

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
OF APRIL 18, 2023

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

1. CALL TO ORDER: **6:01 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL FOR CITY COUNCIL AND AUTHORITY BODIES:

Jessica Ancona, Mayor/Chair – **present**
Martin Herrera, Mayor Pro Tem/Authority Member – **present**
Marisol Cortez, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**
Victoria Martinez Muela, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**
Alma D. Puente, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**
Richard Rojo, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**
Julia Ruedas, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

m) Councilmember Puente
s) Councilmember Ruedas **7-0**

4. CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council and the various legislative bodies whose membership is composed exclusively of the membership of the City Council will attempt to address and complete all Closed Session business between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. If the City Council completes all Closed Session business prior to 7:00 p.m., the City Council will take a short recess and commence all Open Session proceedings promptly at 7:00 p.m. In the event the City Council is unable to address or complete all agendized Closed Session items by 7:00 p.m., the City Council will hear all such remaining items toward the end of the meeting, immediately following Council Communications. Should any member of the public wish to address the City Council on any *agendized* Closed Session matter, the City Council shall allow such person to address the City Council on such matter(s) prior to going into Closed Session, provided that all persons wishing to address the Council on an agendized Closed Session matter shall (i) call-in or submit a speaker card in the manner prescribed on page 1 of this agenda, above, prior to the City Council going into closed session; and (ii) be subject to a single speaker time allotment of three (3) continuous minutes total per speaker to address the City Council on any or all closed session items of business.

Mayor Ancona invited members of the public to address the City Council on Closed Session Items 4.1 through Item 4.11. Mayor Ancona and the City Council recessed into Closed Session at approximately 6:04 p.m. Mayor Ancona and the City Council reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Assistant City Attorney Lloyd Pilchen reported out of Closed Session with respect to Items 4.1 through 4.11.

4.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Ruben Hurtado vs. City of El Monte, Case No. ADJ15109903.

Direction given but no reportable action taken.

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- 4.2 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Leos vs. City of El Monte, Central District Court Case No. 2:23-cv-02427.

Direction given but no reportable action taken.

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

Bargaining Units Subject to Negotiations: El Monte General Unit (SEIU Local 721); El Monte General Mid-Management Unit (SEIU Local 721); El Monte Police Officers Association; El Monte Police Mid-Manager’s Association; and All Unrepresented Employees of the City including the Executive Team and Part-Time.

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

Direction given but no reportable action taken.

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

City Representative: Lloyd Pilchen, Assistant City Attorney

Unrepresented Employee: City Manager

Direction given but no reportable action taken.

- 4.5 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City of El Monte vs. Minlian Su, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21PSCV00384.

Direction given but no reportable action taken.

- 4.6 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City of El Monte vs. Nga Thi Nguyen, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21PSCV00383.

Continued indefinitely.

- 4.7 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City of El Monte vs. Ony Glo, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21PSCV00385.

Direction given but no reportable action taken.

- 4.8 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City of El Monte vs. Dan Tu Cun, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21PSCV00471.

Continued indefinitely.

- 4.9 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City of El Monte vs. Lino James Ibarra, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 22PSCV00257.

Continued indefinitely.

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- 4.10 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City of El Monte vs. Minh Tang, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21PSCV00366.

Continued indefinitely.

- 4.11 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City of El Monte vs. Cal World El Monte, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21PSCV00534.

Continued indefinitely.

OPEN SESSION PROCEEDINGS

(Commencing at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the City Council reconvene from Closed Session/Short Recess).

5. INVOCATION: Chaplain. **Chaplain Manny Coronilla, Calvary Chapel El Monte.**

6. FLAG SALUTE: Cesar Melgar, 6th Grade Student from Parkview Elementary School. **Present**

7. RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND COMMUNITY INTEREST PRESENTATIONS:

- 7.1 Presentation by the City Council to Cesar Melgar from Parkview Elementary School for Leading the Pledge of Allegiance. **Present**

8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

This time has been set aside for members of the public to directly address the City Council on agenda items of business (other than those agenda items as public hearing or closed session items) or on any other matter of interest to the speaker/caller that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, the Housing Authority, the Financing Authority and/or the Water Authority (collectively, the “Council”). Each speaker/caller will be limited to a single allotment of three (3) continuous minutes total to address the Council on any or all matters covered by this section. As explained more specifically under the Public Hearing portion of this agenda, members of the public wishing to offer comment on items of business agenda items under the Public Hearing portion of the agenda shall have a separate allotment of three (3) continuous minutes per speaker per public hearing item. Except as otherwise provided under the Brown Act (Gov. Code Section 54950 et seq.), the Council may not deliberate or take action upon any matter not listed on this posted agenda but may order that any such matter be placed on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. The Council may also direct staff to investigate certain matters for consideration at a future meeting. Persons wishing to address the Council on matters covered under General Public Comment shall call in or submit a speaker card in the manner prescribed on page 1 of this agenda, above, by or before the General Public Comment portion of the agenda is closed. The City Council shall be under no obligation to entertain comments from speakers/callers who submit cards or call in to speak on matters covered by the section after the General Public Comment portion of the agenda is closed.

Mark Snook – Spoke about Item 14.3. Explained what the Tactic Team has worked on.

Wyatt Reneer – Spoke about Item 14.4. Explained how important these items are for the Police Department.

Eduardo Salazar – Spoke about the incident that happened at his property on September 17, 2022.

Kenneth MacKenzie – Spoke about the incident that happened at his property on September 17, 2022.

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Julio Ramirez – Spoke about an incident that took place involving Royal Coaches. Also spoke about an incident that took place involving Valley Vista.

Eileen Hansen – From the Los Angeles County Library. Provided services that the Library provides to the community.

Susan Castro Valenzuela – Spoke about Measure A which was approved by the voters. Informed information regarding the funding available through Measure A.

Mike Greenspan – Congratulated the newly elected City Council. Spoke about Mike Carusso's campaign.

Edward Salcedo – In support of law enforcement.

Cosme Jimenez – Spoke about Items 14.1, 14.4 and Council Communication Item 18F.3.

Mary Ann Powers – Thanked J.D. Whitaker for all of the work that he has done to manage the street vendor problem. In support of the requests being made by the Police Department.

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

10. DEMAND RESOLUTION NO. D-685

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 1. That the attached list of claims and demands totaling \$3,891,262.94 have been examined by the City Treasurer and that warrant numbers 1113126 through 1113562, and the payroll ending March 31, 2023, inclusive are hereby allowed in the amounts and ordered paid out of the respective funds as set forth.

m) Councilmember Puente
s) Councilmember Rojo

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11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2023; Special Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2023; and Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2023.

m) Councilmember Ruedas
s) Councilmember Rojo

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12. CONSENT CALENDAR:

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine in nature and may be enacted by one motion approving the recommendation listed on the Agenda. One or more items may be removed from the Consent Calendar so that they may be discussed, considered, and voted upon individually by the Council. A matter may be removed from the Consent Calendar and taken up separately by way of a seconded motion of any member of the Council with the approval of a majority of the Council quorum.

12.1 Waiver of Full Reading of Ordinance(s).

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

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1. Approval to waive full reading (except title) of all ordinances appearing on the City Council agenda as authorized under Government Code Section 36934, unless otherwise directed by the City Council.

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

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

- 12.2 Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) of the El Monte Municipal Code by the Addition of a New Chapter 2.28 (Lobbyist) to Establish Local Lobbyist Registration, Reporting, Disclosure Requirements and Prohibitions on the Employment of a Lobbyist.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify the proposed Ordinance by second reading.

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

Ordinance No. 3022

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

- 12.3 Receive and File the City Clerk's Quarterly Listing of Contracts Filed in the City Clerk's Office Between January 1, 2023 and March 31, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Receive and file the report.

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

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

- 12.4 Consideration and Ratification of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of El Monte, California Reaffirming the Representatives to the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify the attached Resolution reaffirming the City's representatives to the Independent Cities Risk Manager Authority.

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

Resolution No. 10442

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

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- 12.5 Consideration and Approval of the Issuance of Request for Proposals for Professional Independent Auditing Services for Fiscal Years 2023-2025 with the Option for Up to Two Additional Years.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve a Request for Proposals for Professional Independent Auditing Services for Fiscal Years 2023-2025 (FY 22-23, FY 23-24, FY 24-25) with the option for up to two (2) additional years (FY 25-26, FY 26-27); and
2. Authorize City staff to publish and solicit proposals for the related RFP.

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

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

- 12.6 Consideration and Approval for the Purchase of Light and Sound Diversionary Distraction Devices and Smoke Tactical Canister Grenades for the Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the appropriation of Asset Forfeiture funds in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 from Account No. 259-71-712-6218 to purchase eighty-four (84) CTS light and sound diversionary distraction devices and twenty-five (25) tactical white smoke canister grenades (outdoor) for use by the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team in tactical operations;
2. Consider and approve the purchase of CTS light and sound diversionary distraction devices and white smoke can canisters from the selected sole source vendor, identified as LC Action Police Supply; and
3. Consider and approve the presentation of this purchase and identification of the funding source before the local governing body as following the guidelines set forth in the State of California Assembly Bill 481 pertaining to the acquisition or intended use of military type equipment.

Total Cost: \$10,000 Account No: 259-71-712-6218
Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A Asset Forfeiture

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

- 12.7 Consideration and Approval of Plans and Specifications, File the CEQA Notice of Exemption, and Authorization to Advertise and Publish the Notice Inviting Bids for the Merced Avenue Linear Park Project, CIP No. 003.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the plan(s) and specification(s) of the Merced Avenue Linear Park Project, CIP No. 003;
2. File the California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office; and
3. Authorize staff to advertise and publish the Notice of Inviting Bids for the Merced Avenue Linear Park Project, CIP No. 003.

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

m) Councilmember Puente
s) Councilmember Rojo 7-0

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- 12.8 Consideration to Accept the Ramona Boulevard Resurfacing Project – CIP No. 857 as Complete and File the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder’s Office.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the Ramona Boulevard Resurfacing Project – CIP No. 857 as completed; and
2. File the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Recorder’s Office.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera

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- 12.9 Consideration and Approval to Reject all Bids Received on March 2, 2023, for the Gibson Mariposa Storm Drain and Fencing Improvement Project, CIP 066; and Authorize Staff to Re-Advertise and Publish the Notice of Inviting Bids.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve to reject all bids received on March 2, 2023, for the Gibson Mariposa Storm Drain and Fencing Improvement Project, CIP 066; and
2. Authorize staff to re-advertise and publish the Notice of Inviting Bids.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

~~Resolution No. 10443~~

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Councilmember Ruedas

6-0 (Councilmember Puente absent)

- 12.10 Consideration and Adoption of a Resolution to Approve Final Parcel Map No. 74248 for the 2-Unit Single-Family Residential Development Subdivision and Fire Lane Designation at 11749 Landsdale Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and adopt a Resolution authorizing the recordation of Final Parcel Map No. 74248 for the 2-unit single-family residential development subdivision and fire lane designation on private property at 11749 Landsdale Avenue.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10444

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera

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13. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 13.1 A Public Hearing to Consider and Adopt a Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan for Submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

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It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open and continue the public hearing to the May 2, 2023 City Council meeting.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera

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- 13.2 A Public Hearing to Consider and Approve an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of El Monte, County of Los Angeles, State of California, Approving Code Amendments to Repeal and Replace in its Entirety Title 16 (Subdivision Ordinance) and Update Titles 1 (General Provisions), 5 (Business Licenses and Regulations), 8 (Health and Safety), 10 (Vehicles and Traffic), 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places), 14 (Sustainable Development) and 17 (Zoning) of the El Monte Municipal Code (EMMC; Approving a Specific Plan Amendment to Update the Gateway (SP-1), Mountain View (SP-2), Downtown Main Street (SP-4) and Esperanza Village (SP-5) Specific Plans; and Approving the Official City of El Monte Zoning Map.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the public hearing;
2. Receive the presentation from staff;
3. Pose questions to staff;
4. Allow members of the public to offer comment;
5. Pose follow-up questions to staff;
6. Close the public hearing;
7. Adopt an Ordinance for First Reading.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Ordinance No. 3023

m) Mayor Ancona

**s) Councilmember Martinez Muela
Open P.H.**

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m) Mayor Ancona

**s) Councilmember Puente
Close P.H.**

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m) Councilmember Puente

**s) Councilmember Martinez Muela
Ordinance No. 3023**

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- 13.3 A Public Hearing to Consider and Approve an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of El Monte, County of Los Angeles, State of California, Approving Sign District No. 1 (the SD-1 Overlay) for the El Monte Center on Property at 3500-3698 Peck Road, 1021-1045 Stewart Street, 11728 Alloway Street and 3400 and 3515 La Madera Avenue (APN Nos. 8567-014-027, -043 & -048; APN Nos. 8567-015-055, -057, -058 & -059 and APN Nos. 8567-016-026, -027, -028, -030, -033, -039, -040, -046 & -047); and

A Public Hearing to Consider and Approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of El Monte, County of Los Angeles, State of California, Approving Design Review No. 05-23 for a New Freeway-Oriented Pylon Sign with a Height Greater than 25 Feet in Sign District No. 1 (The SD-1 Overlay) on Property on the South Side of Stewart Street (APN No. 8567-016-047).

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RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the public hearing;
2. Receive the presentation from staff;
3. Pose questions to staff;
4. Allow members of the public to offer comment;
5. Pose follow-up questions to staff;
6. Close the public hearing;
7. Adopt an Ordinance for First Reading; and
8. Adopt the Resolution.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Ordinance No. 3024

Resolution No. 10445

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera

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Open P.H.

m) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera

s) Mayor Ancona

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Close P.H.

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera

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Ordinance No. 3024

m) Councilmember Martinez Muela

s) Mayor Ancona

7-0

Resolution No. 10445

14. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 14.1 Consideration and Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Matrix Consulting Group to Perform a Citywide Efficiency Study.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Matrix Consulting Group for a contract amount of \$275,180 plus a 10% contingency of \$27,500 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$302,680; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Professional Services Agreement with Matrix Consulting Group.

Total Cost: \$302,680

Account No: 100-31-311-6111

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

m) Councilmember Martinez Muela

s) Councilmember Rojo

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- 14.2 Consideration and Approval of Amendment #4 to the American Rescue Plan Act Budget.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

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1. Consider and approve Amendment #4 to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund Budget.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

**m) Councilmember Puente
s) Mayor Ancona**

**6-1 (Councilmember Martinez
Muela No)**

- 14.3 Consideration and Approval for the Purchase of Night Vision Equipment for the Special Weapons and Tactics Team.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve for the purchase of three (3) LICAR (L3 Harris) – CNVD kit, night vision clip on devices (short range) and two (2) EOTECH-CLPOAIB, night vision clip on devices (medium to long range) and twenty-three (23) EOTECH Bino-Night vision binoculars with G24 mounts for the Special Weapons and Tactics Team in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000; and
2. Consider and approve Mallory Safety and Supply LLC, and Curtis Blue Line as sole source vendors for this purchase.

Total Cost: \$300,000

Account No: 242-71-711-8131 - \$200,000
American Rescue Plan (ARP)
259-71-711-8131 - \$100,000
Asset Forfeiture Fund

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

At 9:39 p.m.

**m) Councilmember Martinez Muela
s) Mayor Ancona
Extend the meeting past 10:00 p.m.**

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**m) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera
s) Councilmember Puente**

**6-0 (Councilmember Martinez Muela
absent)**

- 14.4 Consideration and Approval for the Purchase of Automated License Plate Readers and Raven Audio Gunshot Detection Devices with 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Funds.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the purchase of thirty-eight (38) automated license plate readers and four (4) Raven Audio Gunshot Detection Devices with funds provided through the American Rescue Plan Act in an amount-not-to-exceed \$499,300; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to sign the Agreement with Flock Safety to initiate this project.

Total Cost: \$499,300

Account No: 242-71-711-8131 - \$399,300
American Rescue Plan (ARP)
259-71-711-8131 - \$100,000
Asset Forfeiture

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

**m) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera
s) Mayor Ancona**

**6-0 (Councilmember Martinez Muela
absent)**

Break at 9:54 p.m.

Return at 10:07 p.m.

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- 14.5 Consideration and Approval of the First Amendment to Section 3 Compensation of the Contract Services Agreement with Southland Transit, Inc. for Fixed-Route and Dial-A-Ride Services.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the First Amendment to Section 3 Compensation of the Contract Services Agreement with Southland Transit, Inc. for Fixed-Route and Dial-A-Ride services by adding a 15 percent contingency, increasing the original overall sum of \$11,194,575 to \$12,873,761 reflecting a \$1,679,186 (15 percent) difference; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Contract Services Agreement with Southland Transit, Inc. with terms and services from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.

Total Cost: \$1,679,186

Account No: 202-67-574-6111 - \$1,511,267

Is the cost of this item budgeted? No

202-67-575-6111 - \$ 167,919

m) Councilmember Puente

s) Councilmember Martinez Muela

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- 14.6 Consideration and Approval of an Amendment to the Gino Buccola Construction, LLC Contract to Increase the Original Sum of \$90,000 to a New Contract Sum of \$100,635.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve an amendment to the Gino Buccola Construction, LLC Contract to increase the original sum of \$90,000 to a new not-to-exceed contract amount of \$100,635.

Total Cost: \$100,635

Account No: 100-67-673-6111

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

m) Councilmember Martinez Muela

s) Mayor Ancona

5-2 (Councilmembers Cortez and Rojo No)

- 14.7 Consideration and Approval of an Amendment to the Crosstown Electrical & Data, Inc. Contract to Increase the Original Sum of \$80,000 to a New Contract Sum of \$140,000.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve an amendment to the Crosstown Electrical & Data, Inc. contract to increase the original sum of \$80,000 to a new contract sum of \$140,000.

Total Cost: \$80,000

Account No: 212-67-685-6111

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

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m) Councilmember Martinez Muela

s) Mayor Ancona

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- 14.8 Consideration and Approval of an Amendment to the SSD Alarm Contract to Increase the Original Sum of \$120,356 to a New Contract Sum of \$140,356.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

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It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve an amendment to the SSD Alarm Contract to increase the original sum of \$120,356 to a new not-to-exceed contract amount of \$140,356.

Total Cost: \$20,000

Account No: 100-67-673-6111

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

m) Councilmember Martinez Muela

s) Mayor Ancona

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- 14.9 Consideration and Approval of an Increase to the Purchase Agreement with Pacific Portable Services for Portable Restrooms and Sinks at the El Monte Main Street Farmer's Market, Increasing the Original Sum of \$18,000 to a New Purchase Agreement Sum of \$38,000.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve an increase to the purchase agreement with Pacific Portable Services for portable restrooms and sinks at the El Monte Main Street Farmer's Market increasing the original sum of \$18,000 to a new purchase agreement sum of \$38,000.

Total Cost: \$20,000

Account No: 201-21-242-6292

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

m) Councilmember Martinez Muela

s) Mayor Ancona

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15. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA: **None**

16. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA: **None**

17. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: **None**

18. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

18A. Mayor Ancona

18A.1 Aquatic Center Staff Acknowledgement.

Mayor Ancona – I received an email from a resident regarding the aquatic center staff.

18A.2 Update on Arts in Public Places Murals.

Mayor Ancona – Can we obtain an update regarding the status of murals that have been approved by the City Council.

18A.3 Discussion on Creating Grant Opportunities for Youth Sports.

Mayor Ancona – A couple of organizations have reached out to me regarding using City facilities. Is there an opportunity to help subsidize some of those youth programs. Can we allocate funds for some of these opportunities for children.

18B. Mayor Pro Tem Herrera

Mayor Pro Tem Herrera – Would like to know if staff could make a presentation regarding issuing bonds for street repairs. How can we finance to speed up the maintenance process.

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Mayor Pro Tem Herrera – Would like a presentation regarding infrastructure improvements for this. Would like a development plan for Valley Mall.

18B.1 Discussion Regarding Creating a CFD as Part of the Economic Stimulus for Main Street (Downtown Valley Mall).

18B.2 Discussion Regarding Economic Development Plan for Main Street (Downtown Valley Mall).

18B.3 Discussion Regarding Issuing Bonds for Street Repairs.

18B.4 Discussion Regarding Street/Sidewalk and Infrastructure Improvements for Main Street (Downtown Valley Mall).

18C. Councilwoman Cortez

Councilmember Cortez – Attended the first Farmer’s Market. Thanked staff for all of the work they have done for this.

18C.1 Discussion Regarding Code Enforcement Efforts – Data and Report on Open Cases and Departmental Needs.

Councilmember Cortez – Requested an email providing update on stats.

18C.2 Discussion Regarding Economic Development Plan for the Entire City.

Councilmember Cortez – Same for this item. An update would be appreciated regarding this.

18C.3 Discussion and Update Regarding Garvey Underpass – Flooding Issues and Project Timeline.

18C.4 Discussion Regarding Welcome to El Monte Signs.

Councilmember Cortez – Additional signs are needed.

Mayor Ancona – Is the City working on rebranding. Before we put any signs up maybe having a conversation regarding this.

18D. Councilwoman Martinez Muela

Councilmember Martinez Muela – Requested City Council approval for the budget approval for the Inspire event to be held on May 13, 2023.

Councilmember Ruedas – Spoke about the collaboration with the Schools in El Monte.

Mayor Ancona – Provided additional information regarding the event.

Councilmember Cortez – Had questions regarding the request.

Councilmember Martinez Muela – Promoted the Cheerleading event. Also spoke about Golden Streets is happening this weekend. It is a great family event.

18D.1 Discussion and Action Directing Staff to Complete a Salary Compensation Study.

Councilmember Martinez Muela – Asked when the last Salary Compensation Study was made.

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City Manager Martinez – Provided information regarding the salary compensation study.

18D.2 Discussion Regarding Public Information Officer Position Funded July 2020.

City Manager – provided information regarding the contract for the PIO.

Councilmember Martinez Muela – Asks that the PIO send updates to the entire body regarding any work that they have been doing.

Mayor Ancona – Has had an opportunity to work closely with them. They have assisted the Mayor with various things. The PIO should be providing information to the entire City Council. Would the City go out to RFP?

City Manager Martinez – The City Council can provide direction as to how to go about revising Elevates contract.

Councilmember Martinez Muela – Agrees to going out to RFP to be able to grow the City's presence.

Councilmember Puente – Can we agendaize this item for a more robust discussion.

18D.3 Status of the Efficiency Study, Approved December 2021.

18D.4 Update on Budgeted, Unfilled Positions and Recent Turnover.

Councilmember Martinez Muela – How many positions is the City still in need of filling.

City Manager Martinez – I don't have the exact number but I can bring back this information.

18D.5 Update on the Status of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

18E. Councilwoman Puente

Councilmember Puente – We are creating an attraction and don't want to create a liability. We can move this event if amenable.

Assistant City Manager Mendez – The City will not be going down on the riverbed it will just be along the bike path.

18E.1 Discussion Regarding Presentation on Cannabis Revenues Focus on Impact for Youth Programming and Education.

Councilmember Puente – Would like to be transparent as far as the use of the cannabis revenues. Requested a presentation from staff regarding this.

18F. Councilman Rojo

18F.1 Discussion Regarding Proposal to Name a Park in Honor of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis.

Councilmember Rojo – Would like to propose to name a park in honor of Supervisor Solis. Not sure what District she lives in but maybe renaming a park in her area.

Mayor Ancona – I think this is a good idea but would like some community feedback on this.

18F.2 Discussion Regarding the Results of the March 14, 2023 Goal Setting Session.

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18F.3 Discussion Regarding Shortening our City Council Meetings for the Benefit of our Residents and in the Name of Efficiency.

Councilmember Rojo – Propose a two-minute limit for Council Communications. Perhaps a two-minute public comment.

18G. Councilwoman Ruedas

18G.1 Discussion Regarding a Presentation of the 2023 Employee Recognition.

Councilmember Ruedas – A presentation meeting regarding employee recognition would be good.

Mayor Ancona – Are we considering milestones dates for employees.

18G.2 Update Regarding the Following Presentations:

- Current Strategies Being Done for the Retention of our Business Community.
- Programs and Services Offered for our Community and Seniors.
- What is Being Done to Ensure our City's Infrastructure is in Good Condition.
- Programs and Services to Promote and Serve our Youth.

Councilmember Ruedas – Would like presentations from staff for each of the items above.

19. ADJOURNMENT:

At 11:13 p.m.

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Councilmember Martinez Muela

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