

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
OF MARCH 2, 2021

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: **6:01 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL FOR CITY COUNCIL AND AUTHORITY BODIES:

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

m) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela

s) Mayor Ancona

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4. CLOSED SESSION:

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 Ancona invited members of the public to address the City Council on Closed Session Items 4.1 through 4.10.

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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 7:31 p.m.

Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla reported out of Closed Session with respect to Items 4.1 through 4.10.

- 4.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Regarding the Following Related Matter: FEAH, LLC vs. City of El Monte, LASC Case No. 20STCP03720.

General update was provided by legal Counsel Joaquin Vazquez and Michael Campion feedback given by the City Council but no final action taken.

- 4.2 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Regarding the Following Related Matter: NeroCanna vs. City of El Monte, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCP02545.

General update was provided by legal Counsel Joaquin Vazquez and Michael Campion feedback given by the City Council but no final action taken.

- 4.3 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Regarding the Following Related Matter: Clade9Ellis Lane, LLC vs. City of El Monte, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCP04213.

General update was provided by legal Counsel Joaquin Vazquez and Michael Campion feedback given by the City Council but no final action taken.

- 4.4 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Regarding the Following Related Matter: Calimed Baldwin, LLC vs. City of El Monte, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCP03134.

General update was provided by legal Counsel Joaquin Vazquez and Michael Campion feedback given by the City Council but no final action taken.

- 4.5 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Regarding the Following Related Matter: Nibble This – El Monte, LLC vs. City of El Monte, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCP04044.

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General update was provided by legal Counsel Joaquin Vazquez and Michael Campion feedback given by the City Council but no final action taken.

- 4.6 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Regarding the Following Related Matter: Dronatherapy, Inc. vs. City of El Monte, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCP04067.

General update was provided by legal Counsel Joaquin Vazquez and Michael Campion feedback given by the City Council but no final action taken.

- 4.7 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Regarding the Following Related Matter: Embiem, LLC vs. City of El Monte, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCP00345.

General update was provided by legal Counsel Joaquin Vazquez and Michael Campion feedback given by the City Council but no final action taken.

- 4.8 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Regarding the Following Related Matter: Gateway Four, LP; Gateway Two, LP; Gateway Five, LLC, US Bankruptcy Court Central District, Lead Case No. 1:20-bk-11581-MB.

General update was provided by legal Counsel Joaquin Vazquez and Michael Campion feedback given by the City Council but no final action taken.

- 4.9 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(3) – Anticipated Litigation: One (1) Potential Case.

General update was provided by legal Counsel Joaquin Vazquez and Michael Campion feedback given by the City Council but no final action taken.

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

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

City's Designated Negotiator: Alma K. Martinez, City Manager and John Nguyen, Human Resources/Risk Management Director.

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Update was provided by City's negotiating team feedback given by the City Council and direction as well but no 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: **Mayor Ancona.**
6. FLAG SALUTE: **Chief of Police, David Reynoso. Present**
7. RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND COMMUNITY INTEREST PRESENTATIONS: **None**
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

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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.

Peggy Macias – Thank you again for the opportunity to speak with you again about the impact Hero Pay would have on my co-workers and I. We have been out in the stores for this whole pandemic not knowing whether we would be infected. When it first hit, there wasn't a whole lot of good information on how to keep safe. Despite this, my co-workers and I still went to work, day in and day out. Some were infected and others were lucky enough not to get the COVID. I saw my co-workers come together as one and fight the "COVID fight". Along with health care workers, we knew the public needed our help. In order to stay home, they needed food, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, etc.... And we were there for them. That is why this Hero Pay is so important to us. Along with the health care workers, we are true "Heroes". We ask you to support and pass an urgency ordinance for Hero Pay. Thank you again for your time. Be safe!!!

Terrance Bacon – I am a pharmacy technician. I've been working in el monte for 10 years I truly believe hero pay for us would be amazing. We all have worked very during these pandemic times with no rewards for putting our lives on the line. These companies have not missed a beat because of the workers. In fact they have made major profits over the time. I think it's only fair to share it with the workers who drive the businesses. We are counting on the city to do what's right! Fight for the workers. Please pass hero pay. We all deserve it for the continuous hard work we do! We ask you to support the workers of this community and pass the ordinance for hero! Thanks you for your time!

Scoobaduck – In 2017, Councilmember Morales, then Planning Commissioner, proposed a project for her property that was not allowed by the Municipal Code which is the guiding document that puts regulations on what the City's residents can and cannot do on their property. In 2018, the Municipal Code was changed in a way that would allow the Councilmember to propose and construct the project. I do not know if the change to the Code was directly at the behest of the councilmember or simply a side conversation with staff. However, I know that this change occurred when other residents must abide by the Code as it is written without relying on changes. This is a betrayal of power by an elected official who is meant to serve the community and be held to the same standards, if not higher. I know that other elected officials have done this in the past, but it does not make it right. I believe that the Councilmember has sown a seed that can fully bloom into full-fledged corruption.

Andrea Diaz – I'm a CVS employee. I believe all essential workers deserve those 4\$ years extra pay!!! We have all gone through so much since covid started. Some of us even caught covid from sick customers. Personally I've had a really hard time, not only with rude stressed out customers at work but at home to. My mother and father in law ended up losing their jobs due to covid. It's been really difficult for me and my boyfriend to make ends meet these past few months and I believe if I were to get those 4\$ extra pay it'd help greatly. Thank you for taking your time to read my short experience.

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Evangelica Child - I am a Health Policy Liaison with Day One here in El Monte at the Jeff Seymour Center. My updates on Project Sticker Shock are that we have two interns who are willing to make a change in the city. We have been reaching out to retail liquor stores all across El Monte and there are currently 75 registered retailers who sell alcohol in El Monte. We wish to continue to bring awareness to this issue and educate our youth of El Monte on the harms of underage drinking. I would also like to highlight a few such as Joy's Market Place, Carltons Market, Tyler's Market and Los Toros Market that let us place stickers on to multi packs of alcohol in their stores and were willing to partner with us to spread the information about the cause. Thank you for your time.

Angelique Lopez – I am an intern for Day Ones' Project Sticker Shock here in El Monte. Project Sticker Shock is a collaborative awareness project with local retailers and community members to spread awareness and education in order to dissuade adults from purchasing alcohol on the behalf of minors and reduce underage drinking. The warning stickers placed on multi-packs of beer or liquor is a positive way for the youth to take responsibility and hold adults accountable from not selling to or purchasing for minors.

Richie – I am a CVS employee for the City of El Monte and I would like you to consider hazard pay for me and all my fellow employees I along with my colleagues have been in the mix of this pandemic since the beginning , on a daily basis we deal with the public we have COVID testing at our store and now will be offering the vaccine we deal with sick customers coming in our store every day and we want and deserve to have hazards pay given to us for the jobs we do.

Gabriel Zapata – I'm reaching out in regards to the hero pay. As a former citizen of El Monte and still an essential in the city of El Monte I would greatly appreciate the hero pay for the next 120 days. There are people who are getting their income through unemployment and getting almost \$2k for doing nothing. Why am I risking my life just to get the same pay and barley making it? My hours are not consistent. My days are always different every week. I'm never guaranteed the same amount of pay. It's extremely stressful. That's why I would greatly appreciate this hero pay. Even if it's just for 120 days that is enough to help me pay my bills and provide for my family stress free.

Aaron Morfin – I am a pharmacy technician who works in the city of El Monte. I strongly encourage hero pay is provided to us after our hard work and risking our lives working day in and day out, providing vaccines, covid tests and continuous customer service to all customers. All these efforts with no incentives or extra pay has taken a toll on us both physically and mentally. Companies have received major profits and it is only fair tge employees are rewarded for our efforts.

Alex Fulgencio – As an employee of CVS at store #9639 in El Monte I strongly push for the county to go forward with the Hero Pay Act. We go through a lot dealing with customer that come in sick not sure if it because of the flu or Covid we take big risks every day we work not to mention all the rude customers that come in and don't want to wear a mask even though it's still man dated. I urge you to please pass the Hero Pay Act in El Monte is will help us out in the long run.

Anonymous – I wanted to express my extreme disappointment over something that was brought to my attention and to several members of the community. A trusted member of the community, witnessed Councilwoman Maria Morales receiving her COVID-19 vaccination 2 weeks ago at the Greater El Monte hospital. It is well known that up until

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yesterday, vaccines were only being given to our most vulnerable populations, specifically those 65 and older. The fact that Councilwoman Morales decided to JUMP THE LINE, well in advance of LA County allowing educators to receive vaccines, brings to light that this is an obvious abuse of power as an elected official. Let this be a reminder that she was elected to serve the community, NOT HERSELF! Maria Morales put her selfish needs, before that of our most vulnerable residents, OUR SENIORS! Shame on Maria! And to add insult to injury, she was driven to the Greater El Monte Hospital by TWO on duty police officers in an unmarked police vehicle. Upon her arrival, she waited in the vehicle for the officers to open the door for her to exit her overpriced chariot, funded by El Monte TAX PAYERS! The officers waited by her side until she received her vaccine and then was released to go home. The TWO OFFICERS then, opened the police car door for her as if they were her private chauffeurs and escorted her home! Is this what we pay our officers to do? To be highly paid chauffeurs for the power-hungry Undistinguished "Dr. Maria Morales". You would think with her high level of education, she would have more common sense than to waste our highly needed tax dollars. I thought police officers were paid to protect and serve our city? SHAME ON MARIA MORALES for abusing her power to jump the line to get her vaccine and waste the time of our police officers... and SHAME on City Manager Alma Martinez and Chief of Police David Reynoso for allowing this abuse of power, giving special privileges and wasting tax payer dollars. Maria Morales, you should be ashamed of yourself for being vaccinated before thousands of Seniors in need. You are obviously serving your best interest and not that of the community. What a disgrace!

Jazmin Palacios – I am a Pharmacy Technician working in the city of El Monte. I believe that my hero pay should be passed there are so many hard working Essential workers. Working endless hours trying to live through what looks like an endless pandemic. With my hero pay passing, that would make a huge difference to everyone who has worked to help all these companies thrive and make so much. I believe it's time for us essential workers to get some type of compensation for risking our health and helping so many people.

Claudia Herrera – I been working for CVS for 11 yrs. Hero pay is important to me and fair I expose myself every day, 40 sometimes 45 hours a week from covid, from people that don't ware mask, from people that walk in trying to get tested, from homeless that walk in the store daily. I like my job I like the people I work with and is sad to know that nobody take us serious, us essential workers never stop working since the pandemic started we deserve a recomposition for all that hard work we have done. If it wasn't for us, people won't have their essentials at home. Please vote yes on Hero Pay! Thank you.

Zaira Arredondo – I work at cvs pharmacy. My current position is supervisor/ RX. I just wanted to say that I am great full for my job but do believe we are put at risk greatly every day. We are one of the busiest stores since the beginning of the pandemic till now. Another fact is that we have a lot of people exposed to covid that either come in for medication or are looking to get tested. We would really appreciate if we got offered the hero pay.

Ryan Allain – On behalf of the California Retailers Association (CRA), inclusive of our grocery and retail pharmacy members, we respectfully urge the Council to refrain from passing a mandated a wage increase, especially in the absence of a complete economic impact analysis on the effects such a mandate would have on essential businesses, and subsequently, our local communities. The California Retailers Association is the only

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statewide trade association representing all segments of the retail industry including general merchandise, department stores, mass merchandisers, fast food restaurants, convenience stores, supermarkets and grocery stores, chain drug, and specialty retail such as auto, vision, jewelry, hardware and home stores. CRA works on behalf of California's retail industry, which currently operates over 164,200 stores and employs around 2,776,000 people—nearly one fifth of California's total employment. A mandated pay increase beyond what retail employers can tolerate without raising prices or cutting workforce hours will hurt both consumers and our hardworking employees. This is the last thing our members want to do in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis. A number of our members are already offering substantial increases in hourly pay and employee bonuses in recognition of the essential work these employees are providing. An inflexible, one-size-fits-all approach risks increasing the cost of food, grocery, and retail pharmacy drugs and will disproportionately impact those in our communities who are already bearing the brunt of this pandemic. All of this comes on top of the recent minimum wage increase. This is why we would request an economic study before the Council mandates a substantial pay increase. We request that this motion be amended to include an economic study prior to any consideration of an increase in pay.

Allan Catanyag – We the frontliner in our way need your help to pass a bill that will benefit our grocery workers in this Covid-19 pandemic as we served the people of El Monte at this time. We all know how hard this days for each and everybody, most of us coping that happened to us and we know how hard this now that we experienced the sickness and even loss of our love one of this pandemic. May we have your helping hand by approving this bill that in your table right now for the benefit of our hundreds of our grocery workers that having problems in their finances. Thank you and the ball is in your hands.

Jose Morfin – I believe we all deserve hero pay for what we've been doing and continue to do. Constantly putting our lives at risk and getting no reward is not fair. We do more to help people in these difficult times, but some disregard the pandemic and make our jobs riskier. I'm hoping this Hero Pay would be the beginning of better things for all workers who put their lives at risk.

Jennifer Lopez – I think it would be wonderful if you guys were to pass the hazard pay. It would be great for employees.

Vanessa Rodriguez – I reside in the City of El Monte I work in CVS pharmacy located in South El Monte I been working in pharmacy for almost 6 years now and I've seen first-hand the impact that covid-19 has had in our community we've been working hard for our patients to stay on their medications working sometimes 12 hours shifts to keep up with the high demand of prescription we are the preferred pharmacy from Greater El Monte hospital, helping patients positive for covid-19 I just would like emphasize how important it is to keep our community in a healthy path to recovery from this pandemic. Please help us too to continue working for our community with a rewarding pay.

Carlos Reyes – Been working at the market before covid. I'd admire the temporary hero bonus wage but not at the cost of other stores closing down due to it. Still it doesn't seem fair how we take the toll while the rest were being paid more to stay at home.

Antonio Franco – Hello I've been working as a pharmacy technician for almost three years during the covid outbreak we had a lot of people who were sick and needed their

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meds and might have had covid. We were essential without us working and giving people their medications a lot of people would have gotten more sick. Our company made billions in profits and would not increase our pay we deserve that pay. We need to hold them responsible and we aren't the only ones working during those times a lot of grocery employees got covid because they had to work to provide for their family. During this difficult time it has been hard to keep myself off debt my mom lost her job and I need this hero pay to support my family. Please pass hero pay not just for our families but for everyone working. We as a city are asking you to pass this bill most of us live in the poverty level please help support those who need it.

Gabriel Ramirez – Just real quick I noticed that our Channel 3 local cable has been restored because we were having problems hearing the audio via the computer the past City Council meetings have been interrupted. I called Spectrum and Spectrum spoke to the City so hopefully we can get that resolved because I am pretty sure we pay a lot of money for the sound and in order for it to go on and off is unacceptable. Now going to the point I noticed at the last City Council there was an anonymous person going after Irma Zamorano in regards to the filing fees and I have heard a lot of rumors about myself not paying the filing fee that it is coming from the City Clerk's Office. My understanding is that it is very breachment of information that a City Clerk or anyone at City Hall would disclose of the status of the filing fee on the waiver to run for public office in November. Myself and Irma are very concerned and I urge that the City Attorney to make an investigation to see who had access to the files because now it is very concerning not just to myself but for those who want to run for office who are being targeted by the previous regime. I am very concerned about this that this happened ever. It never happened until now. I am really concerned and I urge that the City Council and staff can really look into this and have an independent investigation.

Alexis Proctor – I was wondering if the City can adopt a program with support of the County that if a person gets written up for a violation by the County or the City in general that we adopt a program where a person be able to fill an application qualifying for low income and given like a fee waiver. [INAUDIBLE]

Robert Morgof – [INAUDIBLE]

Mark Ramos – I would like to urge my support for the item and I urge the Council to direct staff to draft an ordinance to support grocery workers and retail workers in town. Other cities nearby have done the same last night Pomona. The grocers and retailers have made record profits in this past year although we heard earlier from retail association describe a hardship we have not seen that but it comes to the owners and the executives of these corporations whether it is Walgreens or Kroeger by giving multi-million dollar stock buy backs to rich stock holders and executives while leaving the workers on the frontline to fight the battle. We think it is time for these workers to be shown some respect for their efforts for their sacrifice. These members show up every day to do their jobs to make sure that folks have food on their tables to have what their need. Our members have done their jobs they make sure they report to work every day risking infection as you heard other and financial hardship and receiving nothing from their companies.

Damian Martin – I am speaking on Item 4.5 from Closed Session. My client submitted a settlement offer to the City and the purpose of this comment is just to provide some context. In addition to being Legal Counsel I also put together multiple applications that were successful for cannabis retailers in the City of El Monte. I know the application

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backwards and forwards they are my babies they really are I am super passionate about this because of that I was able to quickly identify an error by the City's consultant that came in to score the premises diagram. Nibble This submitted a diagram exactly as one of the winning applicant ye the winning applicant received a perfect score and Nibble This my client did not they received a point deduction. Have they received that additional point Nibble This would have been the sixth point applicant and winning the license. So there is a clear mistake with what the consultant that was hired had done. The purpose of the settlement offer is not to create a liability or a bunch of embarrassment mistakes happen it is a natural part in this complex process and so the settlement offer is just to kind of move forward and move past it. The ordinance itself includes a mechanism for addressing mistakes essentially the City Council under the right circumstances has the right to issue additional licenses and really that is all my client is looking for at this point is to have the City Council issue it a license. My client doesn't want to take a license from anyone else we don't think it is productive for the City to trade one lawsuit for another and ultimately the goal is to move forward. My client established itself in the application as a very strong applicant with really strong community benefits with a high likelihood of successful operation that is all my client wants to do at this point. They want to get their license, they want to open a successful business in the City of El Monte they want to put money in the City of El Monte and generate tremendous community benefits.

9. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT: **None**

10. DEMAND RESOLUTION NO. D-638

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 \$4,296,900.51 have been examined by the City Treasurer and that warrant numbers 1096592 through 1096789, and the payroll period ending January 31, 2021 inclusive are hereby allowed in the amounts and ordered paid out of the respective funds as set forth.

m) Dr. Morales

s) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela

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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.

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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 Pro Tem Martinez Muela
s) Dr. Morales**

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12.2 Approval of a City Council Resolution Approving a Subordination Agreement Subordinating Certain City of El Monte Loans in Favor of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Construction Financing of the Tyler-Valley Metro Housing Project.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and adopt the proposed Resolution approving a subordination agreement subordinating certain City of El Monte loans in favor of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. financing of a Tyler-Valley Metro Housing Project.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10243

**m) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela
s) Dr. Morales**

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12.3 Approval of a Resolution Approving the Form of a Letter of Commitment for Entrance into a Lease Agreement By and Between the County of Los Angeles and City of El Monte for the Maclaren Community Park Project Located at 4024 Durfee Avenue to Facilitate the Submittal of an Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds Related to Such Park Project.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt, by three (3) affirmative votes, the proposed Resolution approving the text of a Letter of Commitment and authorizing the City Manager's execution thereof.

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

Account No: N/A

Resolution No. 10244

**m) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela
s) Dr. Morales**

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- 12.4 Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of El Monte Recognizing March as "Women's History Month."

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the Resolution of the City Council Recognizing March as "Women's History Month."

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

Account No: N/A

Resolution No. 10245

**m) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela
s) Dr. Morales**

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- 12.5 Approval of Request to use Asset Forfeiture Funds for the Purchase of Three (3) New Vehicles for the Police Department.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

If necessary or desired, it is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and authorize the use of Asset Forfeiture funds to purchase three (3) new vehicles for staff use in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000; and
2. Consider and authorize the purchase of the vehicles from the City of El Monte Toyota Dealership (Longo Toyota).

Total Cost: \$150,000
Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Account No: 259-71-711-8132
Asset Forfeiture

**m) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela
s) Dr. Morales**

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13. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 13.1 A Public Hearing to Consider an Appeal of Planning Commission Resolution No. 3547 Denying Conditional Use Permit No. 06-19 for the Establishment of an Off-Sale Beer and Wine License Within an Existing Gasoline Station Convenience Market Located at 3266 Santa Anita Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

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; and
7. Adopt, by no less than three (3) affirmative votes, (a) Resolution to reverse the Planning Commission's decision and approve Conditional Use Permit No. 06-19 to allow the ancillary off-sale of beer and wine at an existing station, subject to conditions of approval, or (b) to uphold the Planning Commission's decision and deny, without prejudice, Conditional Use Permit No. 06-19.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

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Break at 8:25 p.m.

Return to 8:31 p.m.

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela

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Open P.H.

Morris Pouldar – My name is Morris Pouldar, I am the owner/operator of the 76 Gas Station with convenience store located at 3266 Santa Anita Ave. I am the current owner of other gas stations/convenience stores in the Los Angeles area as well. I have over 40 years' experience within this industry as well as locations that have the Type-20 off sale beer & wine license. I have about 20 years' experience with an excellent record with checking identification for these products. My staff and I do a very thorough job making sure they are able to purchase age restricted products. I am always looking for ways to improve my business with adding additional security with the use of security cameras as well as hiring additional staff to help maintain the property & provide protection. I do have other locations that I recently re-developed in the Los Angeles area and have done the same necessary steps. These steps have proven to the

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community that we are invested in maintaining a business that will add convenience to our customers and provide a clean, safe place for our customers, and community to enjoy pleasant shopping experience. We provide a variety of products in the store from grocery items to beverages. We try to create a one stop shop for the customer. Numerous amounts of times, customers have asked us why we do not sell beer and/or wine products. And many times, they are disappointed that we do not carry those products. Mainly, because it creates frustration for them to have to go to numerous places to find their needs. Majority of customers have always enjoyed a location that is a one stop shop. We would like to expand our products in our store and be competitive in today's market while creating a convenience for our customers. Thus, we are trying to offset the high cost of expenses we are facing today including the increase of minimum wage on yearly basis among other expenses. Our revenue mostly comes from the convenience store sales and our profits have been affected due to high cost of running a business in today's market. There already has been less demand on fuel consumption because of the introduction of electrical vehicles and other fuel types. Therefore, we simply like to carry what most gas stations and convenience stores have, so we can compete and stay in afloat in business. We are a different business structure than a liquor store who solely carries both beer, wine, & hard liquor type products. They are considered more of a specialty store not a convenience store. I bring this up as a response to the commissioner's comment on August 13, 2019. Although there are other stores in El Monte selling these products, they are grocery or large format stores carrying variety of alcoholic products including hard liquor. But our model of business which is gasoline station with a convenience store is a totally different kind of business with our own clientele. We cater to different customers than the average customers who visit large format stores. Our focus is to give our customers a chance to purchase these products while they are purchasing their fuel and other items in my store. In response to the commissioner's comment regarding the oversaturation of licenses issued so far in the City of El Monte, our application is for a Type-20 license which is for beer and wine sales only. Whereas the Type-21 license allows the sale of beer, wine, & hard liquor. There are currently 9 active licenses within the city, that includes a mixture of Type-20 and Type-21 licenses. There is only one gas station/convenience store similar to my business structure which is not in the same vicinity as my location. The commissioners have claimed oversaturation in licenses given, however I do not over saturation in my area. Located on Santa Anita Ave, there are 2 locations that have licenses. One, is a 7-Eleven store which has a Type-21 license and the other is a market that has a Type-20. Both these stores are not only a different business structure than mine, but they also have a different type of clientele. There is no comparison. Please see the attached list of active licenses within the City of El Monte. In another response to the commissioner's comment, children at nearby preschool are dropped and picked by their parents in a gated school. They will not be able to come close to our business. I don't feel that having this license would have any impact to the safety of the children nor any adverse impact to our community. Addressing the commissioner's concern, there are various vendors on the public sidewalk who sell their items. I have no legal right to make them leave, because they are located on city property. I do not have any affiliation with them. Overall, I believe having a Type-20 beer & wine license will improve our revenue to stay in business and compete with other businesses. Thus, I believe this will bring extra tax revenue to the city. With the recent Covid-19 Pandemic which has greatly affected most businesses including ours, we are

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uncertain about how fast this economy will recover. I feel that this license will help increase my revenue. With the many years of experience, I have in this business, I do not see any consequences with having this license approved since we will be operating only by obeying the law as well as any rulings the city will impose. If our application will be approved, we will be selling these products in professional manner while creating no negative impact for the public & residents of El Monte. I am excited to expand my businesses in the City of El Monte and would greatly appreciate if the city of El Monte will accept our application for a Type-20 license allowing the sale of beer & wine.

We residents of El Monte or customers visiting the 76 Gas station located at 3266 Santa Anita Avenue, El Monte, CA requesting that they be permitted to sell beer and wine in conjunction with a full service 76 market. This establishment provides a clean professional business with a variety of goods that service the immediate area such as fresh food, fresh fruits, dairy products, bread, breakfast food, coffee station, medicines and a variety of other items you need to purchase on a daily basis. This market will offer us the convenience of one stop shopping in a pleasant atmosphere to shop in. We could only hope to have more business friendly like 76 market that truly care to keep the area clean and safe for our community. We believe the request is a reasonable privilege of operating a responsible business in the City and are confident the proprietors of said business will ensure all efforts in its continuing obligations to maintain a pleasant atmosphere for its customers and its neighbors.

Laura Morales – We are writing as concerned residents of the neighborhood in which the 76 Gas station located at 3266 Santa Anita Avenue resides. Our house is little over 500 feet/ 1 1/2 blocks away from the gas station. We and other residents in this neighborhood do not want another place selling beer and wine. (I know of at least 3 that just don't know how to contact anyone to express their concerns) There are plenty of places doing that already, including the 7-11 a block away (Santa Anita & Mildred), and Happy Market, Plaza Liquor, Happy's Liquor & Ace's Liquor. There is already a problem with trash on E. Asher being left by non-residents and with homeless, with glass bottles and cans being left out on the sidewalk and the street. If the 76 station is allowed to sell off-site beer and wine, this problem will only increase. We believe the Planning Commission made the correct call in denying the off-site beer and wine license.

Patricia Chavez – Good evening Mayor and City Council Members. My name is Patricia Chavez, 3226 Granada Ave I'm calling today to ask you to deny Conditional Use Permit No. 06-19 for an off-sale beer and wine license. You should have in your files signed petitions by residents to deny an Off-Sale Beer and Wine license to the business at 3266 Santa Anita Ave. The signatures include residents to the west, around Fletcher Park; residents to the south and east of this property; as well as residents north of the freeway. We object to this license because the area is already oversaturated with license to sell off-sale beer and wine. Page 10 of the Staff report (/According to ABC Alcoholic Beverage Control the census tract No. 4332.00 has an undue concentration of off- sale licenses as the maximum total number allowed for off-sale licenses is four {4} while there are an existing nine (9) off-sale ABC licenses currently active within the census tract." A 7 Eleven store is approximately 75 feet south of this property and Happy's Market is another SO feet; both sell beer and wine. If you look at the map, we prepared with one square mile radius, you will see the area

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is saturated with off-sale licenses. In Staff's report the El Monte Police Department records indicate the proposed sale of beer and wine is not within a high crime rate area but there have been calls for service on issues related to transient activity and loitering. Nearly every day there are transients asking for money at the westbound and eastbound 10 Fwy off and on ramps. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Community Indicators Assessing the Impact of Alcohol Use on Communities reveals a strong and consistent association between alcohol consumption and a variety of negative health outcomes. John Hopkins University study "Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research confirmed that increased access to outlets that sell alcohol is associated with increased crime and found even greater incidence of crime near liquor stores and other outlets that sell alcohol for off-site consumption than near bars and restaurants. The City of El Monte Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness, adopted by the City Council in 2018 identified many of the problems/challenges associated with the homeless, transients and focused on ways to improve the quality of life for residents, neighborhoods and business. As residents in the immediate area, we do not need this additional public convenience we have enough locations that have license to sell off-sale beer and wine. We ask that you not approve this request.

Patricia Chavez – Thank you for the excellent work you have done for the residence of El Monte especially in regards to the Covid 19 pandemic. Many residents and I have signed petitions to deny an Off-Sale Beer and Wine license to the business at 3266 Santa Anita Ave. You should have in your possession signatures from residents to the east in the area of Fletcher Park, residents in the neighborhoods south and east of this property as well as residents north of the freeway. We objected to this license in 2014 when the application was first submitted, and we continue to object to the license. We object to this license because the area is already oversaturated with licenses to sell off-sale beer and wine. Page 10 of the Staff report: According to ABC, Census Tract No 4332.00 is not reported as a high crime area; however, the census tract has an undue concentration of off-sale licenses as the maximum total number allowed for off-sale is four (4) while there are an existing nine (9) off-sale ABC licenses currently active within the census tract. There is no need for a finding of public convenience. If you look at the map we prepared showing one square mile radius surrounding 3266 Santa Anita Avenue, you will see there are numerous locations where beer and wine are sold which include stores along Garvey Avenue and which are X to Yz mile from the proposed location. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Community Indicators Assessing the Impact of Alcohol Use on Communities reveals a strong and consistent association between alcohol consumption and a variety of negative health outcomes. John Hopkins University study "Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research confirmed that increased access to outlets that sell alcohol is associated with increased crime, and found even greater incidence of crime near liquor stores and other outlets that sell alcohol for off-site consumption than near bars and restaurants. In Staff's report the El Monte Police Department records indicate the proposed sale of beer and wine is not within a high crime rate area but there have been calls for service on issues related to transient activity and loitering. Nearly every day there are transients asking for money at the westbound 10 Fwy. off-ramp at Santa Anita and Brockway as well as transients on the eastbound 10 Fwy off-ramp at Santa Anita and Asher, opposite the gas station. Residents in the Fletcher Park area have complained about these individuals causing

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disturbances in the park and in their neighborhood. They simply walk along the freeway to the park and cause problems. The City of El Monte Plan to Prevent and Combat Homelessness, adopted by the City Council in 2018 identified many of the same problems/challenges associated with the homeless, transients and focused on ways to improve the quality of life for residents, neighborhoods and business. As residents in the immediate area, we do not need this additional public convenience. we have enough locations that have license to sell off-sale beer and wine. The Planning Commission denied the request of Conditional Use Permit as there is no finding of public convenience. We ask that you not approve this request.

m) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela
s) Mayor Ancona **5-0**
Close P.H.

m) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela
s) Mayor Ancona **3-2 (Councilmember Herrera**
Uphold Planning Commission **Dr. Morales)**

- 13.2 A Public Hearing to Consider and Approve a Resolution Making Findings Required by Government Code Section 4217.12(a)(1)-(2) to Authorize the Execution of Energy Conservation Service Contracts with Alliance Building Solutions, Inc. on Terms That are in the Best Interest of the City and Related Authorization for the Negotiation of Terms for the Financing of Improvements Contemplated under the same.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Re-Open the public hearing continued from February 16, 2021;
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; and
7. If it is the desire of the City Council, approve the attached resolution (i) making findings pursuant to Government Code Section 4217.12(a)(1)-(2) to authorize the finalization and execution of the attached energy service contracts with Alliance Building Solutions, Inc. entitled Installation Agreement and Measurement and Verification Agreement; and (ii) authorizing the negotiation of terms for financing improvements contemplated under both agreements.

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

Account No: N/A

Resolution No. 10247

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At 9:34 p.m.

m) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela

s) Mayor Ancona

To extend the meeting past 10:00 p.m.

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela

Open P.H.

Tony Lumino – Tony Lumino – I work for ENGIE Services and have been the primary contact with the City of El Monte since the signing of our Professional Services Agreement in June, 2017. Thank you for this opportunity to address you, my apologies for not being able to present my comments in person, or online. Before I comment, I'd like to congratulate you on the 2020 San Gabriel Valley Energy Champion Award. It is a significant accomplishment that requires initiative, time and perseverance by staff. The residents of El Monte should be proud of, and have confidence their City employees are taking positive action for the environment and resiliency of the City. I wish to comment on item 13.2 regarding the consideration to enter into an Energy Services Agreement with Alliance Building Solutions. As previously stated, I have been the team lead working with the city for over three years on a comprehensive energy efficiency and renewable energy solution. Starting with our comprehensive investment grade audit of the city facilities and assets, ENGIE has presented several potential scenario's for a guaranteed, self-funding, paid from savings citywide efficiency & renewable energy program. These proposed scenario's resulted in a true, guaranteed positive cash flow. In other words, they were paid from savings and in all regards met the statute of Government Code 4217.12. ENGIE and its legacy companies has been serving the public sector for over 46 years, and I personally have been in the business for more than 25. Energy Services Agreements – energy projects – are complicated and the nuances are important to understand. I encourage the City to further its due diligence to the proposal before you, as with any energy services proposal. I encourage the City to pursue the goal of modernizing its facilities through energy savings, be it with the company under consideration, ENGIE, or another opportunity.

Victor Cruz – I am deeply concerned about this \$8 million agreement that the city is considering entering in. I learned through the last council meeting that Former Assemblyman Rodger Hernandez part of this company that will be awarded this \$8 million agreement. What is Rodger Hernandez's title with the company? Does Rodger get paid salary or is it commissions based? Given that we are in a pandemic, businesses are closed, renters are facing eviction, is this something that is of priority for this council right now? Is the mayor willing to hold this item and do a special town hall specifically on this item so that the public can ask further questions about regarding this matter?

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela

Close P.H.

Break at 11:22 pm

Return at 11:28 pm

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m) Mayor Ancona

s) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela

**2-3 (Councilmembers Herrera, Dr. Morales
and Puente No)**

14. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 14.1 Consider and Approve a Resolution Adopting Mid-Year Budget Adjustments for the General Fund and Other Funds for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and adopt a Resolution amending the City of El Monte's Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21 by increasing appropriations in the General Fund by \$3.8 million; Special Revenue Funds by \$16.1 million; and the Water and Sewer Funds by \$730,720.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

- 14.2 Consideration and Approval of a Request to *Purchase a New Managed* Detection and Response Security Service.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the purchase for a new managed detection and response security service in the amount not-to-exceed \$55,000 annually from Del Secure Works.

Total Cost: \$55,000 (Annually)

Account No: 100-24-261-6111

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

- 14.3 Consideration and Approval of Appointment of Two (2) City Councilmembers to CDBG, HOME, and ESG Advisory Group in Accordance with the City of El Monte's Citizen Participation Plan.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Receive presentation from staff; and
2. Appoint two (2) City Councilmembers to the Advisory Group in accordance with the City of El Monte's Citizen Participation Plan.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

- 14.4 Transmittal of the City Manager's Report on Municipal Broadband for the City of El Monte, California; and Consideration and Adoption of a Resolution Declaring

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the Need for Citywide High-Speed Broadband and Authorizing Transmittal of a Letter Memorializing Support of State Legislation Regarding Broadband Deployment.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Receive presentation from staff;
2. Pose questions to staff; and
3. Receive and file the Municipal Broadband Report;
4. Direct staff to release a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for technology consulting services; and
5. Consider and adopt a Resolution in support of State Legislation regarding broadband deployment, by no less than three (3) affirmative votes.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10248

- 14.5 Consideration and Approval to Award of a Construction Contract to Alfaro Communications Construction, Inc. for the Santa Anita Avenue and McGirk Avenue Traffic Signal and Intersection Improvement Project – CIP No. 802 for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$521,400.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve a Construction Contract with Alfaro Communications Construction, Inc. for the Santa Anita Avenue and McGirk Avenue Traffic Signal and Intersection Improvement Project – CIP No. 802 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$521,400 which includes the contract amount of \$453,363 plus an approximate fifteen percent (15%) contingency of \$68,037;
2. Authorize an increase in appropriations in the amount of \$80,000 in Measure R Funds; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute a Construction Contract with Alfaro Communications Construction, Inc.

Total Cost: \$521,400

Account No: 205-67-802-8221 - \$150,000
Gas Tax Fund
212-67-802-8221 - \$146,400
Measure R Fund
275-67-802-8221 - \$225,000
Traffic Signal Impact Fee

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

15. CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA:

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16. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:
 - 16.1 City Council Direction on the Following City Contracts:
 - i. Towing Contract;
 - ii. Transportation Contract; and
 - iii. Lobbyists Contract.
 - 16.2 City Council Direction Regarding the City's Website.
 - 16.3 City of El Monte Budget Priority Survey.
 - 16.4 City Council Direction Regarding Re-Opening City Hall.
17. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:
18. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:
 - 18A. Mayor Ancona
 - 18A.1 Update on Citywide Broadband Accessibility.
 - 18A.2 Discussion Regarding Energy Efficiency Projects.
 - 18A.3 Discussion on Virtual Job Fair.
 - 18A.4 Update on Arts in Public Places.
 - 18A.5 Reimplementation of Ad Hoc Committees.
 - 18A.6 Filling Vacancies on Commissions and Committees.
 - 18A.7 Request for Reports from Measure EM Committee.
 - 18A.8 Discussion on Freeway Onramp Clean Up.

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18A.9 Update on Flavored Tobacco Ban.

18B. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela

18B.1 Discussion and Action Regarding a Resolution of the City Council Calling for a State Audit for High Risk Local Governments.

18B.2 Discussion and Direction Regarding Bi-Annual Ethics Certification for City Officials.

18B.3 Discussion and Direction Regarding City of El Monte Water System.

18B.4 Discussion and Direction Regarding City-Wide Employee Survey of Workplace Satisfaction and Recommendations.

18C. Councilman Herrera

18C.1 Discussion to Consider Seeking State Budget Allocation for Pioneer Park.

18C.2 Discussion to Consider Creation of Standing Committees of the City Council.

18C.3 Discussion to Consider Creation of Ethics Task Force.

18C.4 Discussion to Consider the Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee of the City Council Pertaining to the Street and Mobile Vendors.

18D. Councilwoman Dr. Morales

18D.1 Update Regarding the Park Master Plan, Maclaren Park and Lambert Park-Phase 1.

18D.2 Cost of State Audit.

18D.3 Update Regarding the Citywide Broadband Accessibility.

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- 18D.4 Update Regarding Crime Stats and Special Training from the El Monte Police Department.
- 18D.5 Update Regarding Citywide Street Repairs and the Three (3) Year CIP Progress Report.
- 18D.6 Discussion Regarding Campaign Finance Reform.
- 18D.7 Discussion Regarding District Elections.
- 18D.8 Discussion Regarding Updating the General Plan.
- 18D.9 Discussion Regarding the Development of a Climate Action Plan.
- 18D.10 Discussion and Action Regarding Support for HERO Pay for Grocery Workers.
- 18E. Councilwoman Puente
 - 18E.1 Cost of State Audit.
 - 18E.2 Update on Street Vendors Best Practices.
 - 18E.3 Discussion Regarding Polling the Community on Top Budget Priorities.
 - 18E.4 Discussion Regarding Coordination with Los Angeles County Regarding COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution.
 - 18E.5 Discussion Regarding Efforts to Provide Transportation for Seniors to Vaccination Sites.

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19. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourn the meeting to an Adjourn Regular Meeting on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

m) Mayor Anonca

s) Dr. Moarles

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The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held on **March 16, 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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City of El Monte

APPROVED:

Jessica Ancona, Mayor
City of El Monte