

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
OF MARCH 29, 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: **6:05 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**  
Victoria Martinez Muela, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**  
Dr. Maria Morales, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**  
Martin R. Herrera, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**m) Mayor Ancona**  
**s) Councilmember Martinez Muela**  
**Table Item 7.2**

**2-3 (Mayor Pro Tem Puente,  
Councilmembers Herrera and No)  
Dr. Morales**

**m) Councilmember Herrera**  
**s) Dr. Morales**  
**Approve the agenda as published**

**3-2 (Mayor Ancona and Councilmember  
Martinez Muela No)**

4. INVOCATION: City Council. **Mayor Ancona**

5. FLAG SALUTE: City Council. **Mayor Ancona**

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDIZED, NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS ONLY.

This time has been set aside for members of the public to directly address the City Council on agendized items of business only (other than those items agendized as public hearing matters). Each speaker/caller will be limited to a single allotment of three (3) continuous minutes total to address the City Council on those agendized matters covered by this section. As explained more specifically under the Public Hearing portion of this agenda, members of the public wishing to offer comment on items of business agendized under the Public Hearing portion of the agenda shall have a separate allotment of three (3) continuous minutes per speaker per public hearing item. Except as otherwise provided under the Brown Act (Gov. Code Section 54950 et seq.), the Council may not deliberate or take action upon any matter not listed on this posted agenda. Persons wishing to address the Council on matters covered under General Public Comment shall call in or submit a speaker card in the manner prescribed on page 1 of this agenda, above, by or before the General Public Comment portion of the agenda is closed. The City Council shall be under no obligation to entertain comments from speakers/callers who submit cards or call in to speak on matters covered by the section after the General Public Comment portion of the agenda is closed.

7. PUBLIC HEARING:

Members of the public wishing to address the Council on any item of business agendized under this Public Hearing portion of the agenda are asked to call in or submit a speaker card in the manner prescribed on page 1 of this agenda, above, by or before the time at which the City Council closes the public comment portion of each public hearing matter listed under this section. The City Council shall be under no obligation to entertain comments from speakers/callers who submit cards or call in after the public comment portion of the public hearing matter they wish to speak on has been closed. Each speaker will be allotted three (3) continuous minutes per Public Hearing item.

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- 7.1 A Fourth Public Hearing Pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010(A)(2) to Receive Public input Regarding Proposed District Maps and the Sequencing of Elections as Part of an Overall Transition to District-Based City Council Elections and to make a Final Decision Regarding the Selection of a Map and Election Sequencing.

**RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the fourth public hearing regarding proposed maps and related election sequencing as required by Election Code Section 10010(A)(2);
2. Receive the updated presentation from staff and the City's demographer regarding draft maps prepared by the demographer as well as maps proposed by members of the public and regarding the sequencing of district elections;
3. Receive public comment and input regarding the same;
4. Close the public comment portion of the fourth public hearing;
5. Pose final questions to staff, the demographer and outreach consultant; and
6. Deliberate and act to approve a district map and corresponding sequence of district elections.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No.: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

A joint staff report has been prepared for Items 7.1 and 7.2, below as the two items are related and relate to the same subject matter.

**m) Mayor Ancona**  
**s) Dr. Morales**  
**Open P.H.**

**5-0**

**Break at 7:02 p.m.**  
**Return at 7:13 p.m.**

Armando Herman – Spoke about item.

Andre Quintero – Spoke about having two districts in the south and how some of the maps submitted reflect that. Historically the City has been represented by elected officials on the North side and having representatives in the areas they represent make a difference. Keeping certain areas together. Single family homes in the East Side and keeping the density low.

Mary Ann Powers – Mentioned that she did not receive a mailer. The people in this community care about things like this but they need to know about things like this. Do a good job, represent the people and you will get your seats on the Council.

Joaquina Quinonez – Values that the community is able to provide feedback. Comments disabled online are important. Recommend that powerpoint be posted on the website in various languages. Likes the districts and the representation. Everyone should be made aware, and everyone should be able to provide their feedback.

Cosme Jimenez – Recommend to have a citizens committee. Need to have townhall meetings to inform the people spend time with them. How is the final map going to be approved?

Maria Morgan – The City is moving with the district-based elections is due to the California Voter Rights Act. In favor of the district-based election. There is a growing Asian community that deserves representation. District areas will allow representatives from the areas to be elected.

Aida De La Cruz – Just recently found out about the mapping opportunities. Asked neighbors about this and nobody knew what this was about. This could be a good thing for the City but doesn't understand why this is being rushed.

Julio Ramirez – Spoke about length of meetings. Agree with the district-based elections. How many Senior citizens know about this? How many kids with disabilities that vote know about this?

Iridian Magallon Quintero – To do the redistricting you are supposed to have a task force. Who drew the maps? What are the criteria for these maps? What are the criteria you are going to use to pick map? Not everyone has access to internet.

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Stephen Ramirez – Spoke about the district-based elections.

Mike Greenspan – In favor of district-based elections. Why is El Monte going so fast?

Rodolfo – District based elections are a good idea it allows for more democracy. Yes on the overall idea but no to the rushed process.

Irma Zamorano – Spoke about the district-based election rushed process in El Monte.

Jane Myring – Would rather see the City go to five district and not six. The City needs to discuss this with residents. This needs to be discussed with people.

David Siegrist – Spoke about the redistricting of other districts around El Monte. Handed out a map to the City Council that was done by the El Monte Union High School District and spoke about the map.

Gabriel Ramirez – Not against district-based election is against the rushed process.

Written Comments:

Rafael Gonzalez – In favor of the district-based elections.

Lovethisgreatcityofelmonte – In favor of the district-based elections.

Maria Nunez – Opposed to the district-based elections.

**m) Mayor Ancona  
s) Councilmember Herrera  
Close Public Comment** **5-0**

**At 9:39 pm**

**m) Councilmember Herrera  
s) Mayor Pro Tem Puente  
Extend the meeting** **3-2 (Mayor Ancona and Councilmember Martinez Muela No)**

**m) Councilmember Martinez Muela  
s) Mayor Ancona  
Table Item 7.1 and put together  
Three townhalls and move to adjourn** **2-3 (Mayor Pro Tem Puente, Councilmembers Herrera and Dr. Morales No)**

**m) Dr. Morales  
s) Mayor Pro Tem Puente  
Select Public Map 117** **3-2 (Mayor Ancona and Councilmember Martinez Muela No)**

**Secondary Motion**

**m) Mayor Ancona  
s) Councilmember Martinez Muela  
Select Public Map 119** **2-3 (Mayor Pro Tem Puente, Councilmembers Herrera and Dr. Morales No)**

**At Approximately 11:06 p.m. Mayor Ancona and Councilmember Martinez Muela left the meeting.**

**Sequencing**

**m) Councilmember Herrera  
s) Dr. Morales** **3-0 (Mayor Ancona and Councilmember Martinez Muela absent)**

**2022: 2, 3, 5 (two-year term) and 6  
2024: 1, 4 and 5**

**m) Mayor Pro Tem Puente  
s) Councilmember Herrera  
Close P.H.** **3-0 (Mayor Ancona and Councilmember Martinez Muela No)**

**Break at 11:15 p.m.**

**Return at 11:30 p.m.**

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- 7.2 A Related Fifth Public Hearing to Consider and Approve for First Reading an Ordinance Formally Establishing District-Based Elections and Ratifying the Selection of a District Map and Related Election Sequencing.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the fifth public hearing to consider and approve for first reading of Ordinance No. 3010 establishing district-based elections and formalizing and ratifying the approval of a district map and related election sequencing based on the action taken under Item 7.1, above;
2. Pose additional questions, if any, to staff or the demographer;
3. Receive final public comment and input regarding the same;
4. Close the public comment portion of the public hearing;
5. Pose final questions to staff and the demographer; and
6. Deliberate and act to approve the above-referenced Ordinance for first reading based on the map selection and sequencing selection on Public Hearing Item No. 7.1, above.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No.: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Ordinance No. 3010

A joint staff report has been prepared for Items 7.1 and 7.2 and the form of Ordinance No. 3010 is attached as Exhibit "B" to said staff report.

**m) Councilmember Herrera**  
**s) Dr. Morales**  
**Open P.H.**

**3-0 (Mayor Ancon and Councilmember Martinez Muela absent)**

Armando Herman – Spoke about the item.

**m) Dr. Morales**  
**s) Mayor Pro Tem Puentes**  
**Ordinance No. 3010**

**3-0 (Mayor Ancon and Councilmember Martinez Muela absent)**

**m) Mayor Pro Tem Puentes**  
**s) Dr. Morales**  
**Close P.H.**

**3-0 (Mayor Ancon and Councilmember Martinez Muela absent)**

8. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 8.1 Consideration and Approval of a Standard Voluntary Agreement with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to Oversee the Environmental Clean-Up for the Area Y Project for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$118,086.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve a Standard Voluntary Agreement (the "Agreement") with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to oversee the environmental clean-up for the Area Y Project for an amount of \$102,683 plus a fifteen percent (15%) contingency of \$15,403 for a total amount not-to-exceed \$118,086; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the Standard Voluntary Agreement with DTSC.

Total Cost: \$118,086

Account No: 100-67-845-8221

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

Armando Herman – Spoke about the item.

**m) Councilmember Herrera**  
**s) Dr. Morales**

**3-0 (Mayor Ancon and Councilmember Martinez Muela absent)**

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9. ADJOURNMENT:

**At 11:44 p.m.**

**m) Mayor Pro Tem Puente**

**s) Dr. Morales**

**3-0 (Mayor Ancon and Councilmember Martinez  
Muela absent)**

The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held on **Tuesday, April 5, 2022** at 6:00 p.m. The agenda for this upcoming Regular Meeting will be posted on the City's website, [www.ci.el-monte.ca.us](http://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:

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Jessica Ancona, Mayor  
City of El Monte