

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
OF JANUARY 4, 2021

MEETING JOINTLY AND REGULARLY WITH THE EL MONTE HOUSING AUTHORITY; EL MONTE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY; EL MONTE PARKING AUTHORITY; EL MONTE WATER AUTHORITY; SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER EL MONTE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; HOUSING SUCCESSOR AGENCY; AND, FROM TIME TO TIME, SUCH OTHER BODIES OF THE CITY WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER: **7:02 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL FOR CITY COUNCIL AND AUTHORITY BODIES:

Jessica Ancona, Mayor/Chair – **present**
Maria Morales, Mayor Pro Tem/Authority Member – **present**
Victoria Martinez Muela, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**
Alma D. Puente, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Councilmember Puente **4-0**

4. INVOCATION: **Councilmember Martinez Muela**

5. FLAG SALUTE: **Mayor Ancona**

6. SPECIAL MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDIZED MATTERS ONLY:

As provided under **Government Code Section 54954.3**, this time has been set aside for persons in the audience to provide comment or make inquiries on matters appearing on this **Special Meeting agenda only**. Although no person is required to provide their name and address as a condition to attending a meeting, persons who wish to address the body 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. All comments or queries presented by a speaker shall be addressed to the body as a whole and not to any

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specific member thereof. No questions shall be posed to any member of the body except through the presiding official of the meeting, members of the body 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 body 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 Special Meeting agenda.

Enforcement of Decorum: The Chief of Police of the City of El Monte, or such member, or members of the Police Department as the Chief of Police may designate, shall serve as the Sergeant-at-Arms of the 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 policies and the action(s) or proposed action(s) of the body 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 policies 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.

Elena Caballero – This letter is intended as a request to appoint Irma Zamorano to the El Monte City Council. As a teacher who has worked in the City of El Monte for over 30 years, I have had the opportunity to work closely with Ms. Zamorano when she was a School Board member with the Mountain View School District, and afterward, when she stood out as an outspoken advocate for all the residents of El Monte. I know her to be deeply committed to the downtrodden, to senior citizens, and to students with special needs. She literally wears her heart on her sleeve, and I'm positive that she would make an exemplary Council Member. In this day and age of budgetary shortfalls and unforeseen expenditures, it makes financial sense to forestall the City of El Monte with an unneeded additional cost of yet another election. For this reason, I believe the City Council should move to appoint her to the vacated position on the City Council.

Joshua Emir – I would like for Irma Zamorano to be appointed for City Council. Irma has been a great advocate and deserves to represent our Latino community in El Monte California. Irma has the courage and perseverance that is needed to serve and protect our community.

Meap Carranza – Hello, Good afternoon. I would like for Irma Zamorano to be appointed as city council. Irma is a great leader in our community; she fights for the people and our needs. She is well suited to represent the Latino community in El Monte. Please appoint Irma Zamorano for El Monte city council. Thank you.

Patty Chavez – I would like to appoint Irma Zamorano for City Council. Irma has been a great asset to El Monte, she has been fighting for our community and has

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given 30 years of her life to serve and protect our community. Please appoint Irma Zamorano for City Council. Thank you.

Carlos Sanchez – Good Afternoon, I am writing because I believe that the El Monte city council should elect some into office that will be there for the people and will be able to allocate funds that are needed to help the community of El Monte. Someone who is also an inhabitant of the city of El Monte who can look around and know what needs to be done and will stop at nothing in order to secure a better future for El Monte. I believe that person is Irma Zamorano. She fits the criteria perfectly and will be the reliable mayor and councilwoman that El Monte needs during these trying times. So I ask again that the city will consider Irma Zamorano for the position of El Monte mayor.

7. REGULAR AGENDA:

7.1 Review of Proposed Drafts of Council Vacancy Application; Approval of Final Draft Application for Distribution and General Discussion and Direction to Staff Regarding Vacancy Filling Process and Procedures

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Review of Proposed Drafts of Council Vacancy Application; Approval of Final Draft Application for Distribution and General Discussion and Direction to Staff Regarding Vacancy Filling Process and Procedures.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

1. Approval of Proposal No. 2 with the following amendments:

- **Strike Supplemental Questions 3, 9, 12, 13, 17**
 - **Supplemental Questions Nos. 4 and 5 will be combined into a single question, which will be read as follows: “How do you think the City’s General Plan can facilitate the creation of housing?”.**
2. **Creation of an ad hoc committee Mayor Ancona and Mayor Pro Tem Morales.**
 3. **In the last paragraph of Proposal 2, it should be amended to include an additional sentence that notes the City Council may call an adjourned Special Meeting on January 27, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the event the January 26, 2021 runs too late into the evening and the Council needs additional time.**

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Mayor Pro Tem Morales

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8. ADJOURNMENT:

Without objection Mayor Ancona Adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held on **January 5, 2021** 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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Catherine A. Eredia, City Clerk
City of El Monte

APPROVED:

Jessica Ancona, Mayor
City of El Monte