

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING  
OF JANUARY 8, 2019

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: **6:05 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL FOR CITY COUNCIL AND AUTHORITY BODIES:

Andre Quintero, Mayor/Chair – **present**  
Jerry Velasco, Mayor Pro Tem/Authority Member – **present**  
Jessica Ancona, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**  
Victoria Martinez Muela, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**  
Maria Morales, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**WITH THE FOLLOWING EDITS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

**SPECIALLY ADDED AGENDA ITEM:**

**CLOSED SESSION ITEM:**

**4.4 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(5) – Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Receipt of Correspondence Threatening Litigation – One (1) Matter.**

**m) Mayor Quintero**

**s) Councilmember Velasco** **5-0**

4. CLOSED SESSION (6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.):

The City Council and the various Authority Bodies whose membership is composed exclusively of the membership of the City Council (collectively, the “Council”) will attempt to address and complete all Closed Session business between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. If the Council completes all Closed Session business prior to 7:00 p.m., the 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 agendaized Closed Session items by 7:00 p.m., the 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 Council on any *agendaized* Closed Session matter, the Council shall allow such person to address the Council on such matter prior to going into Closed Session, provided that all persons wishing to address the Council on an agendaized Closed Session matter shall fill out a speaker card and be subject to a speaker’s time limit of 3 minutes per speaker and further provided that the Council shall be under no obligation to respond to or deliberate upon any specific questions or comments posed by a speaker or take action on any issue raised by a speaker beyond such action as the City Council may be lawfully authorized to take on an agendaized Closed Session matter pursuant to the Brown Act (Govt. Code Section 54950 et seq.).

**Mayor Quintero invited members of the public to address the City Council on Closed Session Items 4.1 through 4.4.**

**Mayor Quintero and the City Council recessed into Closed Session at approximately 6:06 p.m.**

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**Mayor Quintero and the City Council reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 7:00 p.m.**

**City Attorney Rick Olivarez reported out of Closed Session with respect to Items 4.1 through 4.4.**

- 4.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Matter of Existing Litigation – Nakada & Associates, Inc. et al. vs. City of El Monte (USDC Case No. 5:16-CV-01467-GW-SP).

**General update, no final action**

- 4.2 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Matter of Existing Litigation – Javier Martin, et al. vs. City of El Monte (LASC Case No. BC682434).

**General update, no final action**

- 4.3 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiator.

Property Location:  
Parcel 3 Gateway

Name of Party City is Negotiating with:  
James Acevedo

City’s Representatives in Negotiations:  
Alex Hamilton, City Manager; Betty Donavanik, Community and Economic Development Director; Dave Gondek, Deputy City Attorney

Under Discussion:  
Both price and terms.

**General update, no reportable action was taken in Closed Session**

- 4.4 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(5) – Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Receipt of Correspondence Threatening Litigation – One (1) Matter.

**General update, no reportable action was taken in Closed Session**

**m) Mayor Quintero**  
**s) Councilmember Velasco** **5-0**

**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 Daisy Swan, Calvary Assembly of God Church. **Present**

- 6. FLAG SALUTE: David Reynoso, Chief of Police. **Present**

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7. RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND COMMUNITY INTEREST PRESENTATIONS: **No Material Submitted.**

8. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING NON-AGENDIZED MATTERS:

This time has been set aside for persons in the audience to make comments or inquiries on matters within the general subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, the Housing Authority, the Financing Authority and/or the Water Authority (collectively, the "Council") that **are not listed on this agenda**. Although no person is required to provide their name and address as a condition to attending a Council meeting, persons who wish to address the Council are asked to state their name and address. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) continuous minutes. Speakers may not lend any portion of their speaking time to other persons or borrow additional time from other persons.

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.

All comments or queries presented by a speaker shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any specific member thereof. No questions shall be posed to any member of the Council except through the presiding official of the meeting, the Mayor and/or Chair. Members of the Council are under no obligation to respond to questions posed by speakers but may provide brief clarifying responses to any comment made or questions posed. The Council may not engage in any sort of prolonged discussion or deliberation with any speaker or group of speakers on matters that are not listed on this agenda.

*Enforcement of Decorum:* The Chief of Police, or such member, or members of the Police Department as the Chief of Police may designate, shall serve as the Sergeant-at-Arms of any Council meeting. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the presiding official for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the meeting. While members of the public are free to level criticism of City policies and the action(s) or proposed action(s) of the Council or its members, members of the public may not engage in behavior that is disruptive to the orderly conduct of the proceedings, including, but not limited to, conduct that prevents other members of the public from being heard when it is their opportunity to speak or which prevents members of the audience from hearing or seeing the proceedings. Members of the public may not threaten any person with physical harm or act in a manner that may reasonably be interpreted as an imminent threat of physical harm. All persons attending the meeting must adhere to the City's policy barring harassment based upon a person's race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, gender, sexual orientation or age.

Edward Barrera – State Senator Susan Rubio would like to cordially invite the Council as well as members of the public to her swearing in this Saturday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am at the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse located at 320 S. Mission Drive, San Gabriel. If you need more information or you want to RSVP please contact (626) 430-2499. I also left some flyers there both in English and Spanish. I hope to see some of you there.

Gabriel Ramirez – I just want to say Happy New Year to those that are hear. I know that on December 18<sup>th</sup> there was an incident outside as I have been hearing one of our activist and advocate and was also a former School Board Member who ran for Mountain View. Irma Zamorano was attacked by a pro cannabis protestor and unfortunately she was in the hospital and a couple of days later she was released. If you don't agree with the issues there is no place and need for violence this is something that has been happening.

Rebecca Urac– Have been working for the Sanitation Districts for almost 19 years. I am a member who has been speaking on behalf of nearly 1,000 fellow employees across the six bargaining units of the Sanitation Districts. The reason I am here is that the Sanitation Districts is embroiled in a labor management turmoil and our long standing impasses and negotiations can spill over to the communities that we serve. The Sanitation Districts negotiating team is attempting to cut our total compensation. We have been through both mediation and fact finding. The fact finder confirmed that

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Districts can afford what we are asking for. I am asking that you send a letter to the Sanitation Districts Senior Management to withdraw this unreasonable proposal.

Eduardo Almeda Salceda – I want to thank the City Council, Mr. Andre Quintero on his election for Mayor I was very pleased that one of the Councilmembers called me to invite me to a small get together. As you know we got a new City Clerk and I would like to welcome him to the Sister City of South El Monte.

9. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT: **No material submitted.**

10. DEMAND RESOLUTION NO. D-589  
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, demands, and payroll totaling \$5,869,746.34 have been examined by the City Treasurer and that warrant numbers 1079200 through 1079452 inclusive are hereby allowed in the amounts and ordered paid out of the respective funds as set forth.

**m) Mayor Quintero**  
**s) Councilmember Velasco** **5-0**

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **No material submitted.**

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 Approval for Second Reading of an Uncodified Ordinance Approving: (1) Development Agreement No. 02-18 with GSC Holding Group, LLC for the Commercial Cultivation, Manufacturing, and Distribution of Medicinal Cannabis at 4400 Temple City Boulevard, El Monte, California; and (2) a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as the Environmental Documentation for such Project.

**RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify the proposed Ordinance by second reading by at least three (3) affirmative votes.

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

Ordinance No. 2939

Diane Cheung – I am so glad you are having another hearing again and you didn't build anything yet. My sentiment is to oppose I know people have different opinions and different believes I don't support building the proposed project. One student told me her step father uses the drug and he can't stop using it. I have another student who said that her brother started using drugs too.

Terence Vuong – I support medical marijuana my friend was diagnosed last year with lip sarcoma and because of medical marijuana he was able to relieve some of his pain.

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Ke-Wei Zhao – I am resident of El Monte and I want to congratulate the new elected members. I oppose the building of the marijuana facilities. In the short run it can get the City revenue but in the long run it will hurt the City it will hurt the environment. It will hurt the safety of the community. I ask the members to vote no on Item 12.1.

Qiang Bjornbak – I stand here before you to cordially request the Mayor and the Council to reconsider this project because it is too close to the neighborhood and too close to the school areas. The California records show that at the 4352 Temple City Boulevard the site is heavily contaminated by heavy metals and organic matter for many years. I wonder if the City can do its due diligence at 4400 Temple City Boulevard to see if it is also contaminated so that it is not the proper site for cannabis grow.

Speaker (no name) – I came here to share a little bit about cannabis marijuana as I know that recently the State passed marijuana legally. A lot of accidents happen outside on the City streets and freeway because of DUI. I oppose marijuana in this City. I have been living here for more than 40 years and I want this City to be safe for everyone.

Norma Morfin – As a Latina I would like to speak in Spanish to represent the entire Hispanic community and I am against what is happening in the City of El Monte and I am against marijuana and you want to put it in locations where the schools are right next to it and I think it is unjust.

Sam Meng – Although I am a resident of Rowland Heights I am very concerned about this issue and I represent part of the Greater Los Angeles Communities Alliance where many of our El Monte residents are members also. I want to put into words the feelings of the community. This isn't just stigma but the experience of what happened because of opium. The City Council should appreciate the extra view point of the Chinese community. Although marijuana is legal according to federal law no matter how much is mitigated there are some things that you can't protect.

Feng Lan Luu – I submitted a proposal on behalf of 20,000 residents from El Monte and Temple City. I have a chart here this is a report from the Department of Toxic Substance Control from this Department a report was made in 2017 certain acres were contaminated I want to know why City of El Monte on 6.9 acres were followed by this report and why other 6 acres were never cleaned up.

Alan Zhong – I live in El Monte I want to share a story when an elementary school guy when I collected the signatures a boy knows what I was collecting for so he told his mother what it was for and he told us his school is very close to this medical cannabis facility and him and all his classmates are against it.

Jathan Peery – I am here to support the applicant and to speak about the contamination on the site and the area in general. The VOCs are basically contaminous and have been in the San Gabriel Valley for a very very long time since the 50s and in 1979 they came in and entered the aquifer which is where we get all of the water for the San Gabriel Valley that serves more than 2,000,000 residents. What we are doing at the site is that we are actively cleaning it. We have been cleaning it up we spent approximately \$360,000 already to clean up this site so that those VOCs that are in the soil do not enter the groundwater. It is an on-going progress.

Speaker 13 – I want to please vote no because I want my children safe and the air clear.

Jenny Zhang – I am an El Monte resident and I live next to the library. I protest this marijuana project because it will pollute our land and our environment. There are 13 acres of land contaminated by metal and organic matter for many years. The California Toxic Substance Authority asked owners to clean up years ago but it has failed to do so for more than a decade. Our volunteer have repeatedly asked for more information and they have been denied access to it and now El Monte Councilmen are going to approve the establishment of a marijuana base here but we must not allow such outrageous project to be carried out.

Richard Chow – I am a resident of El Monte I didn't prepare a speech but on behalf of my neighborhood and my community we live in a fair and decent community. Cannabis has been legalized but we don't know about the side effects. About our safety the toxic cleaning in the near future it will cost a lot of money. We still have the law conflict with the federal. How about we wait for the final no more conflict with federal law.

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Dr. K. Huang – I have been a medical doctor for some forty something years. I have seen nothing good about marijuana and people know about that. But shouldn't you pass that ordinance and which comply with State of California even Jerry Brown signed it too in January of 2018 so I not opposing because I know it is no use because your honorable body sitting up there passed your rules already but I want you to listen to the people what they are concerned about. In this particular group you see most of them I would say Asians, Chinese Americans of course a few residents talk over here. Their concern should concern about you.

Brief break at 7:35 pm  
Returned at 7:44 pm

Miu – I have been working in the ICU as an RN for many years. I strongly oppose the plan to build marijuana production center in the City of El Monte. I am not against the medical marijuana. I took care of patients with marijuana user I just had a patient died in the ICU and when you talk about the job opportunity and the taxation.

Charles Hoffman – I am against marijuana but I am in favor of medical cannabis. This project is all to do with medical cannabis it will be done in a building inside the building not outside and it is negative draft. People that are speaking have not read or know the City Code that knows that this project meets all codes that the City has set. It is a good project and hopefully it will bring some revenue into the City. I am for this project.

Eden Chien – I speak on behalf of residents in the City and satellite cities. I oppose this project because it will break many people's American dream. Many people from all over the world and they were here to pursue the American Dream but because of this plan it will relate the City as a drug city that grow marijuana and sell and distribute. It will cause many people to move out of El Monte. I urge everyone to reconsider this project because it will empty out this neighborhood not only El Monte.

Ken Meng – I am from Rowland Heights and I oppose the project because I know from the Chinese history marijuana is a drug and it will damage people it is harmful. I think all of you guys need to think how to care for your citizens if it is simply about money you can probably get it from somewhere else instead of this. You can see that there are many people protesting and on January 4<sup>th</sup> we had a press conference and I am going to email the video to you so you can enjoy it.

Joe Meng – I am also from Rowland Heights so my concern about this project is the normalization of marijuana. Everyone knows that this legalization is very powerful and they are pushing the benefits that it brings to the community and I want to say that it is very detrimental because marijuana is a drug. We have seen many people who are addicted to marijuana and this project will accelerate the normalization and bring another wave of something like the opioid crisis that happened earlier. Marijuana we still have a chance to keep it out of the hands of kids because it is not engrained in our society like tobacco and alcohol.

Yan Lee – I have lived in El Monte for 20 years. I oppose this project because marijuana will make our City very bad I hope you can stop it.

**m) Mayor Quintero**  
**s) Councilmember Velasco**

**4-1 (Councilmember Ancona No)**

13. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**Brief break at 7:58 pm**  
**Returned at 8:02 pm**

13.1 Consideration and Approval of (1) an Urgency Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.82 of Title 17 of the El Monte Municipal Code to Authorize Regulations for Small Wireless Facilities; and (2) a Resolution Implementing Special Provisions for Small Wireless Facilities Pursuant to the Report and Order and Declaratory Ruling Adopted by the United States Federal Communications Commission on September 28, 2018.

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RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the public hearing;
2. Receive presentation from staff;
3. Pose questions to staff;
4. Allow members of the public to offer comment;
5. Pose follow up questions to staff;
6. Close the public hearing;
7. Approve, by no less than four-fifths (4/5) of the City Council, an Urgency Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.82 of Title 17 of the El Monte Municipal Code to authorize regulations for small wireless facilities; and
8. Approve, by no less than three (3) affirmative votes, a Resolution implementing special provisions for small wireless facilities pursuant to the report and order and declaratory ruling adopted by the United States Federal Communications Commission on September 26, 2018.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Ordinance No. 2940

Resolution No. 9933

- m) Mayor Quintero**
- s) Councilmember Velasco**
- Open the P.H.**
- 5-0**

Erin Schnider – I work from Crown Castle a wireless infrastructure provider the largest in the country and we work with the major wireless providers obviously this Ordinance is of paramount importance to me. I am the Project Manager for the company who builds in this area. I have about 80 applications that I would like to submit to the City in the next month and there are couple of items I would like to discuss within the context of the amendment that are of concern to me. We are moving away from traditional towers to small cell antennas to things that are mounted to cable lines. There is a limitation in this ordinance that we need to keep this to one cubic foot and from a technical perspective we can't do that. There is also a preference about the types of zones that we are supposed to be building in from commercial areas to residential as well as a setback of 250 feet from residential structures. The problem is that we are building now to fit residential demand the code as it sits provides a tiered amount of restrictions there which inhibits our ability to quickly deploy these types of facilities.

- m) Mayor Quintero**
- s) Councilmember Velasco**
- Close P.H.**
- 5-0**

- m) Mayor Quintero**
- s) Councilmember Martinez Muela**
- Urgency Ordinance No. 2940**
- Resolution No. 9933**
- 5-0**

- 13.2 Consideration and Approval of (1) an Urgency Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.72 of Title 5 of the El Monte Municipal Code Authorizing a Regulatory Permitting Program for Sidewalk Vending; and (2) a Resolution Implementing a Regulatory Permitting Program for Sidewalk Vending Pursuant to California Senate Bill 946.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the public hearing;
2. Receive presentation from staff;
3. Pose questions to staff;
4. Allow members of the public to offer comment;
5. Pose follow up questions to staff;
6. Close the public hearing;
7. Approve, by no less than four-fifths (4/5) of the City Council, an Urgency Ordinance amending Chapter 5.72 of Title 5 of the El Monte Municipal Code

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to adopt a regulatory permitting program for sidewalk vending pursuant to California Senate Bill 946; and

- 8. Approve, by no less than three (3) affirmative votes, a Resolution implementing a regulatory permitting program for sidewalk vending pursuant to California Senate Bill 946.

Ordinance No. 2941  
Resolution No. 9934

**m) Mayor Quintero**  
**s) Councilmember Martinez Muela**  
**Open the P.H.**  
**5-0**

**m) Mayor Quintero**  
**s) Councilmember Morales**  
**Close P.H.**  
**5-0**

**m) Mayor Quintero**  
**s) Councilmember Martinez Muela**  
**Urgency Ordinance No. 2941**  
**Resolution No. 9934**  
**5-0**

14. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 14.1 Consideration and Adoption of a Resolution to Approve Final Tract Map No. 62624 for the 71-Unit Multi-Family Residential Development Subdivision at 4127-4143 Rowland Avenue.

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 62624 for the 71-Unit Multi-Family Residential Development Subdivision at 4127-4143 Rowland Avenue.

Resolution No. 9935

**m) Mayor Quintero**  
**s) Councilmember Velasco**  
**5-0**

- 14.2 Consideration and Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of El Monte Designating the Member of the Council Who Shall Hold the Title of Mayor Pro Tempore.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1. Solicit nominations from among its membership for the post of Mayor Pro Tempore;
- 2. Vote to determine which of the nominees shall be selected as Mayor Pro Tempore; and
- 3. Approve the attached Resolution designating the Councilmember who has been selected to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore.

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

Resolution No. 9936

**m) Councilmember Ancona**  
**s) Councilmember Martinez Muela** 2-3 **(Mayor Quintero, Councilmembers Morales and Velasco**  
**To nominate Councilmember Victoria Martinez Muela**



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**m) Councilmember Morales  
s) Mayor Quintero**

**3-2 (Councilmembers Ancona and  
MartinezMuela)**

**To nominate Councilmember Jerry Velasco**

14.3 Discussion and Appointments of City Liaisons to Outside Boards, Agencies and Districts.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Appoint a Delegate and an Alternate to the Independent Cities Association. Board Meetings typically occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month and are held at the Metropolitan Water District Building:  
700 North Alameda Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2944  
*No stipend pay;*

DELEGATE: **Councilmember Victoria Martinez Muela**

ALTERNATE: **Councilmember Jessica Ancona**

2. Appoint a Delegate and an Alternate to the Independent Cities Risk Management Association.  
*No stipend pay;*

DELEGATE: **Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Velasco**

ALTERNATE: **(City Staff Member – HR Director/Risk Management Director)**

SUB-ALTERNATE: **(City Staff Member – Human Resources/Risk Manager)**

3. Appoint a Delegate to the League of California Cities. Annual Meeting: Long Beach Convention Center, October 16-18, 2019.  
*No stipend pay;*

DELEGATE: **Councilmember Maria Morales**

4. Appoint a Delegate and an Alternate to the Sanitation District #15. Meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Sanitation District Office:  
1955 Workman Mill Road  
Whittier, CA 90607-4998  
*Stipend pay is \$125.00 per meeting;*

DELEGATE: **Mayor Andre Quintero**

ALTERNATE: **Councilmember Victoria Martinez Muela**

5. Appoint a Delegate and an Alternate to the Disaster Council.  
*No stipend pay; Tabled to the next meeting*

DELEGATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Appoint a Delegate to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District. The Board meets at the District Headquarters on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 7:00 a.m.:  
1145 N. Azusa Canyon Road  
West Covina, CA 91790  
*Stipend pay is \$100.00 per meeting;*

DELEGATE: **Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Velasco**

ALTERNATE: **Councilmember Victoria Martinez Muela**

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7. Appoint a Delegate and an Alternate to the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. (MUST BE SAME MEMBER AS DELEGATE FOR ACE). The Council meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:00 p.m.:  
Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District Office  
602 E. Huntington Drive, Suite B  
Monrovia, CA 91016  
*No stipend pay;*

DELEGATE: **Councilmember Victoria Martinez Muela**

ALTERNATE: **Councilmember Jessica Ancona**

8. Appoint a Delegate and an Alternate to the Alameda Corridor East (ACE) (MUST BE THE SAME MEMBER AS DELEGATE FOR COG). The Board Meetings typically occur on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month and are held at the Montebello City Hall:  
1600 W. Beverly Boulevard  
Montebello, CA 90640  
*Stipend pay is \$100.00 per meeting;*

DELEGATE: **Councilmember Victoria Martinez Muela**

ALTERNATE: **Councilmember Jessica Ancona**

9. Appoint a Delegate and an Alternate to the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership of Commerce and Cities. The Partnership typically meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.:  
4900 Rivergrade Road  
Irwindale, CA 91706  
*No stipend pay;*

DELEGATE: **Councilmember Maria Morales**

ALTERNATE: **Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Velasco**

10. Appoint a Delegate to the Foothill Transit Zone. Meets annually in May:  
100 South Vincent Avenue, Suite 200  
West Covina, CA 91791  
*Stipend pay is \$150.00 per meeting; Tabled to the next meeting*

DELEGATE: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Appoint a Delegate and an Alternate to METRO. Board Meetings typically occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month are held at the METRO Building:  
1 Gateway Plaza  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
*Stipend pay is \$100.00 per meeting; Tabled to the next meeting*

DELEGATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Appoint a Delegate and an Alternate to Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Regional Council meetings typically occur on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month are held at the SCAG Main Office:  
818 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
*No stipend pay. Tabled to the next meeting*

DELEGATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost: N/A  
Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Account No: N/A

**m) Mayor Quintero**  
**s) Mayor Pro Tem Velasco**

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- 14.4 Discussion and Appointments of City Council Members to Ad Hoc Committees: Development, Fiscal and Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Appoint two (2) members to the Development Ad Hoc Committee;

MEMBER: **Mayor Andre Quintero**

MEMBER: **Councilmember Maria Morales**

2. Appoint two (2) members to the Fiscal Ad Hoc Committee; and

MEMBER: **Councilmember Victoria Martinez-Muela**

MEMBER: **Councilmember Maria Morales**

3. Appoint two (2) members to the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Ad Hoc Committee.

MEMBER: **Councilmember Jessica Ancona**

MEMBER: **Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Velasco**

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

**m) Mayor Quintero**

**s) Mayor Pro Tem Velasco**

**5-0**

15. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA: **No Material Submitted.**

16. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA: **No Material Submitted.**

17. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: **No material submitted.**

18. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS:

18A. Mayor Quintero

Just quickly, the Sanitation Districts AFSCME the professional team has been working for a couple of years without COLAs. The proposal they, or what they are advocating for is something very similar to what we discussed settling with our employees because similar things were done with our employees as they were with theirs so I feel very comfortable submitting a letter on their behalf. I am now the Vice-Chair of District 15 and I am hoping to maybe be Chair and hopefully I can shake things up a bit so we can get a contract there. Sanitation District is probably one of the best financially run organizations in terms of having good financial reserves. I think they can afford what is being proposed by AFSCME and it is not unreasonable so I am hoping to send a letter on their behalf.

Councilmember Martinez Muela – Mayor can we take a look at the Resolution and only because I have been following the proposed template of the letter in support before we take a vote on this and I know you have to head to a meeting in regards to this but perhaps we can talk about this again on Saturday at the workshop just to confirm after we have had a chance to take a look at the template to see what they are requesting I would appreciate that.

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18B. Councilwoman Ancona

I hope you all enjoyed your winter break or the holidays I had winter break I don't know about the rest of you but as we are back now I am really looking forward to starting 2019 getting some work done here in the City. In regards to the Mayor Pro Temship I would like to see if maybe we can establish a Resolution that kind of sets this rotation in place and sets a criteria in an effort to codify how this is going to look in the future years so that we can honor that tradition and rotation and collegiality here on the City Council and I would like to hopefully see in the upcoming meetings on the agenda and that is all thank you.

Councilmember Martinez Muela – Can I just piggy back on that very quickly.

18C. Councilwoman Martinez Muela

Piggybacking years ago we had attempted to have a rotating Mayor based on the same criteria of either seniority or if there were two members that joined at the same time that it would be the person who received more votes in that election cycle. And unfortunately the Mayor ship didn't happen at that point and the Mayor rotating Mayor vote to the people did not happen but I hope that in this dais it will and that there is a certain date that would be set so that it automatically rotates so that there is no politicizing that it is simply a process and procedure and it really doesn't need to go to those levels. In fact, in an effort of true collegiality it would just continue to join this particular Council in a positive movement forward. We are going to be getting together this Saturday in regards to a Council workshop working on our priorities and for the community I want you to know that this Council isn't going to stop working on your behalf. We have some big ideas and big dreams and little dollars so we need to really make sure that we are conscientious of the realities of serving this City at this particular time. It isn't overflowing in funds, in fact we are operating in dire straits and we want to make sure that we can continue to provide you the safest, cleanest and just well programmed City so that you and your family can live, work and raise a family here. So I hope that you did have a wonderful New Year and I look forward to a prosperous and healthy 2019 working together with my colleagues and seeing you out in the community.

18D. Councilwoman Morales

I want to say thank you to the staff and also to our police department who has been very conscious of the first amendment rights and allowing a community to come in and speak in a public forum. I also wanted to recognize some of my students in my political science class at Rio Hondo College who have been sitting here through the entire meeting. I am so grateful and honored that you are here. This is the start of your engagement in the political process and being involved in your community so I hope that you were able to gain something valuable from sitting through with us and hopefully we will see you again.

18E. Councilman Velasco

Thank you to the staff for all the work that goes for all the departments. It was a tough year and hopefully it is going to get better and we are all going to work together and we are all working together. We are tightening the belt and it is not easy because there are a lot of things we want to do and that is something that we are going to be talking about on Saturday. I think it is great to echo what Councilmember Morales it is great to see the students that are here it is all about you guys and ladies because someday you will be up here and it is interesting being up here you see what comes with the good and what comes with the bad but it is all good. We asked for it and that is why we are here and we thank you for being there. I would also like to echo what Councilmember Martinez Muela was saying that the Mayorship I wish that that would also rotate. I have always liked it about rotating because during the elections there are all these fights and arguments that come up. I like that and I know that they had brought that before and the people did not vote for it but if that is the case if we can discuss it to see what the process because this is the time it has to go to the ballot.

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Councilmember Martinez Muela – To have a rotating Mayor there were competing ballots measures that year so it definitely has to go to the people and it would be great to see possibly build a momentum if that is what this Council wants to see.

19. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn in memory of Mr. Thomas McCue, World War II Veteran, long- time resident.

With no objection Mayor Quintero adjourned the City Council meeting at 9:04 p.m.

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