

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
OF APRIL 20, 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: **6:04 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 Ancona
s) Dr. Morales **5-0**

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 4.6.

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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 7:24 p.m.

Mayor Ancona and the City Council recessed into Closed Session at approximately 9:52 p.m. Mayor Ancona and the City Council reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 11:04 p.m.

Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla reported out of Closed Session with respect to Items 4.1 through 4.6.

- 4.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(1) – Significant Exposure of Litigation: One (1) Potential Case.

Various updates were provided by Legal Counsel, City staff and the City Manager, 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: Gateway Four, LP; Gateway Two, LP; Gateway Five, LLC, US Bankruptcy Court Central District, Lead Case No. 1:20-bk-11581-MB.

Various updates were provided by Legal Counsel, City staff and the City Manager, feedback given by the City Council but no final action taken.

- 4.3 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation – One (1) Potential Case.

Various updates were provided by Legal Counsel, City staff and the City Manager, 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: FEAH, LLC v. City of El Monte, LASC Case No. 20STCP03720.

Various updates were provided by Legal Counsel, City staff and the City Manager, feedback given by the City Council but no final action taken.

- 4.5 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation/Facts Unknown to Potential Plaintiffs – Two (2) Matters.

Deferred to a future meeting date.

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- 4.6 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiator – 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: Adrianna Guzman, Designated Labor Negotiator in consultation with John Nguyen, Human Resources/Risk Management Director; and Alma K. Martinez, City Manager.

Various updates were provided by Legal Counsel, City staff and the City Manager, feedback given by the City Council 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: **Chaplain George Ussery, Evangelical Methodist Church. Present**

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

7. RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND COMMUNITY INTEREST PRESENTATIONS:

7.1 Presentation by the City Council Proclaiming the Month of May 2021 as American Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

7.2 Presentation by the City Council Proclaiming the Month of May 2021 as Lupus Awareness Month.

7.3 Presentation by the City Council Proclaiming Its Condemnation of Racism, Xenophobia, Homophobia and All Forms of Intolerance, Bigotry and Hate.

7.4 Presentation by the City Council Proclaiming the Month of April 2021 as Donate Life California Month. **Present**

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

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name and address as a condition to attending a Council meeting, persons who wish to address the Council are asked to state their name and address. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) continuous minutes. Speakers may not lend any portion of their speaking time to other persons or borrow additional time from other persons.

Except as otherwise provided under the Brown Act (Gov. Code Section 54950 et seq.), the Council may not deliberate or take action upon any matter not listed on this posted agenda but may order that any such matter be placed on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. The Council may also direct staff to investigate certain matters for consideration at a future meeting.

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

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

Evangelical Child – Good Evening City Council Members, my name is Evangelica Child with Day One. I wanted to announce that starting tomorrow Alcohol Awareness Month will be during the month of April. As a local college student and coordinator for our Project Sticker Shock coalition in El Monte, I feel it is important to take time to remember the millions of lives lost to alcoholism and drunk driving accidents. Our Project Sticker Shock coalition is currently assessing the safety of the environments around liquor stores in the city, collecting testimonials about residents' personal experiences and perceptions of alcohol, and raising awareness about the consequences of furnishing alcohol to minors. Recently, we have started collecting data about the impact alcohol has in the city and we are hoping to share our findings with you soon. Every other Friday, our team conducts outreach to local alcohol retailers in hopes of building strong partnerships with store owners who understand the importance of keeping youth safe. Our goal of these partnerships is to place messaging through warning stickers on alcohol multipacks that inform consumers about the consequences of providing alcohol for underage minors. Students who begin drinking as youth and adolescents are at higher risk of mental illness, academic challenges, relationship problems, and alcohol

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dependency in young adulthood. By creating barriers to youth access, we are encouraging positive health outcomes and reducing rates of addiction, which is often perpetuated through generations. During our outreach, we have met a few owners who have offered a lot of support to our campaign which has been very encouraging. Day One will continue to conduct Project Sticker Shock operations and outreach and we hope to provide more updates soon on the successes and challenges that we experience!

Cosme Jimenez – I want to thank you for giving us the opportunity to finally return to open public meetings and welcome transparency and first amendment rights again. I would like to remind you that I still see the big division between Councilmembers created by the previous monarchy. We need to understand that it is time to move on and work as a team for the people and not as a team for the power of a kingdom. Most people in this great City are waiting for action and improvements that we already waited for ten years and hopefully we don't have to wait for another ten years. If some members of this Council have to still [inaudible] to the previous administration because they received big amounts of money for their campaigns I don't think it is fair for the taxpayers to pay the price. My suggestion is to work things out because this is a new chapter and you probably know that we are getting a deficit of \$5 million dollars a year during the past three years and so we cannot blame the [inaudible]. We had to sell \$20 million dollars in bonds that we have to pay back with no benefit to the people and the reason that the previous administration had been using this money is to disguise the deficit. Now we have a total balance of \$10 million dollars that we have to pay in 31 years. I think if we don't get our act together today we can go up to \$10 million dollars a year of deficits due to the inability and control of the past administration to cut everything down during the past 10 years besides Norms. As you well know monarchy does not bring any progress to any City or Country. We could have gotten Walmart a long time ago but he refused to do it. Also on a different item Council Communication 18D.2 Cost of State Audit coming from Councilwoman Maria Morales. My comment is after having a previous administration with lack of transparency and also having an ad hoc committee meeting with two members under the king and his compadre that shows no transparency at all. In this situation the price for the audit should be out of the question. My last comment 14.2 Valley and Ramona Project already took 14 months which is fine something happened my recommendation would be have the Public Works Director to come every six months to make a report instead of waiting 14 months nobody knew, nobody knows what is going on.

Howard Owens – Hello everybody, Happy New Year, Merry Christmas and all that stuff we missed out on. I want to welcome our new Councilman and also Alma during the pandemic too. We have been very frustrated being out there and not being able to say what we want to say. We call the City we get recordings we don't get to talk to people. I got the internet and you still can't understand things. We tried the zoom thing and that doesn't work very well so I am happy to be here and we want to do what is good for the City not good for you good for the City go with your heart and go with what the City wants and what the City needs not what someone else wants for the City. We can have a Walmart right now we can have a lot of revenue but that wasn't in the cards. So I have a few things at the end of my street the City allegedly purchased that property down there on the wall there is graffiti. I told my neighbor at the end down there it's your turn to keep your end of the street clean he hasn't called the graffiti in and there are seven EMF tags on the wall and it is right next to the property that El Monte purchased and we have been saying that they need to clean up the weeds and stuff and now I noticed there are stock piling of dirt there so we are wondering what is going on there and what the

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plans are for that. Last week we have had a lot of animals dropped off on Cherrylee because everybody knows if you want to get rid of animals drop them off at Cherrylee they will take care of them. I talked to Animal Control today and yesterday somebody dropped off a peacock yesterday so that is another thing got the license number on that got pictures of that gentleman so what I would like to know is what is in City's ordinance and can you get a sign up and state that this isn't right. Fireworks it is coming up it never has stopped this year but it is coming up to that time again and do we want to be like the City of Ontario who has a lot of lawsuits or are we going after these people cause every night midnight or whatever they are going off in my area still hasn't stopped. Covid 19 money comes in and they go out and spend it. That is just part of what my neighborhood want to know about and seeing what we can do about it in the City.

Julio Ramirez – Short and easy congratulations Mayor Jessica and Vicky Martinez about time been years, it's been years really and now we got the rotation we finally got it, it is unbelievable congratulations. Certain people didn't want it that's politics. My complaint right now is short it is Ramona boy that guy is a billionaire can't finish that project. How many years is that going to take how many it is just like the Norms remember that people lost their lives they are gone and it took us fifteen years and if we want to miss the Norms again we don't have no businesses we don't have nothing we don't have a union store. I went to Superior and they said what are you talking about Hero's pay I don't care. People I was grown up as a union member and that is a shame when you see people say I don't care it is not my problem. This year we really got it I lost a lot of family members.

Gabriel Ramirez – Good evening City Council, residents those who are watching. It feels so great to be back here in person. First and foremost Congratulations Councilwoman Alma Puente, Councilmember Martin Herrera, Mayor Jessica Ancona, newly re-elected again Victoria Martinez Muela. I am speechless right now because again this Covid is still happening I just want to dedicate this to those like my father has said we lost family members but also I want to reflect to those in here in the Chambers and those who are watching to remember the loved ones that we lost to Covid just know that we are in this together to really be stronger united because last year let me say this it was a wakeup call. Thankfully thank the lord I did not test positive not even none of my family members and I got tested twice it is very important to still be precautious of this and thank god I am an organ donor. Today you probably saw on the news again in El Monte by Baldwin there was a fire this has been happening I just want to make sure that we want to address the whole area on my street those residents in my area have been complaining about the speed on my street by Gibson this is not the first time it has been for years that I have been addressing this and nothing has been done I have submitted an ELMO request. My last one would by on Shirpser twice I was this close of really falling on those I made a complaint already about there is a lid that is still open and thankfully I had balance had I not had balance I could of torn my ACL or who knows. I reported it twice and nothing has been done and I have checked and I took pictures of it this has to be resolved and the go request should not be selective and that is the problem that is happening and now that we have a new leadership again you are elected to work for the people and continue to work for the people.

David Siegrist – A number of our residents, your constituents are very very concern about the ongoing litigation against our City concerning cannabis. They sent me to ask you to please conduct a thorough, complete, transparent, internal investigation on the cannabis application award process based on rumors, allegations, chismes, mitos by the City's prior administration. You need to do that because I don't know if you are aware of

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this but there are so many allegations appearing in social media concerning how processes were done to award benefits to those people requesting sale or distribution of cannabis and even naming people so I would say for the good of all of us somebody needs to do an investigation since you are our elected representatives it behooves you to do that to make sure that our City residents really understand what happened because again go onto Facebook and see what people are saying there.

Charles Hoffman – I am a resident of the City of El Monte it has been suggested when we keep coming to the public to the Council meetings again I should come here and see if we can get our current City staff to fill a public records request I made back in November of 2018 it's been over 2 years. I know it is a tricky request, I know things have changed since I put it in but if you can find some caring people in our staff thank you.

Cosme Jimenez – Quick question regarding Demand Resolution. I have a quick question for the Finance Director regarding three payments for unarmed security guard services for \$39,000. I would like a little explanation about what kind of services they provided, when and where if anybody knows \$40,000 for guards to the City.

Florencio Briones – Good evening Honorable Mayor and City Council it is an extremely pleasure to be here in person once again. It has been such a long time since we have been able to see one another not through a screen but in person and to enjoy each other's company and to hear each other in person. I am the Board President of the El Monte Union High School District and I am here to speak on Item 12.4. I would like to respectfully request the Council to able the item tonight for a couple of reasons. First and foremost the School Board already took action on this item at a meeting last week on April 14th. But if I can I would like to provide you some information on this particular item this resolution includes some information is a bit misleading and out of context it doesn't really tell the whole story and I would like to share this information with you. So for those of you who have looked at the Resolution regarding Pasadena College leasing property at 4105 Rosemead Boulevard. That property is property for the El Monte Rosemead Adult School that was built in the early 1990s. During the great recession the adult school program was cut in half because of our lack of funding coming from the state so as means to generate some revenue the school district entered into a short term lease agreement with Pasadena City College. I want to emphasize that it was a short term lease agreement it was made clear to them from the very beginning it was initially a three year agreement with two two year extensions for a total of seven years from October of 2013 until October of 2020. Currently we are on a month to month agreement with Pasadena City College. The great recession impacted schools across America including El Monte Union High School District that is a program as I stated was reduced by half and of course PCC leased the property by mutual agreement with the school district in order to provide evening community college classes at the site. In the Resolution it states that \$751,000 dollars in rent went to the school district in 2020. However, this number does not reflect the total cost of the deferred maintenance, portable rentals at the Granada Campus and operations, indirect costs, or other associated costs with the operation of that facility. When the school district went out for a bond in 2018 Measure HS was passed by the voters one of the projects that was identified was finding a permanent home for adult transition program currently located at our Granada Campus. The Granada Campus is not ADA compliance it does not meet the needs of our adults with special needs today and it most definitely will not meet the needs of our adults with special needs tomorrow. This movement from the Granada Campus to the Rosemead Campus will facilitate us with providing a permanent home for our adult transition program. We did give direction to staff last week when the board

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voted to give direction that we enter into negotiations with Pasadena City College in order to provide for what we are calling the West San Gabriel Valley Adult Education complex giving them an opportunity to continue to operate on that campus while allowing us to return our adult program and our adult transition program there.

Michael Shi – I'm a long-time resident and property owner in the city of El Monte. Can you please hire a third party investigation team to investigate the cannabis application process?

David Honsberger – I was born and raised in El Monte. I urge the council to act and order an investigation into the cannabis application process that is the subject of all these lawsuits. Instead of spending millions defending against lawsuits, the City should investigate the issues presented in these lawsuits. If an investigation finds misconduct by City officials or employees, then this Council needs to remove the cancer from our City thank you for your attention.

Doggo Whisperer – My name is Kevin and I am a resident of El Monte. Please start an investigation with a third party on the cannabis application process.

Diana Tu – I am a resident of the San Gabriel Valley in the City of Temple City. El Monte's cannabis program has been contentious from its inception and now the City is being sued in a number of lawsuits for a corrupt application process. I support the Mayor's call for an independent investigation into the cannabis program. El Monte has an obligation to residents of its neighboring cities of at least implementing a transparent and fair cannabis program that will bring the best operators to the San Gabriel Valley. Thank you for your consideration.

Nicole Honsberger – As a longtime resident of El Monte, I support the Mayor's call for action to investigate the allegations of these cannabis lawsuits. Instead of spending taxpayer dollars to litigate, the City should be proactive and investigate the cannabis application process. Thank you for your consideration.

Damian Martin – I am legal counsel for Nibble This, LLC and Nibble This - El Monte, LLC who is was actually one of the applicants currently suing the City over the cannabis application scoring process. I am here to speak against Item 18A.1 that the City actually create a third party to lead an investigation. The reason why I am speaking against that for my client's perspective it only complicates the matter. This is a very simple and straight forward issue for my client's perspective. The City's Third Party consultant made a number of errors that are very obvious and it does require the level of in depth investigation it is pretty straight forward. Notwithstanding that the City still hasn't settled and it is just making the appearance that this is more complicated than it is. Speaking of complications one of the other litigants in the case that is suing the City FEAH, LLC presented a very complicated and convoluted allegations about corruption and bribery and [inaudible] have been filed against that case and now that case [inaudible] in jeopardy so from my perspective, my client's perspective doing an investigation is unnecessary, it over complicates the matter and is overdone.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela – I have had a long relationship with one of our incredible members of the Police Officers Association and she is an incredible public servant in B. Guaderrama. This project is so very personal to her so I am really honored that she asked me to say a few words because it is very person al to me as well. Autism Spectrum Disorder is characterized by certain behaviors and communication patterns with symptoms that can range from mild to severe. Individuals with autism have difficulty

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with communicating, socializing and processing information. There is often nothing about how people with autism look that sets them apart from other people. However, autistic individuals are usually associated with rigid and repetitive behaviors such as obsessively arranging objects or following very specific routines. Many people with autism have difficulty paying attention and managing their reactions. Other characteristics of autism may include resistance to eye contact, inappropriate laughing, resistance to change in routines, and fascination with specific objects. Currently, one in 54 children are diagnosed with autism and it is four times more likely to affect boys than girls. While learning difficulties is commonly associated with autism these individuals can learn if given the proper education and environment in which to develop their skills. The El Monte Police Department autism awareness project is aimed at raising public attention to identify, understand and have knowledge of the resources available when interacting with individuals with autism. The El Monte Police Department supports those with autism and their family members, caretakers, teachers, therapists, doctors and health care providers. All who have dedicated themselves to care for and play a key role in development disability. The Police Department is a pioneer in this beautiful patch that is being worn throughout the month of April by members on our team to support Autism Awareness. So I wanted to say congratulations B because this was a vision, a project she wanted to see to fruition and here it is. I am proud that the City of El Monte is on the frontlines of ensuring awareness so congratulations to our Police Department, to our Police Officers Association.

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

Break at 8:43 pm
Return at 8:49 pm

10. DEMAND RESOLUTION NO. D-640

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 \$13,381,707.55 have been examined by the City Treasurer and that warrant numbers 1097245 through 1097890, and the payroll period February 16, 2021 through March 31, 2021 inclusive are hereby allowed in the amounts and ordered paid out of the respective funds as set forth.

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Dr. Morales

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

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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:

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) Dr. Morales

5-0

12.2 Receive and File the City Clerk's Quarterly Listing of Contracts Filed in the City Clerk's Office Between January 1, 2021 and March 31, 2021.

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) Dr. Morales

5-0

12.3 Approval of a Resolution Designating the Month of May as Gang Awareness and Prevention Month.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve a Resolution designating the month of May 2021, as "Gang Awareness and Prevention Month" in the City of El Monte in cooperation with the San Gabriel Valley Coalition of Mayors Against Gang

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Violence and organizations to solidify a commitment to fight gang violence in our community.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10253

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Dr. Morales

5-0

- 12.4 Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of El Monte in Support of a Pasadena City College Campus at 4105 N. Rosemead Boulevard, in the City of Rosemead.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve a Resolution in support of a Pasadena City College Campus at 4105 N. Rosemead Boulevard, in the City of Rosemead.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10254

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Dr. Morales

**1-3-1 (Dr. Morales, Councilmembers Herrera and Puente
No, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela abstain)**

- 12.5 Approval and Authorization to Execute a Purchase of Automated License Plate Readers with 2018 State Homeland Security Program Grant Funds from Flock Safety.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve for the purchase of eight (8) automated license plate readers with 2018 State Homeland Security Program grant funds in an amount not-to-exceed \$70,000; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to sign the Agreement with Flock Safety to initiate this Project.

Total Cost: \$70,000

Account No: 299-71-719-****

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

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m) Councilmember Herrera

s) Councilmember Puente

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m) Mayor Ancona
s) Dr. Morales **5-0**
To extend meeting to 10:30 pm

12.6 Approval and Authorization to Execute a Service Agreement with Motorola Solutions.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve for the continuation of a Service Agreement by and between Motorola Solutions and the City of El Monte for the proprietary software and hardware of MCC 7500 radio dispatch consoles for a three (3) year term in an amount not-to-exceed \$78,500 from Account No. 100-71-711-6111; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the Agreement between Motorola Solutions and the City of El Monte.

Total Cost: \$78,500 Account No: 100-71-711-6111
Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Dr. Morales **5-0**

12.7 Approval and Authorization to Purchase Electronic Software Collision Reporting and Citation Writing Software as Part of a Traffic Records Improvement Project.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the purchase, integration and first-year maintenance of an electronic software collision reporting and citation writing software from Crossroads Software for the Traffic Reporting Improvement Project;
2. Consider and approve an agreement with Spillman Technologies Incorporated for the installation of the software onto the hardware (bridge), and professional services related to the Traffic Reporting Improvement Project; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to sign the Agreement and all documents related to this purchase.

Total Cost: \$76,628 Account No: 292-71-796-8145 - \$56,300
Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A 100-2264 - \$20,328

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Dr. Morales **5-0**

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- 12.8 Approval and Authorization to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with RSG, Inc. to Provide the City of El Monte and the El Monte Successor Agency with Financial, Legislative, and Management Consulting Services for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with RSG, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$39,600 for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

Total Cost: \$39,600

Account No: 808-91-911-6111

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Dr. Morales

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- 12.9 Approval and Authorization to Execute a Resolution for Submission of the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program for Zamora Revitalization Park Project.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the attached Resolution approving the filing of an application for state funds from the Prop 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program for Zamora Park Revitalization Project.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10255

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Dr. Morales

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- 12.10 Approval and Authorization to Execute a Contract Extension with Trio Community Meals to Provide Meals for the Elderly Nutrition Program for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve a one (1) year contract extension with Trio Community Meals, to continue to provide meals for the Elderly Nutrition Program; and

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2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee to execute the Food Service Agreement extension and all other necessary documents.

Total Cost: \$103,000

Account No: 256-55-551-6111

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Dr. Morales

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- 12.11 Approval of a Resolution Repealing, Replacing and Superseding Resolution No. 10115; Amending the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to Include and Account for the Allocation of Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Funds; and Adopting a List of Capital Improvement Projects to be Funded with SB1 Funds for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and adopt a Resolution repealing, replacing, and superseding Resolution No. 10115; amending the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to include and account for allocation of SB1 funds; and adopting a list of capital improvement projects to be funded with SB1 funds for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10256

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Dr. Morales

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13. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 13.1 A Public Hearing to Consider and Approve the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan for Submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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. Provide input and direction on the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan.

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

Account No: N/A

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Dr. Morales 5-0
Open P.H.

m) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela
s) Dr. Morales 5-0
Close P.H.

m) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela
s) Dr. Morales 5-0
Approve for a 30 day Public
Hearing process

13.2 A Public Hearing to Consider and Approve a Resolution Approving the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Nevada Bodger Sewer Main Improvement Project, CIP No. 005.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the public hearing;
2. Receive presentation from staff;
3. Pose questions to staff;
4. Allow members of the public to offer comment;
5. Pose follow up questions to staff;
6. Close the public hearing;
7. Consider and adopt a Resolution approving the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Nevada-Bodger Sewer Improvement Project, CIP No. 005.

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

Account No: N/A

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Councilmember Puente 5-0
Open the Public Hearing and
Continue to May 4th meeting

14. **REGULAR AGENDA:**

14.1 Consideration, Approval and Authorization to Execute a Fifth Amendment to the Existing Agreement with Southland Transit, Inc., for Monday – Sunday Fixed-Route Transit and ParaTransit (Dial-A-Ride) Services for Fiscal Year 2022.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

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- 14.3 Consideration, Approval and Authorization to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with RSG, Inc. to Provide the City of El Monte and the El Monte Housing Successor Agency with Consulting Services to Dispose of Housing Successor Agency Properties.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council as the Governing Board of the Housing Successor Agency:

1. Approve a Professional Services Agreement with RSG, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$128,075 to provide the City of El Monte and the El Monte Housing Successor Agency with consulting services to dispose of Housing Successor Agency properties; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to make all conforming modifications and edits, and execute all implementing documents.

Total Cost: \$128,075

Account No: Housing Asset Fund

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

m) Dr. Morales

s) Councilmember Puente

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- 14.4 Consideration and Approval of the Award of a Construction Contract to OakWest Services, Inc. for the Rehabilitation of the Budget Inn for Implementation of the El Monte Homekey Program.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the award of a Construction Contract to OakWest Services, Inc. in the amount of \$964,130 for the rehabilitation of the Budget Inn for Implementation of the El Monte Homekey Program; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the Contract and approve change orders that may be necessary during construction to cover any unforeseen conditions in an amount not-to-exceed 15% of the construction contract.

Total Cost: \$964,130

Account No: City ESG-CV and
HCD CDBG-CV

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

m) Councilmember Herrera

s) Dr. Morales

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- 14.5 Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Approving the Relocation Plan for the Implementation of the El Monte Homekey Program.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the proposed Resolution approving the Relocation Plan for the implementation of the El Monte Homekey Program;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to issue relocation benefit payments; and
3. Authorize the allocation of \$72,456 of ESG-CV funds for the emergency temporary housing of the M Motel occupants.

Total Cost: \$315,632	Account No.:	HCD CDGB-CV2 Funds
Relocation Benefit Payments		Emergency
\$72,456		ESG-CV
Temporary Housing		

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

Resolution No. 10257

m) Dr. Morales

s) Councilmember Puente

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- 14.6 Consideration, Approval and Authorization to Execute a Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Rio Hondo Community Development Corporation to Provide Property Management Services for the Homekey Program Extending the Term of the Agreement from March 31, 2021 to June 30, 2021 with no Change to the Total Agreement Amount of \$59,055.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Rio Hondo Community Development Corporation to provide Property Management services for the Homekey Program extending the term of the Agreement from March 31, 2021 to June 30, 2021 with no change to the total Agreement amount of \$59,055; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to make all conforming modifications and edits and execute all implementing documents.

Total Cost: \$59,055 (No Change)	Account No.:	ESG-CV
Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes		

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Dr. Morales

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- 14.7 Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Approving Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Priority Changes and First Amendment to the ESG Program Sub-Award Agreement with Volunteers of America Los Angeles to Increase the Rapid Rehousing Program by \$67,484 for a Total Contract Amount Not-to-Exceed \$112,271.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the proposed Resolution approving Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) priority changes and First Amendment to the ESG Program Sub-Award Agreement with Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA) to provide rapid rehousing for a total contact amount not-to-exceed \$67,484;
2. Authorize the re-allocation of \$67,484 in ESG Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 funds, ESG FY 2015-2016 funds, and ESG FY 2018-2019 funds for the VOALA Rapid Rehousing Program; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute all implementing documents.

Total Cost: \$67,484

Account No: ESG FY 14-15
ESG FY 15-16
ESG FY 18-19

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

Resolution No. 10258

m) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela
s) Councilmember Puente

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- 14.8 Consideration and Approval of a Bench List of Firms for On-Call Architectural and Landscape Review Services.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the selection of four (4) firms to serve on the City of El Monte's bench list of consultants for on-call architectural and landscape review services; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee to execute a Master Professional Services Agreement with the four (4) selected consulting firms.

Total Cost: \$500,000

Account No: 100-2280 – Comm. & ED Pass
Thru Account

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

m) Councilmember Herrera
s) Dr. Morales

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- 14.9 Consideration and Approval of (1) a Resolution Approving the Form of a Memorandum of Understanding By and Between the County of Los Angeles and the City of El Monte Regarding the Potential Development of the Maclaren Hall Site Located at 4024 Durfee Avenue, El Monte; and (2) a Resolution Approving the Form of a Memorandum of Understanding By and Between the Los Angeles County Development Authority and the City of El Monte Regarding the Transfer of \$100,000 in Catalytic Development Fund Program to the City to Effectuate Predevelopment and Project Feasibility Activities for the Maclaren Hall Site.

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 form of a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the County of Los Angeles and the City of El Monte regarding the potential development of the Maclaren Hall Site located at 4024 Durfee Avenue, El Monte; and
2. Adopt, by three (3) affirmative votes, the proposed Resolution approving the form of a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Los Angeles County Development Authority and the City of El Monte regarding the transfer of \$100,000 in Catalytic Development Fund Program funds to the City to effectuate predevelopment and project feasibility activities for the Maclaren Hall Site.

Total Cost: \$100,000 Account No: L.A. County Catalytic Development
Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes Fund Program

Resolution No. 10259
Resolution No. 10260

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Councilmember Herrera

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- 14.10 Consideration and Approval of Resolutions of the City Council of the City of El Monte, California in Support of 2021 Federal Transportation Authorization Request for the Bicycle Cycle Track and Pedestrian Improvements Transportation Project and Appropriations Request for the Maclaren Community Park Project.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve a Resolution in support of federal Transportation Authorization Request for the Bicycle Cycle Track and Pedestrian Improvements Transportation project;
2. Consider and approve a Resolution in support of a federal Appropriations Request to support the Maclaren Community Park development project; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to sign all documents related to the federal Transportation Authorization Request and the Appropriation Request.

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

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Resolution No. 10261
Resolution No. 10262

m) Dr. Morales

s) Councilmember Puente

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15. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA:

15.1 Reminder of the April 29, 2021 AB1234 Ethics Training.

16. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

16.1 Update Regarding the City of El Monte Budget Priority Survey.

16.2 COVID-19 Update.

16.3 Presentation on Townsend.

17. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

18. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

18A. Mayor Ancona

18A.1 Discussion and Action on Third Party Investigation for Ongoing Cannabis Litigation.

I was going to jump on Item 18A.1 but I do believe this is an item that we need to discuss in Closed Session first before I bring it back out so I am going to differ on that.

18A.2 Discussion and Action on Citywide Anti-Hate Program and Campaign.

So along the lines of Councilwoman Dr. Morales on creating a human relations committee we have been in the talks of having a town hall shortly after the church bombing that took place back in January there was a lot of discussion on how to come together as a community, how to heal from it, how to learn from it, and how to learn to build tolerance in our community. So in our conversations with L.A. County Human Relations Commission there were conversations about hosting a town hall so as this year continues to evolve as well as coming out of

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2020. Whether we have experienced the black lives matter movement, the attacks on our LGBTQ community, the attacks on our Asian American Pacific Islander communities I do believe it is important. I would also like to ask for a town hall where we can have facilitators come in and just kind of get a sense of what the needs are of our community regarding this xenophobia that takes place, the racism that we face that has become an underlying current just across our nation. I would like to engage in setting a date for a town hall, and also ask as well I would like to, I have had a conversation with our City Manager I do know that the San Gabriel Valley LGBTQ Center is looking for a new home they currently don't have an office and I would like to engage in conversations with them to see if they would like to set up shop here in the City of El Monte being that we have the largest transportation center west of Chicago and see if we might be able to find them a home here in El Monte because there is a lot of transit that leads here and there is a lot of youth and a lot of folks in the San Gabriel Valley that can make use of these resources and look for resources and helping them find a home we can also be the new home for this center. So if it is the will of my colleagues to also engage in discussions, give staff direction to look at dates for a town hall and to maybe reach out to the LGBTQ Center to see if they would be interested in setting up here in El Monte and if we can help them find a location.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela – Mayor I would like to see how the Human Relations Commission once it is created can contribute to the ideas of this as we are looking at dates it may not be tomorrow or in May but once the commission is put together they can collaborate on all the things they want to see with this I think it would be very advantageous to hear from the commission and put a date together at that point.

Dr. Morales – My question was going to be and maybe that is part of the conversation whether it is one particular group or also creating an opportunity for others so that maybe if we are talking about a physical space then maybe a cultural center so that you have other folks be in the same space where they can collaborate together. That was part of what I was going to suggest ... pieces of a commission that the community can bring in input and let us know and give us direction but if we can move this ad hoc you and I by next Monday or Tuesday let's do it. Let's start this conversation because I think they blend together.

Councilmember Herrera – I just want to add to that I have had discussions with the LGBTQ Center about that concept and of course they, I think they would embrace that conversation but in our conversation I recognized there was a larger need than a LGBTQ Center but what Dr. Morales is pointing out a multicultural center perhaps that goes beyond just LGBTQ issues but also deals with the APL Community, women in general, African American just a large cultural center that will create awareness, education and cultural programming in our City.

Mayor Ancona – The reason why I mentioned them is because I have been in conversation with them as well I do know that they already have programming right. They already have meetings, sessions on different issues and they are looking for a space. In this case if we do a cultural center then we have to create the programming, see what the needs are of the community they already have a built in need. But definitely moving along those lines of being responsive to the

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needs of our community as a whole not just one particular group. That is where the Human Relations Commission would come in.

18A.3 Update on Citywide Broadband Accessibility.

18A.4 Discussion Regarding Energy Efficiency Projects.

18A.5 Discussion on Virtual Job Fair.

18A.6 Update on Arts in Public Places.

18A.7 Reimplementation of Ad Hoc Committees.

18A.8 Filling Vacancies on Commissions and Committees.

18A.9 Request for Reports from Measure EM Committee.

18A.10 Discussion on Freeway On-ramp Clean Up.

18A.11 Update on Flavored Tobacco Ban.

18B. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela

18B.1 Discussion and Action Regarding COVID-19 Recovery Town Hall – Needs of the Community, Families, Business and Schools.

Colleagues this is great movement commissions, committees, ad hocs we have a lot of work to do and when I say we have a lot of work to do my mind goes directly to Covid recovery. I am of the opinion that you don't know what you don't know. I know how my family went through Covid, how my family went through the pandemic. I know how community members experienced the pandemic because they have shared it with me and I know that because they have shared their experience there is also requests from our community for certain resources to help with recovery. But I want to ensure that when this Council and this government receives the federal funding that is coming our way that we have a plan to implement these dollars and it is not a plan on what we think we need but I would really like to understand from the community what they think they need, what they would like to see us do because this money is meant to be redirected back into the community specifically for our community's recovery. And I want to put it out there colleagues that we should be considering a capital improvement program or project that will be something that the community can celebrate as in

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we've recovered. We should look to spend some dollars into our business community and maybe that is a business license holiday where businesses don't have to pay the City but we retain those dollars so that that supports our infrastructure and it supports the business community it is a win win but finally friends what I am really looking at when I am talking about this is a town hall that can be outside as soon as possible and I am hoping colleagues that you will support this because we need to understand the needs of our community, our families, our businesses, our schools and for me I am gathering information on best practices from other community leaders regionally on how they plan on reinvesting the federal recovery dollars that they are going to be getting these ideas should be coming from the Council and then we will be able to direct staff in the best ways possible on how to implement those dollars. Again I go back to the idea of we don't know what we don't know and I would love to hear from our community but at the same time during our town hall City Manager not only would I like the opportunity for the Council to hear from our community but I would love for resources like rental assistance or eviction moratorium assistance, I would like to see just any conversation for example I would love to see a table where there is FEMA discussing or having the availability of information regarding the thousands of dollars available to families who lost a loved one due to Covid who have unexpected funeral expenses. Our community doesn't know what they don't know either so if we invite them and this is a resource fair and a town hall it is a discussion plus it is an opportunity for us as a community to provide so much information. And I get it we are still wearing masks so I guess my request would be that this would be on a Saturday as soon as possible outside where we can sit at the [inaudible] shell at Arceo Park where we can hear from our community but our community can actually walk around and see different resources that they make take advantage of.

Dr. Morales – Maybe we can jump on that on Thursdays at the farmers market there is a lot of movement already going on we can have a FEMA table I love that idea, L.A. County Supervisor Solis can be there we can get these folks already there so that we can get moving. I know you asked for a specific event but the more information we gather the ore prepared and proactive we can be but I love the idea.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela – Absolutely, the more tables from outside agencies represented with regards to Covid recovery you know the City of El Monte we have our table that of course people can come too but that to me is an absolute opportunity and I really want to see this go quickly but I want to hear from our residents what else they need. So if we can do it parallel tracks inviting FEMA and some of these folks to join us at farmers market but also put on a Saturday, can we do that?

Mayor Ancona – I actually think that at the farmers market we can do like a need assessment survey what kind of information they would like to hear more about.

City Manager Martinez – I wanted to get direction on that survey the survey that goes along that idea the budget survey to see what priorities are for the community I really need to get that out so if I can just get some direction so we can get more feedback we just want to understand as we put together the budget for transparency purposes understand what is important to the community as we put the budget together.

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Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela – So are you asking me with regards to Item 18B.2?

City Manager Martinez – Yes because it comes hand in hand along the same lines.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela – I am glad that you ask. Our budget we have our basics and I think I look to staff to tell us what they need with regards to the budget. I should have been more specific on 18B.2 because the reality of what I am looking at is how do we best spend the Covid Recovery Act dollars that was more my intention because, City Manager and I apologize if you have done any work in that regard because it is not meant to dictate to staff how to spend their dollars we know you need to fill potholes, we need to have the lights on, we need to pay our bills, we need to provide programs for our children these are basics that City governance do with their budget but I was really looking at how do we spend the recovery dollars from the federal government and if we can get ideas from colleagues regionally because there is a lot of discussion going on right now but also too if we can get some feedback from our residents directly that would be helpful as well for us as decision makers at least for me as a decision maker to spend not our budget dollars we have our budget and we know what we need to do governance fundamentals but this is really directed at the Covid relief dollars. Thank you for asking that City Manager and thank you colleagues for the additional time and I should have been more specific and I apologize on that but that is where the town hall and a budget on how do we better spend this big dollar amount for them for us to thrive and be sustainable. And it doesn't mean we are going to do it, it is just ideas.

18B.2 Discussion and Action Regarding Budget Priority Community Survey.

18B.3 Discussion and Action Regarding El Monte Policy on Smoke Free Outdoor Areas.

18B.4 Discussion and Action Regarding a Resolution of the City Council Calling for a State Audit for High Risk Local Governments.

18B.5 Discussion and Direction Regarding Citywide Employee Survey of Workplace Satisfaction and Recommendations.

18C. Councilman Herrera

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

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

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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.

18C.5 Discussion to Create City Council Procedures.

Since coming on Council I have gone through some orientation with the City Attorney's Office just around the process of getting introduced to the agenda and in doing so we have reviewed the Municipal Code in these regards and I think we kind of found it to be rather a restrictive process in that it is very explicit about how a Councilmember or Mayor can put an item on the agenda and it is only done through a previous meeting such as today and we have traditionally done it through our Council Communications portion of the agenda. And since I have been on the Council this is the first time we have had an opportunity to do that I am not even sure how long before I got here you guys were struggling with that and that is understandable because there can be so many items that come before the City. And as you look at our communication items today there are a laundry list of things on there that have been back logged. This back logged is concerning to me that it reduces our ability to be responsive as a Council to issues that come before and the frustration that comes out of it is that we begin to look towards other non-sanction practices because we are trying to get things going in the City. So rather than trying to go along with those work arounds I think we should address it head on. I would like to ask today for you colleagues to place on the next Council Agenda which will be in accordance with our Code to consider creating an ad hoc committee that can address some of these concerns, updating the Municipal Code in regards to how items get on the agenda and also how Councilmembers provide direction to City Manager. And in addition we would look at other portions of the meeting that have come up in the past with regards to submitted comments during the public commenting period, how we address our consent calendar and other issues that have come up. And I feel that through this committee, perhaps Mayor you might want to be part of that, perhaps you and I can start to work on how we can make the process more efficient, more responsive to our needs as legislatures to bring things forward and to provide for more consistent, fair process here in the chambers for our residents. That is my request today that if my colleagues would support placing on the next agenda for discussion to create that committee.

Mayor Ancona – I definitely would like to support putting it on the next agenda for further discussion.

Dr. Morales – Absolutely I would be in support of transparency.

Mayor Ancona – So we will discuss the actual ad hoc at the next meeting.

Councilmember Herrera – That is correct that will appear on the agenda as an item.

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Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela – Colleagues we just approved an ad hoc for Councilmembers Puentes and Herrera so I feel we are taking an additional step so let's take that out and let's just create the ad hoc tonight so that Mr. Herrera and Mayor Ancona can move forward with getting a date on the calendar.

Mayor Ancona – Absolutely.

Councilmember Herrera – Thank you colleagues I am amenable to that and I think that is the perfect example of why I am asking for this Council for a committee to be created because the strict interpretation would be that the item would be placed on the next agenda and yet my colleague recognizes how restrictive that is.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela – An ad hoc is just an informal way and there are different committees.

Richard Padilla – I think this is more efficient if you want to though just to satisfy the Code we may want a consent item at the next meeting that this ratifies the Committee so that we can comply with the Code.

18D. Councilwoman Dr. Morales

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

18D.2 Cost of State Audit.

18D.3 Update Regarding the Citywide Broadband Accessibility.

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.

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18D.10 Discussion Regarding Analysis of All City Commissions and Creation of Human Relations Commission.

Dr. Morales – A couple of weeks ago we had an overwhelming support for our march against Anti-Asian Hate and Violence and we had elected officials from throughout the San Gabriel Valley: Monterey Park, San Gabriel, Rosemead, Baldwin Park, Azusa. We had representatives from Grace Napolitanos' office Congresswoman, we had representative from Senator Rubio's office and Supervisor Solis. Clearly the San Gabriel Valley was here to support us in making sure that we are proclaiming it like we did earlier today in condemning racism, xenophobia, in our community and all forms of intolerance, racism and hate so I am really happy that we have that. So having said that I think the next logical step for us and I am discussing Item 18D.10 the analysis of all City commissions and the creation of a Human Relations Commission. I think the fact that we are opening up City Hall, we are creating ad hocs, now it's about the next step would be to consider what commissions we have, who is serving on those commissions, let's get moving with doing the work of the people but my focus would be that we move forward on creating a Human Relations Commission to make sure that whatever is occurring at the national level it doesn't trickle down to our City and that we are protecting all marginalized communities and that we are creating a safe space for everyone to feel comfortable and feel safe in our community. So that would be my ask and if that can be something that can be condensed in a way that we do not have to create an ad hoc but that we can already move on the next process I would ask for my colleagues support on this.

Mayor Ancona – Absolutely and in fact I have something similar on the similar topic so I will get to that but I am totally in favor of that just considering the different forms of hate that we have experienced in our community just this year in 2021 alone. So I am definitely in support of that.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela – Mayor and Council we do have some templates with regards to commissions and committees that we had before. There are some things that should be recognized prior to rolling a commission or committee out. There are certain roles and responsibilities, financial expectations there where previously commissions and committees that fundraised and did other things and we want to ensure that the message is coming from the entire City so I highly recommend a brief study session with whomever is going to work on bringing this forward with any commissions or committees that we want to establish that we look at the previously created template and we create these committees with a foundation and that these committees serve our community but they also serve equitably, and with foundational guidelines.

Dr. Morales – And if I could add to that in particular the Human Relations Commissions stems from the conversations with L.A. Versus Hate and the other non-profits that we are working with and in collaboration with the local office the L.A. Federal Bureau of Investigations. So there is already a structure that they offered us and the support so that we can make sure as Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela just mentioned that there is a framework already that we can start work and we can edit/modify so that it meets the needs of our community but that in itself is already a structure that was already offered to us so it would not be

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something that we would be starting from scratch. In particular to the Human Relations Commission now in addition to that would be a consideration to all the other commissions don't meet because of Covid but let's consider how to bring them forward are there relations that need to be made given what has transpired in the past. If there is any staff recommendation that would be given to us in that particular direction I would welcome that but in particular to the Human Relations Commission we need to get moving on that in light of George Floyd's death and the verdict that we had today I think it is imperative for us to do something on behalf of our community that we have a structure already laid out so that folks feel protected in our community.

City Attorney Olivarez – We can go ahead and work with Dr. Morales and whoever else is on the ad hoc committee to come up with the language to actually make the Human Relations Commission formalized and bring it back to the City Council for approval.

Dr. Morales – If I may self-nominate on to that ad hoc and I would like for us to get moving on that as quickly as possible.

Mayor Ancona – Sure and if I can jump on with you since it is one of mine so we will work with you Mr. Olivarez.

18D.11 Discussion and Action Regarding Universal Basic Income.

18E. Councilwoman Puente

18E.1 Update on Street Vendors Best Practices.

This has been a Council Communication that has been sort of my baby since I came on the Council and so I really want to get the support of my colleagues and I know Councilman Herrera has also made mention of the desire to form an ad hoc Committee in order to get the ball moving in that respect and getting something going particularly in light of how prevalent street vending has become in our City and issues that have arisen as a result.

Mayor Ancona – I think it would be a great idea to start an ad hoc committee so that we can continue the work that we have started and give direction. Do you have anything else to add I know it would be great for you serve on the ad hoc committee?

Councilmember Puente – It would be my pleasure to do so in light of the fact that I have had some conversations and done some research in that respect and so I would love to spearhead that.

Mayor Ancona – Mr. Herrera would you like to join her on the ad hoc committee or is anyone else interested?

Councilmember Herrera – Absolutely I would do that.

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Mayor Ancona – You guys can work with staff to set times to start meeting and then eventually report back to us when you have some updates.

18E.2 Discussion Regarding Polling the Community on Top Budget Priorities.

18E.3 Discussion and Action Regarding Universal Basic Income.

19. ADJOURNMENT:

m) Mayor Ancona

s) Dr. Morales

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Adjourn meeting at 11:05 pm

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