responses. HF&H was the selected consultant. On June 16, 2021, Council approved a contract between the City and HF&H Consultants. The study has taken longer to complete than anticipated and the City is requesting to amend and extend the contract with HF&H to complete and implement the Study.

The City is requesting an amendment for an additional amount of \$295,000 plus a 10% contingency equal to \$26,500 for a total not to exceed amount of \$437,095 and an extended term through December 31, 2024.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment with HF&H Consultants, LLC in a form approved by the City Attorney; to conduct a Proposition 218 utility rate study for an additional amount of \$291,500 and extend the term of the amendment through December 31, 2024 and appropriated \$190,700 from Refuse Fund (421) to the FY 2023-24 Budget.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wong and seconded by Mayor Sanchez, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Lo, Yiu, Ngo, Wong, Sanchez
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None
Recusal:	Council Members:	None

3-E. 2020 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) PROGRAM - CONTINGENCY FUNDS UPDATE

The Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Program is a Homeland Security Grant designed to enhance regional preparedness and capabilities in designated densely populated, high-threat areas. Currently, the City of Monterey Park Fire Department (Department) is participating in the 2020 UASI Grant Program. The Department was notified of an approved modification for an increase of \$4,404. As per Resolution No.11740 adopted by the City Council on May 6, 2015, staff is reporting to the City Council the type of money obtained and the project details.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the report, on Consent Calendar.

3-F. 2020 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM – COST SAVINGS PROJECTS

The City of Monterey Park Fire Department was notified of an approved modification for an increase of \$7,593 for the 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP 2020 Grant). As per Resolution No. 11740 adopted by the City Council on May 6, 2015, staff is reporting to the City Council the type of money obtained and the project details.

Action Taken: The City Council received and filed the report, on Consent Calendar.

3-G. STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT GRANT YEAR 2022 – AWARD OF AGREEMENT

The County of Los Angeles is a Subgrantee of the State Homeland Security Program Grant Year 2022 that is provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Per the subrecipient agreement, the County of Los Angeles is authorized to enter a subrecipient agreement with the City of Monterey Park, which includes a distribution of SHSP 2022 grant funds to the City of Monterey Park in the amount of \$230,000. The award is dedicated to fund a Regional Training Group (RTG) Intelligence Chief position, in the amount of \$230,000. Staff recommends the City Council to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the County of Los Angeles for an amount not to exceed \$230,000 for the SHSP 2022 Grant.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the County of Los Angeles for an amount not to exceed \$230,000 for the State Homeland Security Program Grant Year 2022 (SHSP 2022), on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 2023-R57

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE, AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM FOR GRANT YEAR 2022

3-H. CANNABIS TAX FUND GRANT PROGRAM (CTFGP) FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024

The City of Monterey Park Police Department was notified of an award of \$184,010.89 from the Department of California Highway Patrol (CHP) Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) for Fiscal Year 2023/2024. The police department will utilize the grant funding to reduce and mitigate the impacts of impaired driving in our community.

Action Taken: The City Council accepted grant funds and authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the Department of California Highway Patrol (CHP) in the amount of \$184,010.89 for the Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) and adopted Resolution No. 2023-R58 authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to receive and appropriate grant funds in fiscal year 2023-24, and executed an agreement, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with the CHP in the amount of \$184,010.89 for the CTFGP, on Consent Calendar.

Resolution No. 2023-R58

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR DESIGNEE, TO RECEIVE AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CANNABIS TAX FUND GRANT PROGRAM

3-I. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF JULY AS “PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER” MONTH IN THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK

During July, the Recreation and Community Services Department celebrates "Parks Make Life Better" month. By designating July as "Parks Make Life Better" month, the City of Monterey Park, Recreation and Community Services Department urges all residents to enjoy and recognize our parks' social, physical, mental, economic, environmental, and community benefits. As we observe "Parks Make Life Better" month, we recognize the vital contributions of our employees and volunteers, who all contribute to making parks and recreation facilities a great place to visit. These dedicated staff and volunteers keep our parks clean and safe for visitors and coordinate and organize special events, childcare, summer day camp, swim lessons, educational classes, senior activities, and health and fitness programs. They ensure that parks and recreation facilities are safe and accessible places to enjoy.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-R59 declaring the month of July as “Parks Makes Life Better” Month in the City of Monterey Park.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wong and seconded by Council Member Ngo, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Lo, Yiu, Ngo, Wong, Sanchez
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None
Recusal:	Council Members:	None

Resolution No. 2023-R59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
DECLARING THE MONTH OF JULY 2023 AS PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER
MONTH

EXTENSION OF COUNCIL MEETING

Action Taken: The City Council extended the council meeting to 11:30 p.m.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wong and seconded by Council Member Yiu, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Lo, Yiu, Ngo, Wong, Sanchez
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None
Recusal:	Council Members:	None

3-J. AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF TRANSIT VANS FOR DIAL-A-RIDE PROGRAM

Two Dial-a-Ride vehicles have reached their useful service life and are due for replacement. Staff has identified the Class V - MobilityTRANS V350 transit vans as the most suitable replacement for use in the Dial-a-Ride program and recommends their purchase through Creative Bus Sales. The total cost for both vehicles is \$170,797.58 including applicable taxes and fees.

Action Taken: The City Council waived the bidding requirements pursuant to Monterey Park Municipal Code Section 3.20.050(4) and authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Creative Bus Sales, in a form approved by the City Attorney, not to exceed \$170,797.58 for the purchase of two Class V – MobilityTRANS V350 transit vans for the City’s Dial-a-Ride program.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wong and seconded by Mayor Sanchez, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Lo, Yiu, Ngo, Wong, Sanchez
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None
Recusal:	Council Members:	None

3-K. BARNES PARK AMPHITHEATER SEATING UPGRADES

The City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) includes Project No. 95028 for Barnes Park Amphitheater seating improvements. The proposed work includes the replacement of existing seats and lighting to improve the performance and ceremony viewing experiences for the community.

In February 2023, Public Works staff, in collaboration with the Recreation Department, researched and identified seating material that would be a suitable replacement for the existing Amphitheater seating. City Staff identified BuyBoard as a company that has an agreement with Irwin Seating Company for procurement of the Amphitheater seating. Once the seating was identified, staff solicited informal bids for the installation of the seating from three contractors: Irwin Seating Company, RE Schultz, and Zoom Recreation. Irwin Seating Company submitted the lowest bid for installation. It is recommended that City Council authorize the purchase of seating material from Irwin Seating Company utilizing the discounted pricing provided by the BuyBoard agreement and also award a public works contract for the installation of new seating.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

Since the proposed work is a minor alteration to an existing public facility, this project is Class 1 Categorically Exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the City Manager to purchase seating materials in the amount of \$75,816.41 from Irwin Seating Company and authorized the City Manager to execute a Public Works contract, in a form approved by the City Attorney, with Irwin Seating Company for installation of new seating in the amount of \$17,906.25, on Consent Calendar.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

4-A. PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF THE 2023-2024 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development provides funding to states, counties and cities in the form of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds. Since the City of Monterey Park is an Entitlement City, the City is eligible to receive both CDBG and HOME funds which it has for many years.

Before Monterey Park can receive these funds, federal regulations require that a Consolidated Plan (i.e., five-year plan) be adopted by the City that serves as the federal planning document for those jurisdictions receiving CDBG and HOME Investment Partnerships HOME Program funds. The Consolidated Plan was adopted by the City Council in 2020. In addition, federal regulations also require the adoption of an Annual Action Plan to the Consolidated Plan that operates on a single program year established by the City (i.e., July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024). As required by federal requirements, the City will submit its One Year Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by the statutory deadline of August 16, 2023.

The City of Monterey Park views the Annual Action Plan requirements as an opportunity to reassess its housing needs and priorities, as well as its programs and resources in a manner that will best meet the affordable housing and community development challenges of the Monterey Park community. The estimated City entitlement for FY 2023-24 is \$588,076 in CDBG funding and \$375,733 in HOME funding.

Action Taken: The City Council (1) opened the public hearing at 10:54 p.m. to receive public testimony and documentary evidence and closed the public hearing at 11:09 p.m. with no registered speakers; (2) approved the One-year Action Plan (Action Plan) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG"), and HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Programs; (3) directed staff to prepare and transmit the final documents to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"); and (4) authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to take all actions necessary or desirable to implement the Annual Action Plan, and Subrecipient Agreements.

Motion: Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Wong and seconded by Council Member Yiu, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Lo, Wong, Yiu, Ngo, Sanchez
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None
Recusal:	Council Members:	None

5. NEW BUSINESS

5-A. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER INEZ ALVAREZ, IN A FORM APPROVED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY, TO PERFORM AS THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER. FISCAL IMPACTS INCLUDE (1) AN APPROVED 5% INCREASE IN BASE COMPENSATION FOR A TOTAL OF \$230,766 BEGINNING JULY 8, 2023 DURING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT; AND (3) THE FRINGE BENEFITS ACCORDED THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER VIA RESOLUTION NO. XXX, ADOPTED JULY 5, 2023

Upon direction from the City Council the City Attorney negotiated provisions for an employment agreement with Assistant City Manager Inez Alvarez to perform services as the Interim City Manager.

Summary of this contract includes (see Attachment A):

- A base salary of \$230,766 beginning July 8, 2023; and
- The same benefits (health, leave times, etc.) as other executive management employees.

Action Taken: The City Council authorized the Mayor to execute a contract with Ms. Inez Alvarez in a form approved by the City Attorney. (Note that the resolution referenced in the subject line is Resolution No. 2023-R55)

Motion: Moved by Council Member Ngo and seconded by Council Member Yiu, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Lo, Wong, Yiu, Ngo, Sanchez
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None
Recusal:	Council Members:	None

6. CITY COMMUNICATIONS (CITY COUNCIL)

6-A. A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO HONOR RON BOW FOR HIS YEARS OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK

This item was heard after Roll Call and with City Manager Communication.

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2023-R53 of Appreciation to honor Ron Bow for his years of outstanding public service to the city of Monterey Park.

Motion: Moved by Council Member Ngo and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wong, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Council Members:	Lo, Wong, Yiu, Ngo, Sanchez
Noes:	Council Members:	None
Absent:	Council Members:	None
Abstain:	Council Members:	None
Recusal:	Council Members:	None

Resolution No. 2023-R53

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO HONOR RON BOW FOR HIS YEARS OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Lo reported his attendance at the 2nd Annual Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Against Gun Violence Coalition in Washington D.C. He also mentioned that he attended a dinner organized by the Chinese American Unity Alliance, where they recognized City of Monterey Park's Police and Fire Departments and all those who were affected by the Mass Casualty Incident (MCI). Council Member Lo spoke about his working relationship with City Manager Bow and congratulated him on his retirement.

Council Member Yiu congratulated City Manager Bow on his retirement and his tenure with the city.

Council Member Ngo said he attended the city's Annual Years of Service Celebration on June 29 and spoke about city staff's dedication to the city and community. Council Member Ngo reported that he attended the July 4 celebrations in the park and the Chinese American Unity Alliance Dinner to honor the Monterey Park Police and Fire Chiefs. He also conveyed his appreciation towards City Manager Ron Bow for his dedication to the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Wong spoke about his attendance to the Monterey Park's Dodgers Night and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument expansion press conference alongside Congresswoman Judy Chu and Senator Alex Padilla. Mayor Pro Tem Wong also spoke about City Manager Ron Bow and his commitment to the community.

Mayor Sanchez reported his attendance at Monterey Park's Dodgers Night and the City's July 4th celebration. Mayor Sanchez spoke about City Manager Ron Bow and their relationship while working for the city.

City Manager Ron Bow addressed the City Council and everyone in attendance. He spoke about his appreciation for his time with the City.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** - None.
8. **CLOSED SESSION (IF REQUIRED; CITY ATTORNEY TO ANNOUNCE)** - None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 p.m.



Maychelle Yee
City Clerk

Approved on October 4, 2023, at the Regular City Council Meeting