

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
OF JUNE 6, 2023

MEETING JOINTLY AND REGULARLY WITH THE EL MONTE HOUSING AUTHORITY; EL MONTE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY; EL MONTE WATER AUTHORITY; EL MONTE PARKING 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: **6:00 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL FOR CITY COUNCIL AND AUTHORITY BODIES:

Jessica Ancona, Mayor/Chair – **present**
Martin Herrera, Mayor Pro Tem/Authority Member – **present**
Marisol Cortez, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**
Victoria Martinez Muela, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**
Alma D. Puente, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**
Richard Rojo, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**
Dr. Julia Ruedas, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

m) Councilmember Rojo

s) Mayor Ancona

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Item 4.3 was pulled

4. CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council and the various legislative bodies whose membership is composed exclusively of the membership of the City Council will attempt to address and complete all Closed Session business between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. If the City Council completes all Closed Session business prior to 7:00 p.m., the City Council will take a short recess and commence all Open Session proceedings promptly at 7:00 p.m. In the event the City Council is unable to address or complete all agendized Closed Session items by 7:00 p.m., the City Council will hear all such remaining items toward the end of the meeting, immediately following Council Communications. Should any member of the public wish to address the City Council on any *agendized* Closed Session matter, the City Council shall allow such person to address the City Council on such matter(s) prior to going into Closed Session, provided that all persons wishing to address the Council on an agendized Closed Session matter shall (i) call-in or submit a speaker card in the manner prescribed on page 1 of this agenda, above, prior to the City Council going into closed session; and (ii) be subject to a single speaker time allotment of three (3) continuous minutes total per speaker to address the City Council on any or all closed session items of business.

Mayor Ancona invited members of the public to address the City Council on Closed Session Items 4.1 and 4.2. Mayor Ancona and the City Council recessed into Closed Session at approximately 6:02 p.m. Mayor Ancona and the City Council reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Assistant City Attorney Lloyd Pilchen reported out of Closed Session with respect to Items 4.1 and 4.2.

4.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Luis Martinez Moreno vs. City of El Monte, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 20STCV04748.

Direction given, no final reportable action taken.

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- 4.2 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Roger Hernandez vs. Susan Rubio, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 22PSCV00441.

Direction given, no final reportable action taken.

- 4.3 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiator.

City’s Designated Representative: City Attorney’s Office

Unrepresented Employee: City Manager

Item was pulled.

OPEN SESSION PROCEEDINGS

(Commencing at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the City Council reconvene from Closed Session/Short Recess).

5. INVOCATION: Chaplain. **Councilmember Martinez Muela**
6. FLAG SALUTE: Emilio Mendoza, 4th Grade Student from Le Gore Elementary School. **Present**
7. RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND COMMUNITY INTEREST PRESENTATIONS:
- 7.1 Presentation by the City Council to Emilio Mendoza from Le Gore Elementary School for Leading the Pledge of Allegiance. **Present**
8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

This time has been set aside for members of the public to directly address the City Council on agenda items of business (other than those agenda items as public hearing or closed session items) or on any other matter of interest to the speaker/caller that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, the Housing Authority, the Financing Authority and/or the Water Authority (collectively, the “Council”). Each speaker/caller will be limited to a single allotment of three (3) continuous minutes total to address the Council on any or all 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 agenda items 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 but may order that any such matter be placed on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. The Council may also direct staff to investigate certain matters for consideration at a future meeting. 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.

Eduardo Salazar – Spoke about the incident that happened at his property on September 17, 2022.

Kenneth MacKenzie – Spoke about the incident that happened at his property on September 17, 2022.

Julio Ramirez – Thanked Betty and Jason for bringing Chick-fil-A after 15 years. The City needs to bring in more businesses.

John Kelly – Spoke about Item 16.1 representing TNT Fireworks. Available to questions and comments regarding this item.

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Irma Zamorano – Spoke about the City Manager.

Stephen Trumble – Librarian for Norwood Library and El Monte Library, provided updates on items going on in El Monte. June 12th through August 4th at 12:00 p.m., lunch at the Library at Norwood Library.

Cosme Jimenez – Spoke about the deficit that the City will be facing once again.

Written Communication:

Bill Lam – Comment was regarding the issues of public transit, as it relates to Metro Line 176. Metro Line 176 used to serve the Flair Business Park area mainly on Telstar Ave until it was discontinued in June 27, 2021 due to low ridership.

9. CITY TREASURER’S REPORT: **None**

10. DEMAND RESOLUTION NO. D-688

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 1. That the attached list of claims and demands totaling \$7,994,953.50 have been examined by the City Treasurer and that warrant numbers 1114216 through 1114517, and the payroll ending May 15, 2023, inclusive are hereby allowed in the amounts and ordered paid out of the respective funds as set forth.

m) Councilmember Puente

s) Councilmember Rojo 7-0

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2023

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Dr. Ruedas 6-0-1 (Councilmember Rojo abstain)

12. CONSENT CALENDAR:

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine in nature and may be enacted by one motion approving the recommendation listed on the Agenda. One or more items may be removed from the Consent Calendar so that they may be discussed, considered, and voted upon individually by the Council. A matter may be removed from the Consent Calendar and taken up separately by way of a seconded motion of any member of the Council with the approval of a majority of the Council quorum.

12.1 Waiver of Full Reading of Ordinance(s).

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approval to waive full reading (except title) of all ordinances appearing on the City Council agenda as authorized under Government Code Section 36934, unless otherwise directed by the City Council.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera 7-0

12.2 Adoption of a Resolution Approving Final Tract Map No. 82682 for the 14-Unit Townhouse Development Subdivision at 4526 Santa Anita Avenue and Fire Lane Designation.

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RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and adopt a Resolution authorizing the recordation of Final Tract Map No. 82682 for the 14-unit townhouse development subdivision at 4526 Santa Anita Avenue and designation of a fire lane on private property.

Total Cost: N/A Account No: N/A
Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10451

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera 7-0

- 12.3 Approval of an Appropriation of the Cycle 21/22 Beverage Container Recycling Grant Fund.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the appropriation of the Cycle 21/22 Beverage Container Recycling Grant Fund in the amount of \$29,041.

Total Cost: \$29,041 Account No: 296-63-632-6111
Is the cost of this item budgeted? No

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera 7-0

- 12.4 Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Grant Proposal to the Board of State and Community Corrections to Participate in the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant proposal to the Board of State and Community Corrections to participate in the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a grant agreement with the Board of State and Community Corrections, and all amendments thereof.

Total Cost: N/A Account No: N/A
Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10452

m) Dr. Ruedas
s) Councilmember Martinez Muela 7-0

- 12.5 Approval for the Purchase of Forty (40) Deftec Light and Sound Diversionary Distraction Devices for the Members of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve for the purchase of forty (40) Deftec light and sound diversionary devices for use by the Special Weapons and Tactics Team in tactical operations using Asset Forfeiture funds from Account No. 259-71-712-6218 for an amount not-to-exceed \$2,500;

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Mayor Ancona – Would like to find out if there is a way to cap the number of stands. The stands went down from 20 to 12.

Councilmember Martinez Muela – Asked about the cost of overtime over the weekend leading into 4th of July. Would like the information regarding the overtime cost because that may have an impact on the decision-making process on this item. Had questions regarding the community benefits portion.

Jason Mikaelian – provided information regarding the community benefits portion.

Councilmember Rojo – Is there breakdown in response to responses to illegal or legal fireworks.

Chief Fisher – informed the City Council that they do not have accurate numbers for this.

Dr. Ruedas – Can the City have a survey for community input.

Mayor Ancona – Agreed that it would be important to get this input from the community.

Councilmember Martinez Muela – We need to caution that not everyone attends the Farmer's Market or the Concerts in the Park. We may want to send this survey out in Quarterly Newsletter or included in other documents that will be sent out to the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrera – Thanked Dr. Ruedas for bringing up the community sentiments/input. Asked Mr. Kelly if he had information regarding a ballot measure regarding fireworks in El Monte.

17. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: **None**

18. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

18A. Mayor Ancona

18A.1 Discussion Regarding an Ordinance Prohibiting Spectators and Participants at Illegal Motor Vehicle Speed Contests or Exhibitions of Speed Known as "Street Takeovers".

Would like to bring an ordinance that prohibits spectators and participants at illegal motor vehicles speed contests or exhibitions. The Mayor provided a copy of an ordinance that was passed by the City of Pico Rivera.

Mayor Ancona – Asked the Chief to provide information regarding street takeovers in the City.

Chief Fisher – provided information regarding sporadic street takeovers that have taken place in the City. The Police Department would be in support of any measures that will assist in enforcing laws for the safety of the community.

Councilmember Ruedas – Was approached by someone who had concerns regarding this. Thanked the Mayor for bringing this item.

Direction given to bring this item back to the City Council for consideration.

18B. Mayor Pro Tem Herrera

18C. Councilwoman Cortez

18C.1 Update Regarding Economic Development on Empty Lots.

Requested a report to bring back to the City Council regarding development on empty lots.

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18D. Councilwoman Martinez Muela

Concerned regarding the deficit of over \$4.0 million dollars. Some of the remedies are a little concerning. Requested a copy of the binder ahead of the budget meeting on Monday.

Air conditioning for each apartment was talked about at the Los Angeles City Council. Would like for the City to consider something similar once the City of Los Angeles puts its plan in place.

18E. Councilwoman Puente

18E.1 Discussion Regarding Eligibility Requirements for Planning Commissioners.

Spoke about the requirements regarding the planning commission.

Mayor Ancona – Agreed with Councilmember Puente regarding the concerned of not everyone having the education and the need to make this more inclusive. Can this be opened up.

Would like a presentation regarding the requirement.

18F. Councilman Rojo

18G. Councilwoman Dr. Ruedas

18G.1 Discussion Regarding Street Takeovers.

19. ADJOURNMENT:

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Councilmember Puente

Adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held on **June 20, 2023** 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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Gabriel Ramirez, City Clerk
City of El Monte

APPROVED:

Jessica Ancona, Mayor
City of El Monte