

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
OF APRIL 2, 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: **6:02 pm**

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:

**m) Mayor Quintero**  
**s) Councilmember Ancona** **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.).

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Frank Angel – There is one item in closed session that refers to significant exposure to litigation and I don't understand how that relates to 54956.9(e)(1).

**Mayor Quintero invited members of the public to address the City Council on Closed Session Items 4.1 through 4.6.**

**Mayor Quintero and the City Council recessed into Closed Session at approximately 6:05 p.m.**

**Mayor Quintero and the City Council reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 7:22 p.m.**

**City Attorney Rick Olivarez reported out of Closed Session with respect to Items 4.1 through 4.6.**

- 4.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Significant Exposure to Litigation – One (1) Matter.

**General update, no final action**

- 4.2 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Regarding the Following Matter: Greater Los Angeles Communities Alliance vs. City of El Monte, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCP00917.

**General update, no final action**

- 4.3 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Regarding the Following Matter: Greater SGV Safe Community Foundation, et al., vs. City of El Monte, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCP00896.

**General update, no final action**

- 4.4 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Regarding the Following Matter: El Rovia vs. City of El Monte, Second Appellate District Case No. B288134.

**General update, no final action**

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- 4.5 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Matter of Existing Litigation – City of Temple City, et al. vs. GSC Holding Group, LLC, et al. LASC Case No. 19STCP00254.

**General update, no final action**

- 4.6 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiator – All Represented Employees.

Bargaining Units Subject to Negotiations:

El Monte SEIU Local 721; El Monte Police Mid-Managers Association; El Monte Police Officers Association; and El Monte General Mid-Managers Association.

City's Designated Negotiators:

Alex Hamilton, City Manager; and Alma Martinez, Assistant City Manager; and Angela McCray, HR/Risk Management Director.

**General update, no final action**

**m) Mayor Quintero**

**s) Mayor Pro Tem Velasco**

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**OPEN SESSION PROCEEDINGS**

(Commencing at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the City Council reconvene from Closed Session/Short Recess)

5. INVOCATION: Chaplain Esrom Lempao, House of Faith Church of El Monte.  
**Present**
6. FLAG SALUTE: Gabriela Lopez, 5<sup>th</sup> Grader from Maxson School. Enjoys Cheerleading. **Present**
7. RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND COMMUNITY INTEREST PRESENTATIONS:
- 7.1 Presentation by the City Council to Gabriela Lopez from Maxson School for Leading the Pledge of Allegiance. **Present**

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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.

Vanessa Rodriguez – Parks and Recreation Pee Wee Cheerleading.

Steven Trumble – Representing L.A. County Libraries as always and I want to let you know about two things. First of all there is a superfund site in South El Monte and there is documentation for this in several of the County libraries. The other event I want to mention is the book sale that is happening at all County libraries this Saturday.

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Frank Chavez – I am a 45 year resident of the City of El Monte and I live with epilepsy and I have seizure disorder. I know there are two items regarding approval for cannabis for medicinal purposes. In favor of the project.

Gabriel Ramirez – I have been getting the run around at City Hall regarding red curb. I have had consistent problems today, last week and the following weeks I have almost been in a car accident. I have had the Police Department and I have made a petition because we had a red curb for a reason. We have a neighbor that has a medical problem and there was an incident when the Fire Department and the ambulance couldn't find parking there because it was blocked.

Julio Ramirez – I haven't been coming lately. I have been begging for almost nine years to have a union store right here. I see my Teamster s brothers right here and I see two Councilmembers supported by the union and we haven't had a union shop right here. We have been denied. We have been denied on the movie theater, baseball fields. Let's get our act together we need a store union.

Jane Myring – I am here on a happier note on April 27<sup>th</sup> the El Monte Women's Club is having a fashion show it is called "Going for the Roses". We are asking the ladies to wear big hats we are going to kind of celebrate a week before the Kentucky Derby time but we thought it would be so fun. We are inviting everybody it is \$30 for the lunch and the fashion show by Magnolias in Arcadia and they have wonderful fashions. It will be on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Grace T. Black Auditorium beginning at 10:30 am and we will probably go until 2:00 pm. We invite everyone to come to our meetings they are the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 11:00 am.

Maryann Powers – Good evening and Happy New Year. I follow both the Police Department and our Chief on Facebook and I see so many of our officers involved with the children of this community and I think it is time to say thank you to them. The other thing I want to mention is that Norms comes to the City and we say that they have to hire residents of El Monte for their jobs. Now we are saying the same thing about the cannabis industry. We have said that about some of the auto dealerships. How about the City, how many of the last jobs have gone to residents of this community? I find it absolutely fascinating that Public Works needs another Assistant Director and I am hearing the same thing about Parks and Recreation but we are losing employees. What is the ratio of supervisor to employee in those departments? I think it is time that we really take a look at this. Do you think that the residents of our City are only good to be waiters or dishwashers or watering marijuana plants or maybe washing cars at the local dealership. I think some of those jobs should

Lui Ma – Tonight as a resident I had to voice my concern for our City and our Nation. We may up rise by our Constitutional right and freedom of speech. However, if this freedom of speech is abused against a particular person that would be called slander and also if any organization conduct illegal ways to achieve a goal including to use children as a weapon that is not right. On March 27<sup>th</sup> the Chinese version of the World Journal published an article on page 3 and I received written permission from the World Journal and I will now submit it as a public record.

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

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10. DEMAND RESOLUTION NO. D-595  
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 \$3,105,311.87 have been examined by the City Treasurer and that warrant numbers 1081284 through 1081559 inclusive are hereby allowed in the amounts and ordered paid out of the respective funds as set forth.

**m) Mayor Quintero**

**s) Mayor Pro Tem Velasco**

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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. 05-18 with Greenpro Enterprise for the Commercial Cultivation, Manufacturing, and Distribution of Medicinal Cannabis at 4377 Baldwin Avenue, El Monte, California; and (2) a Notice of Exemption 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. 2945

Carrie Chen – I strongly oppose the City Council's decision to approve the first commercial cultivation plan. My objection is based on the following reasons: El Monte officials have abused their discretion under CEQA; secondly, the Notice of

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Exemption itself is defective as an information disclosure document. I strongly oppose to the adoption of these two ordinances.

Ron Williams – Here we are again talking about marijuana I don't know why we are discussing marijuana. I see that the Teamsters are here in full force I recognize that they have an interest and a financial benefit.

Frank Angel – I refer to our written submittals from March 19<sup>th</sup> and our written submittals from today because the vote will be 4-1 so no matter what we are saying it is not going to make a difference.

Ellis Raskin – As you have been told before the CEQA review for these projects is substantially defective in many ways. There is no mention at all of the at least eight (8) other projects that have been proposed within the two block area bordering these. We know about the last two others that have been approved within the last few months. There is no consideration of the cumulative impacts. There are no disclosures of impacts on public services. We urge you tonight to do the right thing.

Fenglan Liu – Before I speak I submit written statements regarding 12.1 and 12.2. I am here speaking on behalf of Greater SGV Safe Community Foundation. Personally I want to talk about CEQA 15332 the Class 332 Exemption of projects are illegal. The class 332 only apply to urban area these two projects are in the industrial area so this waiver is illegal. Second I want to rate the water quality from your City records. According to the 2015 Urban Water Management Plan prepared by the City's Water Department the City anticipates to not have enough water.

Tom Meng – Against the project.

Diane Cheung – I am here to tell you to say no to marijuana projects in your City because it is not good it is bad. We do not support not legal marijuana.

Sam Meng – I am here in front of you regarding 12.1 and 12.2 and I want to say again what I said last time that there is no disclosure or we do not know for sure what these factories are making. Hopefully the community can deserve for themselves what these two chemicals are and what they do to the body and as we have seen from articles that THC is dangerous. There are already a lot of reports that show that THC are more harmful than dangerous.

Kewui Zhou – I would like to vote no to these two projects that you are considering for the following reasons: the commercial marijuana cultivation and production here is disguised as medicinal use because medicinal use has a very strict meaning and regulations; and also marijuana growers target recreational market rather than actual pharmaceutical companies for the downstream process. Also the project can cause harm to children and teenagers in surrounding areas. So I ask members to vote no to both projects.

Lui Ma – I support both projects 12.1 and 12.2 because they are legal highly regulated. Mayor I written inquiry to the State Bar of California and I submit for public records. If any attorney licensed lawyer in California use political language

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like recall against you can file a complaint with the State Bar and if the lawyer is also registered in Chinese government you can file a report to the People of the Republic of China, Justice Department, Attorney General. I support both projects please vote yes.

Lou Villalvazo – Secretary/Treasurer with Teamsters Local 630 in Los Angeles. The number one question is why are we here and the bottom line is we want people to stop putting fear ahead of regulated patient access to medicinal cannabis. Prop 64 passed and it is the law of the land. All the constituents in the State of California passed 64. 30 States have passed initiatives to legalize cannabis. Clinical research has advanced since cannabis was approved. What you prefer manufactured drugs, opioids? You have millions of Americans who are hooked on pain killers opioids. This project is to decide whether or not to approve the cultivation, manufacturing, and distribution of medicinal cannabis. This is not a dispensary this will not have access to kids or even the public. Teamsters Local 630 here and our members who are here brought their families they are actual residents of this City. We ask that you approve this project as it will bring good jobs. It is going to provide for taxes and resources to the residents of El Monte. Teamsters Local 630 support good American jobs, manufacturing jobs especially when jobs are being shipped overseas specifically to China.

**m) Mayor Quintero**

**s) Mayor Pro Tem Velasco**

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

12.2 Approval for Second Reading of an Uncodified Ordinance Approving: (1) Development Agreement No. 01-19 with Flourish Plant Science for the Commercial Cultivation, Manufacturing, and Distribution of Medicinal Cannabis at 4411 Rowland Avenue, El Monte, California; and (2) a Notice of Exemption 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. 2946

**m) Mayor Quintero**

**s) Mayor Pro Tem Velasco**

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



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- 12.3 Approval of a Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a General Services Agreement By and Between the City of El Monte and the County of Los Angeles.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a General Services Agreement by and between the City of El Monte and the County of Los Angeles; and
2. Authorize staff to submit the executed General Services Agreement to the Los Angeles County – Chief Executive Office.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 9959

**m) Mayor Quintero**

**s) Councilmember Martinez Muela**

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13. PUBLIC HEARINGS: **No material submitted.**

Break 8:24 pm

Return 8:37 pm

**14. REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 14.1 Consideration and Approval of a Grant Agreement by and Between the California Natural Resources Agency and the City of El Monte in an Amount of \$2.34 Million in State Funds for Specific Infrastructure Improvements to the Gateway Park.**

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the State of California Natural Resources Agency Grant Agreement #U29144-0 by and between the California Natural Resources Agency and the City of El Monte in an amount \$2.34 million in State funds for specific infrastructure improvements to the Gateway Park; and

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2. Authorize the City Manager as the City's representative in terms of executing all grant agreement documents.

Total Cost: \$389,500

Account No: TBD

Is the cost of this item budgeted? No

**m) Councilmember Ancona**

**s) Councilmember Martinez Muela**

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- 14.2 Consideration and Approval of Resolution Approving the Annual General Plan Housing Progress Report for the Year 2018 and Direct Staff to Transmit the Report to the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

**RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution approving the 2018 Annual General Plan Housing Element Report and direct staff to forward such report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and the State Office of Housing and Community Development.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 9960

**m) Mayor Quintero**

**s) Councilmember Martinez Muela**

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- 14.3 Consideration and Approval of Request to Authorize an Increase in Appropriation in the Miscellaneous Grant Fund for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget for the Use of Beverage Recycling Grant Funds.

**RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and authorize an increase in appropriation in the amount of \$17,000 in the Miscellaneous Grant Fund for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Capital Budget to account number 299-63-632-8155; and
2. Authorize the use of Beverage Recycling Grant Funds for this budget amendment.

Total Cost: \$17,000

Account No: 299-63-632-8155

Is the cost of this item budgeted? No

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**m) Mayor Quintero**  
**s) Mayor Pro Tem Velasco**                      **5-0**

14.4 Consideration and Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of El Monte, California Authorizing the Community Development Commission/Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles to Issue Bonds or Notes in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$12,500,000 and Make or Acquire Mortgage Loans to Finance the Development of a Multifamily Rental Housing Project Approximately Located on the Northeasterly Corner of the Intersection of Valley Boulevard and El Monte Avenue in the City of El Monte (Developers-Cesar Chavez Foundation and Magellan Value Partners, LLC).

**RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Receive presentation from staff; and
2. Approve, by motion, the Resolution by no fewer than three (3) affirmative votes per Government Code Section 36936.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 9961

**m) Mayor Quintero**  
**s) Councilmember Martinez Muela**                      **5-0**

15. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA: **No material submitted.**

16. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

16.1 Discussion Regarding the Parks Master Plan.

**Continue to the next meeting.**

Councilmember Martine z Muela – Before our next Council Meeting we have a Parks Master Plan Community Open House so I thought that the timing of being able to see something like this presented to the City Council so that when we all show up at the Community Open House we are all basically on the same page. Is there anyone who can present on this item?

Mayor Quintero – I think what happened was that they were concerned that because of what we had earlier we would go too late. If it is okay if we can have

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a two page or three page presented to the City Council and if you have any additional questions if you can please so that we can all be on the same page.

Councilmember Martinez Muela – If I can invite the community this is a big deal our parks our green space the grant funding that we are getting so next week on the 9<sup>th</sup> we have the Parks Open House happening from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Grace T. Black Auditorium. We are hoping that you can come by and tell us what you want to see, tell us the upgrades you expect we do better when we have the community's participation. Please put it on your calendar and join us.

Councilmember Morales – We are going to have the Facebook live feed during that time so if for some reason our community can't make it the Facebook feed is being monitored if there is a question, if there is a comment if staff can address in real time that would be a perfect opportunity to express an opinion in terms of what the information is going to be presented so let's make use of that technology.

Mayor Pro Tem Velasco – This is the time, I wish everybody was here that just left but for the people that are listening to us this is the time that if you have an idea come and bring it.

Councilmember Martinez Muela – I just want to piggy back on the use of technology. If you are not our friend on Facebook yet please be because we place a lot of information on our Facebook page and I would request from staff to have a continual presence on the Park Master Plan from now until the event because we want to have as many people as possible be able to have their voice be heard with regards to our parks.

Councilmember Ancona – and we are also on Instagram @myelmonte.

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

18. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

18A. Mayor Quintero

18B. Mayor Pro Tem Velasco

We had a free spay and neuter for cats and dogs that was so successful that the ASPCA has extended the mobile spay/neuter clinic to April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>. There are fliers out there we are going to get them out to the community.

18B.1 Discussion of Cinco De Mayo.

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I would like to request from my colleagues for the City to co-sponsor the event on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held after the Police Department 5K run and funding from that will be used along with potential programming funds from last year. No new funding is being requested that if there is it will be brought up and we will make sure that we will raise the funds. The event will be from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm at Arceo Park on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

18C. Councilwoman Ancona

I wanted to share that I attended the first Foothill Transit meeting as a board member and it was a great meeting loved their facilities. Along the lines of what Councilmember Martinez Muela said yes Duarte did launch their first line of electric buses. They launched three electric buses and services started yesterday. The City of Duarte is looking to converting their entire fleet of 35 buses to zero emission buses so I know how we can get in on that so I will asking questions and lobbying for El Monte to get electric buses over here as well. The other thing that Foothill transit is looking at getting is double decker electric buses these buses can hold up to 80 passengers. They've test driven some of these and they meet the height requirements and they can get through all the underpasses from here to Downtown LA. We also had Metrolink come in and give a presentation and they discussed what they do when there is some service interruption. It could take up to three hours so Metrolink explained their partnership with Foothill transit to get more buses out there. Metrolink also works with Uber and Lift to provide passengers with alternative needs to get to their destination.

18D. Councilwoman Martinez Muela

Come and support our young women at the cheer jamboree on Saturday doing what they do best and in cheering for their parks. This is just their beginning when they look back 20 years from now they are going to say I was a cheerleader. Today is all about children. We do have a couple of events coming up that are children related. First of all the PeeWee Jamboree coming up this Saturday and then next week we will be doing a Children's Hospital Blood Drive. Children's Hospital is dear to my heart it is a little different than the Red Cross. Children's Hospital relies solely on your donations they don't go to the Red Cross for donations. We will accept those members of the community coming in to donate blood and we hope to have a record year. So if you are interested of being a part of our blood drive please give a call to City Hall and we will make sure to put you in as an appointment. The Saturday after our Cheerleading Jamboree we will have our Spring Extravanganza from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at Mountain View Park. We have a big event coming up on April 16<sup>th</sup> it is a legislative luncheon. They chose El Monte so I am hoping that we will have a great presence there.

18E. Councilwoman Morales

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I just wanted to continue on my economic message from earlier today and I wanted to highlight a couple of other businesses that I failed to mention and one of them is Tortas El Rey and also to recognize the fact that the Vine will be fully completed within the next two years. I was on the Facebook feed the other day and there is a mention that we need more grocery stores and we need a movie theater and we need places to leisure and hang out and again of the community was here and I am hopeful that there is an ear out there listening and watching to what we are doing and saying and that we are working in that direction. Gateway is going to provide the opportunity for a theater for a gymnasium for housing for hotels. We are definitely moving towards making El Monte a place, a destination so that we can have all those opportunities for a City. Essentially to provide those purchasing options for our residents and those who are willing to hang out in El Monte. Just wanted to mention in particular OS Furniture and Decor we have just been having ribbon cutting events in the last couple of weekends so we welcome that and again it is part of that overall message that we are diversifying and that we are not a marijuana center.

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19. ADJOURNMENT:

**With no objection Mayor Quintero adjourned the City Council meeting at 9:00.**

The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held on **April 16, 2019** at 6:00 p.m. This Agenda 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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Andre Quintero, Mayor  
City of El Monte