

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
OF MARCH 15, 2022

MEETING JOINTLY AND REGULARLY WITH THE EL MONTE HOUSING AUTHORITY; EL MONTE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY; EL MONTE PARKING AUTHORITY; EL MONTE WATER AUTHORITY; SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER EL MONTE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; HOUSING SUCCESSOR AGENCY; AND, FROM TIME TO TIME, SUCH OTHER BODIES OF THE CITY WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER: **5:36 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL FOR CITY COUNCIL AND AUTHORITY BODIES:

Jessica Ancona, Mayor/Chair – **present**
Alma D. Puente, Mayor Pro Tem/Authority Member – **present**
Martin R. Herrera, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**
Victoria Martinez Muela, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**
Dr. Maria Morales, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

m) Councilmember Herrera
s) Mayor Pro Tem Puente **5-0**

4. CLOSED SESSION:

This is the time set aside for interested members of the public to address the City Council on agendaized Closed Session matters. Subject to the commenting procedures described, above, the City Council will allow interested members of the public to address the City Council on agendaized Closed Session matters prior to holding Closed Session. Each speaker will be given a single speaker time allotment of three (3) continuous minutes total to address the Council on any or all closed session items of business. The City Council shall be under no obligation to recognize a speaker who submits a speaker card after the City Council has gone into Closed Session.

Mayor Ancona invited members of the public to address the City Council on Closed Session Items 4.1 through 4.7.

Armando Herman – Spoke about Workers Compensation Item and the cannabis litigation items. Spoke about L.A. Times article.

Mayor Ancona and the City Council recessed into Closed Session at approximately 5:42 p.m. Mayor Ancona and the City Council reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 7:02 p.m.

Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla reported out of Closed Session with respect to Items 4.1 through 4.7.

4.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Workers Compensation Case Nos. ADJ12949014 and ADJ14497052.

Updates were provided by special legal counsel and general counsel, direction was given as to each of these items by the City Council, but no final action taken.

4.2 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), 54956.9(c), and 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation – Dronotherapy, LLC vs. City of El Monte, LASC Case No. 20STCP04067.

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- 4.3 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation - El Monte v. Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, LASC Case No. 21PSCV00476.

Updates were provided by special legal counsel and general counsel, direction was given as to each of these items by the City Council, but no final action taken.

- 4.4 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – El Monte v. Crown Estate Holdings LLC et al., LASC Case No. 21STCV26110.

Updates were provided by special legal counsel and general counsel, direction was given as to each of these items by the City Council, but no final action taken.

- 4.5 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – El Monte v. A. Luong, Y.M. Ling and Y. Liam et al., LASC Case No. 20PSCV00796.

Updates were provided by special legal counsel and general counsel, direction was given as to each of these items by the City Council, but no final action taken.

- 4.6 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – El Monte v. C. Yun and A. Luong et al., LASC Case No. 20PSCV00886.

Updates were provided by special legal counsel and general counsel, direction was given as to each of these items by the City Council, but no final action taken.

- 4.7 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – El Monte v. A. Luong and C.Y. Xia et al., LASC Case No. 21PSCV00381.

Updates were provided by special legal counsel and general counsel, direction was given as to each of these items by the City Council, but no final action taken.

5. **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:06 p.m.

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Mayor Pro Tem Puente

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Adjourn the Special City Council Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held on **April 5, 2022** at 6:00 p.m. This Agenda will be posted on the City's website, www.ci.el-monte.ca.us, and physically posted no less than 72 hours prior to the start of the subject regular meeting. Although it is the City's practice and desire to electronically post a copy of this Agenda along with supporting material as part of its website posting, the size or formatting of certain supporting materials may render their website posting infeasible. Nevertheless, all supporting materials related to any item on this Agenda, that is made available to the members of the council may be inspected by members of the public at the City Clerk's Office located at 11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am – 5:30 pm. For more information, please call the City Clerk's Office at 626-580-2016.

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Catherine A. Eredia, City Clerk
City of El Monte

APPROVED:

Jessica Ancona, Mayor
City of El Monte