

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
OF AUGUST 15, 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: **6:02 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 Puente
s) Councilmember Rojo

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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 Item 4.1.

Mayor Ancona and the City Council recessed into Closed Session at approximately 6:03 p.m. Mayor Ancona and the City Council reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 7:03 p.m.

Assistant City Attorney reported out of Closed Session with respect to Item 4.1.

4.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiators.

Bargaining Units Subject to Negotiations: El Monte General Unit (SEIU Local 721); El Monte General Mid-Management Unit (SEIU Local 721); El Monte Police Officers Association; and El Monte Police Mid-Manager's Association.

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City's Designated Negotiator: Alma Martinez, City Manager and Rigoberto Gutierrez, Human Resources/Risk Management Director.

No reportable final action taken.

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. **Chaplain Esrom Lempao, Non-Denominational.**

6. FLAG SALUTE: Isaac Ibarra, 5th Grade Student from Wilkerson Elementary School. **Present**

7. RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND COMMUNITY INTEREST PRESENTATIONS:

7.1 Presentation by the City Council to Isaac Ibarra from Wilkerson Elementary School for Leading the Pledge of Allegiance. **Present**

7.2 Presentation by the City Council to Pastor Charlie Corum from New Hope Community Church and the El Monte Summer Outreach Youth Program for Their Volunteer Work During the 2023 El Monte Parks and Recreation Summer Season:

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| Pastor Charlie Corum | |
| Kimberly Hang Nguyen | Frankie Guox |
| Luis Alberto Perez | Hannah Garza |
| Anthony Lopez Flores | Ashley Yu |
| Arturo Aguirre | Jorge Maldonado |
| Jayden Lu | Christopher Rodriguez |
| Wei Feng Li | Sergio Perez |
| Rolando River | |
- Present**

7.3 Presentation by the City Council to Angel Manuel Soto Declaring August 18, 2023, "Blue Beetle Day" in Honor of the Theatrical Release of the Action/Adventure Film Blue Beetle, the First DC Extended Universe Film, as well as the First Live-Action Superhero Film Starring a Latino Lead. **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.

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Jose Salazar – Spoke about the incident that took place on September 17, 2022.

Francisco Rivera – Spoke about an incident that took place on June 28, 2023.

Kenneth MacKenzie – Spoke about city officials and city employees who are a liability to the City must be asked to resign by the City.

Julio Ramirez – Spoke about Farmer’s Market, Main Street, and the Fireworks Committee.

Jane Myring – Was at the meeting to follow-up on the City’s Policy for the use by non-profit of City facilities.

Mary Ann Powers – Spoke about a San Gabriel Valley Tribune article from July 26, 2023. Spoke about the City Manager.

Eduardo Saucedo – Spoke about the MacClaren Hall Project and other issues at the City.

Cosme Jimenez – Spoke about City Councilmembers and the City Manager.

Tony Garcia – Thanked the City Council for the support with the street vendors and asked that the City Council not allow food trucks in the City.

Sandra Meza – Spoke about her concerns relating to the issuance of permits by the City to food trucks.

Humberto Navarro – Requested that the City Council not allow food trucks in the City.

Gabriel Ramirez – Would like to have the City Council meeting adjourned in memory of his friend Albert Bashir. Also spoke about Main Street.

9. CITY TREASURER’S REPORT:

9.1 Transmittal of the Treasurer’s Cash and Investment Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Receive and file the Treasurer’s Cash and Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2023.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Receive and File

10. DEMAND RESOLUTION NO. D-692

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 \$9,291,843.03 have been examined by the City Treasurer and that warrant numbers 1115945 through 1116219, and the payroll ending July 15, 2023, inclusive are hereby allowed in the amounts and ordered paid out of the respective funds as set forth.

m) Councilmember Rojo

s) Councilmember Puente

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11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **None**

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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 A Second Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Contract Between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City Council of the City of El Monte.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify the proposed Ordinance by second reading by no less than four (4) votes.

Total Cost: \$73,000 Account No: 200-11-112-5225
Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes 100-71-711-5229

Ordinance No. 3028

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

12.3 Consideration and Approval of a Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Public Works Staff to Solicit a Contractor for the Construction of the Gibson Mariposa Storm Drain and Fencing Improvement Project, CIP 066 Without Furtherance Competitive Bidding as Permitted Under Public Contract Code Section 20166.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution by a 4/5 vote of the City Council for Public Works staff to solicit a contractor for the construction of the Gibson Mariposa Storm Drain and Fencing Improvement Project, CIP 066 without further competitive bidding per Public Contract Code Section 20166.

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

Resolution No. 10477

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

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- 12.4 Consideration and Adoption of a Resolution to Accept Access, Sewer, and Water Line Easements; an 8-Foot Dedication on Arden Drive for Public Right-of-Way Purposes; a Dedication of a Portion of Parcel 8575-024-043 for Public Right-of-Way Purposes on Valley Circle; and a Fire Lane Designation for the Industrial Development at 3900 Arden Drive.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and adopt a Resolution authorizing the recordation and acceptance of easements for access, sewer, and water line; dedications along Arden Drive and Valley Circle for public right-of-way purposes; and fire lane designation on private property at 3900 Arden Drive.

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

Resolution No. 10478

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

13. PUBLIC HEARINGS: **None**

14. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 14.1 Consideration and Approval of a Contract Services Agreement with NOVA Electric to Provide Electrician Services As-Needed for a Cost of \$130,000.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve a Contract Services Agreement with NOVA Electric to provide electrician services as-needed for a cost of \$130,000; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute a Contract Services Agreement with NOVA Electric.

Total Cost: \$130,000 Account No: 100-67-673-6111 - \$70,000
100-67-685-6111 - \$20,000
600-67-696-6111 - \$30,000
Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes 650-67-693-6111 - \$10,000

m) Councilmember Puente
s) Councilmember Rojo 7-0

- 14.2 Consideration and Approval of a Contract Services Agreement with Pomona Valley Plumbing for On-Call and As-Needed Plumbing and Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Services Citywide for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$95,000.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve a Contract Services Agreement with Pomona Valley Plumbing for on-call and as-needed Plumbing and Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning for a not-to-exceed amount of \$95,000; and
2. Authorize the City Manager or her designee, to execute a Contract Services Agreement with Pomona Valley Plumbing.

Total Cost: \$95,000 Account No: 100-67-673-6111
Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

m) Councilmember Martinez Muela
s) Councilmember Rojo 7-0

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- 14.3 Consideration and Approval of a Purchase Order with Altec Industries, Inc. for Major Repairs to Altec Vehicles for an Amount of \$70,000.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve a Purchase Order with Altec Industries, Inc. for major repairs to Altec vehicles for an amount of \$70,000.

Total Cost: \$70,000

Account No: 100-67-676-6335

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

m) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera

s) Councilmember Puente

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- 14.4 Consideration and Approval of a Purchase Order with Vista Paint Corporation for Paint and Paint Supplies on an As-Needed Basis for an Amount of \$44,000.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve a Purchase Order with Vista Paint Corporation for paint and paint supplies on an as-needed basis for an amount of \$44,000.

Total Cost: \$44,000

Account No.: 100-67-676-6335

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

m) Councilmember Martinez Muela

s) Mayor Ancona

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- 14.5 Consideration and Approval of an HVAC Control Panel Retrofit for City Hall West.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the funding budget for an emergency HVAC Control Panel Retrofit at City Hall West for a not-to-exceed amount of \$85,000; and
2. Authorize the increase in appropriation in the amount of \$85,000 in the General Fund for the FY 2023-2024 fiscal budget to expenditure Account Number 100-67-673-6111; and authorize the use of General Fund Reserves for this supplemental budget appropriation.

Total Cost: \$85,000

Account No.: 100-67-673-6111

Is the cost of this item budgeted? No

m) Councilmember Martinez Muela

s) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera

6-0 (Councilmember Martinez Muela absent)

- 14.6 Consideration and Approval of a Construction Contract with Boudreau Pipeline Corporation for the Garvey Avenue Street and Drainage Improvement Project, CIP No. 884, for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$12,750,247.40.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve a Construction Contract with Boudreau Pipeline Corporation for the Garvey Avenue Street and Drainage Improvement Project, CIP 053 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$12,570,247.40 which includes a Contract amount of \$11,591,134.00, plus a contingency of \$1,159,113.40;

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2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute an Agreement with the KIZH Nation Resources Management to provide cultural monitoring services in the amount of \$84,248.75;
3. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute an Agreement with the California Conservation Corps for labor services in the amount of \$5,800.00;
4. Consider and approve the appropriation of additional funds from Caltrans through Cooperative Agreement to Project Account Number 287-67-884-8221 in the amount of \$750,000.00; and
5. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the Construction Contract with Boudreau Pipeline Corporation.

Total Cost: \$12,750,247.40

Account No: 287-67-884-8221

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Dr. Ruedas

6-0 (Councilmember Martinez Muela absent)

Break at 8:26 p.m.

Return at 8:33 p.m.

- 14.7 Consideration and Approval of Request for Action to Designate One Voting Delegate and Two Alternates for the League of California Cities Annual Conference to be Held September 20-22, 2023 in Sacramento, California.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the request for action to designate one (1) voting delegate and two (2) alternates to the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Dr. Ruedas

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- 1. Designate Mayor Ancona as Voting Delegate;**
- 2. Designate Mayor Pro Tem Herrera Voting Alternate; and**
- 3. Designate Councilmember Dr. Ruedas Voting Alternate.**

15. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA:

- 15.1 Discussion and Action Regarding Street Racing Regulations Report by City Attorney and Chief of Police.

Assistant City Attorney and Police Department provided information relating to street racing regulations.

16. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA: None

17. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

18. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPRTS:

18A. Mayor Ancona

Mayor Ancona informed the City Council that she had an opportunity to visit the complete streets area at the Farmer's Market during Night Out and was happy to see that the City is providing good outreach to support this program.

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Thanked Parks & Recreation staff for the summer program being offered.

Music on Main is on August 31st kicking off Hispanic Heritage Month.

Mark your calendars State of the City Saturday, September 9th at 9:00 am.

18A.1 Update and Discussion on the Chamber of Commerce Contract.

The City Attorney's Office is working on the Chamber of Commerce Contract. Would like to see them come back as a resource.

Councilmember Martinez Muela did advise that the Chamber of Commerce does have a contract with South El Monte and maybe the City of El Monte can use that agreement as a template to move this item forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrera advised that there was a contract a few years ago and would like to see a scope of work for this contract.

18A.2 Discussion on Naming of Merced Linear Park.

Is there an update regarding the naming of Merced Linear Park.

Councilmember Martinez Muela informed the City Council the Parks Ad Hoc had a discussion regarding this. There has been discussion regarding this. There is a deadline regarding a decision on this.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrera would like to see what the community's feedback is regarding the naming of Merced Linear Park.

18B. Mayor Pro Tem Herrera

Mayor Pro Tem Herrera also requested a policy regarding abatement of vacant lots.

Mayor Ancona requested that the policy not only address vacant lots but unkept properties.

Neighborhood Services Manager JD Whitaker informed the City Council that he is working on this and will be providing the City Council with a memo regarding this.

18C. Councilwoman Cortez

18C.1 Discussion Regarding a Policy to Abate and Maintain Vacant Properties.

Thanked the City Manager and staff for the clean-up of the RV property on Valley. Would like to have a policy regarding the process for clean-up of vacant properties.

18C.2 Update Regarding Unhoused Encampment Under the 605 Freeway Bridge on Valley Boulevard.

Concerned about the increased amount of unhoused encampments it is getting closer to the City of El Monte. There is a vacant lot on Valley and Durfee would like to know if there is something the City can do.

Mayor Ancona – Is that Caltrans?

City Manager Alma Martinez will be reaching out to the City of Industry regarding this matter.

Mayor Pro Tem made a recommendation to reach out to the County to address this matter and provide homeless outreach.

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18C.3 Update Regarding a Citywide Economic Development Plan.

City Manager Alma Martinez provided an update regarding an RFP that is being prepared for this.

Mayor will follow up with staff regarding a Development Ad Hoc meeting.

18D. Councilwoman Martinez Muela

18D.1 Status Update on Coordinating Council Upcoming Meeting and Flyer.

Shared information with the City Council regarding the Coordinating Council. Invited the Council to come out and enjoy the Coordinating Council.

Mayor Ancona is glad to see this back and wanted to make sure that the City Council is okay with Councilmember Martinez Muela taking the reins back of the Coordinating Council.

Councilmember Martinez Muela thanked staff and the City Council for their support and work on the Back-to-School Resources Fair.

18E. Councilwoman Puente

18E.1 Discussion Regarding Parking Permits in the City.

Discussed the impact of the multi-unit complexes in the City wanted to inquire if there is an interest in having staff prepare a presentation regarding bringing parking permits to the City.

Mayor Ancona agreed with this and would like to see what other cities are doing.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrera made the same request.

Councilmember Martinez Muela informed the City Council that this has been on the Council's agenda for some time now. Requesting information from staff regarding this matter.

Neighborhood Services Manager JD Whitaker provided the City Council an update informing the City Council that he has been working with the Public Works Director regarding this. They will be bringing something to the City Council in an upcoming meeting.

18F. Councilman Rojo

18F.1 Update Regarding Meeting with the Operations Manager from End Overdose.

Councilmember Rojo provided an update regarding his meeting with Anthony Banuelos from End Overdose.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrera informed that the Los Angeles Public Health is disbursing doses of Narcan at community events.

Mayor Ancona asked the Chief if the Police Department is equipped with doses of Narcan.

Chief Fisher advised the City Council that the Police Department does have Narcan doses.

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18G. Councilwoman Dr. Ruedas

18G.1 Discussion Regarding Promoting Summaries of City Council Meetings, and Upcoming Public Meetings.

Would like to see some promoting and bringing recaps to the public regarding the City's public meetings. Commended the City's Communication/Graphic Designer regarding his work on what he does.

18G.2 Update Regarding Qualifications for the Planning Commission.

Requested update regarding the qualification for the Planning Commission. Staff will be bringing some options regarding this. Has research been done regarding what other jurisdictions have regarding qualifications for the planning commission.

City Manager Alma Martinez informed the City Council that staff is working on this item and will bring back information to the City Council.

Mayor Ancona would like to see staff work on this so that we can eliminate some hurdles in appointing members of the community to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrera recommended that some type of training be made available to those individuals who are appointed to the Planning Commission and other Commissions/Committees.

19. ADJOURNMENT:

m) Mayor Ancona

Adjourn meeting at 9:31 p.m. in memory of Mr. Sergio Carda, Mr. Manuel Gonzalez, and Mr. Albert Bashir.

The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held on **September 5, 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
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