

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
OF MAY 4, 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: **6:03 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL FOR CITY COUNCIL AND AUTHORITY BODIES:

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**m) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela**  
**s) Mayor Ancona** **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 4.5.**

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Tatiana Mejia Pacheco – I write this letter today to recommend City of El Monte's City Manager, Alma Martinez. Her knowledge and guidance helped us establish our business in the city with minimal obstacles. As a small business owner doing business in the city of El Monte, being able to understand the process of setting up our business was of paramount importance. When we approached Alma, we found her to be a valuable asset to our success in establishing our business in the city. She was instrumental in helping us navigate the various processes needed to ensure we were ready to open, from finding the location to working with the building manager, planning department and the business license. Alma worked with us and guided us every step of the way.

Andrea's Healthy Kitchen is grateful to the city of El Monte but most especially to City Manager Alma Martinez for her tireless efforts to ensuring our company successfully opened.

Blanca Medina – This summer, DEMBA will be celebrating its fourth year under its current leadership with myself, Blanca Medina, as President. In this time, Main Street has undergone long overdue changes for the betterment of the merchants, patrons, and community. The greatest of these changes is the updated look of Main Street. Under the leadership of City Manager, Alma Martinez and Public Works Department, some of the changes implemented have included; planting of new shrubs, tree trimming, lighted trees, remodeling the Park on Main, and replacement of the old glass lamp covers on the street lights. Although these changes may seem like superficial aesthetic upgrades, they have breathed life back into our beloved street and reinvigorated a sense of pride. Main Street has not been changes like these for decades, despite the need and repeated requests. Through our valued relationship with City Manager, Alma Martinez, these changes have been made possible. Alma saw the value Main Street brings to the community, took effort to invest in it and has demonstrated much needed leadership support. DEMBA appreciates our relationship with the City of El Monte, thanks Alma Martinez for her dedicated leadership and anticipates our continued partnership.

Doug Eroh – On behalf of Longo Toyota & Lexus and Penske Motor Group, I would like to thank Alma Martinez and the City of El Monte for their great support in helping to get our team members vaccinated for COVID-19. The availability of vaccines through the City and County programs allowed us to get our team members vaccinated sooner and allowed us to keep our team and our guests safe from COVID-19 while running our business operations. We are grateful for our partnership with the City and look forward to a great 2021 and supporting the community as we all recover from the pandemic.

Blair Dahl – The team at Goodman North America would like to take this opportunity to thank the City for their support throughout the three-year Goodman Logistics Center development process. We would also like to commend your City Manager for her leadership and the spirit of partnership she fostered. The entitlement of the project was a collaborative effort which included input from multiple stakeholders, City staff, Gidley School Administration & Parents, El Monte City School District, Temple City neighbors and several community activists. Because of the scale of the project at 55 acres and over 1.2 million square feet, the concerns may have been amplified. Now that the project is complete and 100% leased, we believe it has set an example for new development in El Monte. Goodman is thrilled with the result. As southern California recovers from Covid-19 we expect our new customer's businesses to grow and thrive at this state-of-the-art estate. Noble House Furniture leased the entire 572,000 square foot 4388 Shirley Avenue building. Noble House is now the largest on-line retailer of furniture in the US. The company management was concerned that the project conditions of approval might

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limit their ability to operate efficiently so, a call was arranged with your City Manager and Planning Director. On the call Ms. Martinez was able to answer their questions to provide a level of comfort and assurance that the City of El Monte is a great place to do business. We are pleased to say that this personal touch helped to seal the deal. The other customers occupying GLC ELM are Mutual Trading Company, World Depot and Leopard Transnational. Property tax is only one aspect of the positive fiscal impact of the project. The jobs created, goods and services purchased to operate these large warehouses have a multiplier effect through the local economy. The City Manager, planning, building and public works staff all operate at a very high level of service which helped us deliver the project on schedule and make it a tremendous success. This confirmed our assessment that El Monte is extremely well located and is a great place to do business. On behalf of the Goodman Team, we thank you for your support.

Lillian Maldonado French – On behalf of the Board of Education, staff and families and Mountain View School District, I want to express my sincerest gratitude to the City of El Monte for the tremendous support provide for our vaccination clinic held at the Mt. View Family Center on Friday, April 30. As a District, we have been seeking ways to provide our families and community with vaccine opportunities and through the collaboration of the City of El Monte, Supervisor Hilda Solis and East Valley Health Center we were able to do just that. Our goal with Friday's clinic was to vaccinate 300 residents and we were very excited to exceed our goal and vaccinate 340 residents thanks to the support of City staff members. I would like to thank City Manager, Alma Martinez for her responsiveness and problem solving during the planning states for the clinic. Ms. Martinez continues to be a true supporter of our students and families, always endeavoring to provide greatly needed services. My gratitude to Recreation Services Manager, Lisa Del Real and Parks and Recreation staff for their amazing support during the clinic. Their expertise helped our team learn the ropes and ensured a smooth, safe and successful event. Thank you again for collaborating with us to ensure our community has access to the vaccine. I look forward to continuing our partnership as we provide support to more community members and ensure the safety, health and well-being of our Mountain View families and the El Monte community.

Jane Fall – It is my great pleasure to provide an enthusiastic letter of support of El Monte City Manager Alma Martinez. Ms. Martinez is a true partner to Our Saviour Center, in every sense of the word. Ms. Martinez has offered overwhelming City support to Our Saviour Center on many occasions, including the following: Mountain View Family Center Food Distribution: in the early days of Covid, Ms. Martinez created a powerful partnership with the City, Mountain View School District, L.A. County Supervisor Hilda Solis' office, Los Angeles Regional Foodbank, and Our Saviour Center which provided over 5,000 El Monte households with food stuffs. Our Saviour Center Food bi-weekly Food Distribution: El Monte Public Work's Department provides essential traffic control measures and public electronic signage to facilitate safe food distribution to 1,400 households weekly. During 2020 alone, the City's support helped Our Saviour Center's Food Pantry to distribute food stuffs to over 49,000 households. Covid-19 Essential Worker Appreciation: El Monte's Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments helped facilitate an Essential Worker Appreciation event to honor essential workers from over 15 local El Monte businesses honoring over 1,000 employees. Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway: El Monte's Public Works department provided transportation shuttle services to 75 volunteers during Our Saviour Center's annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway event where 1.125 families received food stuffs for a full Thanksgiving meal. Covid Vaccinations: Ms. Martinez is closely collaborating with Our Saviour Center and East Valley Community Health Center to provide space for Covid vaccination sites in the

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City. Ms. Martinez always asks "What can I do to help"? Our Saviour Center has a deep and abiding sense of City support thanks to the tireless work of Ms. Alma Martinez. We are grateful for her and look forward to many future collaborations with Ms. Martinez and the City for the benefit of our community.

**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 8:03 p.m.**

**Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla reported out of Closed Session with respect to Items 4.1 through 4.5.**

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

**Unanimous direction given by the City Council with respect to an issue raised in the context of the discussion but no final action.**

- 4.2 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.

**Unanimous direction given by the City Council with respect to an issue raised in the context of the discussion but no final action.**

- 4.3 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Regarding the Following Related Matter: Montes vs. City of El Monte, et al, Case No. 2:12-CV-00465-MCS-RAO.

**Report provided by Legal Counsel Tom Madruga questions posed by the City Council but no final action taken.**

- 4.4 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 – Annual Public Employee Performance Evaluation Required per Section 8 (Annual Performance Evaluation) of Employment Contract.

Title of Employee: City Manager.

**Discussion was had by members of the City Council general direction was given but no final action taken.**

- 4.5 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

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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.

**Very brief update was provided by myself Richard Padilla but no final action or direction given at this time.**

### 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 Esrom Lempao, Non-Denominational.  
**Chaplain George Ussery, Evangelical Methodist**
  
6. FLAG SALUTE: **Chief of Police, David Reynoso. Present**
  
7. RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND COMMUNITY INTEREST PRESENTATIONS: **No material submitted.**
  
8. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING NON-AGENDIZED MATTERS:

This time has been set aside for persons in the audience to make comments or inquiries on matters within the general subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, the Housing Authority, the Financing Authority and/or the Water Authority (collectively, the "Council") that **are not listed on this agenda**. Although no person is required to provide their name and address as a condition to attending a Council meeting, persons who wish to address the Council are asked to state their name and address. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) continuous minutes. Speakers may not lend any portion of their speaking time to other persons or borrow additional time from other persons.

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

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

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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.

Ricardo Padilla – I am speaking as a private citizen today. I am a 30 year educator and a student advocate for college and career readiness, and equity and access. I believe students and their families should have choices when it comes to college and career readiness, and as a community, it is our job to show our support for education. I come before you this evening to express my dissatisfaction and discuss on a vote that was taken on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, and last month's Council meeting by Councilmembers, Maria Morales, Alma Puente and Martina Herrera on the topic of college and career readiness. Item 12.4 last month read "Approval of Resolution by the City of El Monte in support on Pasadena City College satellite campus in the City of Rosemead," which by the way, is one of the best community colleges in the country, where many of our El Monte students attend. The item is very simple and I will reiterate it the item is very simple. Either you are or you are not in support of college and career readiness. Again my dissatisfaction and discuss came with the vote taken by you Councilmember Maria Morales, Alma Puente and Martine Herrera. I want you to know that you sent out a loud and clear message to the parents and students and residents of El Monte, Rosemead and our surrounding San Gabriel Valley, that you do not support our students when it comes to college and career readiness, and equity and access. The fact that you three voted to shoot down this resolution, speaks to your lack of support of education, two out of the three of you Councilmembers that voted no on college and career readiness understand a college education. Education is a great equalizer I know, I stand here before you as an immigrant, as an English language learner, as a former recipient and participant under the free and reduced lunch program and a first generation college graduate. I know what a college education can do for you so maybe, just maybe, I know a little bit about education. I have dedicated 30 years of my life to fight for the less fortunate and the underdog. The median income for residents in El Monte is \$43,504 per year. The only way that we can increase the amount and improve the quality of life for our residents, is to support in college and career readiness. However, on April 20th you Councilmembers Maria Morales, Alma Puente and Martin Herrera memorialized your position on college and career readiness. Shame on all three of you for not supporting Pasadena City College satellite campus. College and career readiness is for children in the San Gabriel Valley, and it is a social responsibility in order to ensure equity and access. Thank you for your time.

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Mary Ann Powers – It's been a long time since we've all been together and I've noticed over the last couple of years that since we have a Council that has an early bedtime our agendas seem to be growing and growing and we never make it to the end of it. You know, I remember way back when we had a bunch of old folks up there and they didn't have to get home and get to bed early and they stayed there were nights that they stayed until midnight. And I think it's time that if you want to run for this City Council, that you start putting the business of the people ahead of anything else. If you're not willing to do that you shouldn't of run you shouldn't be up there. Last year, every time something came up that some member of the Council didn't like we had those 3-2 votes and I am sick of 3-2 votes where it's one voting bloc, that can't seem to dig their heads out and think on their own, they've got a way to check their cell phones, to see what somebody is instructing them to vote. Next thing I'd like to discuss is the transparency on this pot issue. We were sold the bill of goods, the citizens stood up and said they didn't want marijuana in their City and the City Council said well we know best and this is going to bring us all kinds of money. But then we start seeing lawsuits, one right after another coming up. We citizens deserve the right to know exactly what went wrong and why this boondoggle that was supposed to bring us all kinds of money is breaking us. Last thing that I think we really need to see I see somebody's concerned about the cost of an audit. I'm concerned about the cost of what not having an audit is costing us. Last year we were told that we were \$9 million in the hole but miraculously the hole sealed up and in fact we even were in the black. Now we're back in the hole. Why, where's this money going, if we have an audit, they are going to find out who is responsible, and where the holes are, and maybe we can plug some of those leaks, and maybe we can hold some of the people responsible for mismanagement and find out where it's coming from. We need to have an audit and anybody that opposes the audit, I wonder, what are you hiding. Thank you. Have a good evening, and it's good to be back.

Charles Hoffman – I stand before you as a representative of the El Monte Historical Society. Good evening, honorable Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, City Council, City staff, community and public. The El Monte Historical Society, invite you and the community to the grand reopening of the El Monte Museum at 3150 Tyler Avenue, here in the City of El Monte, this Saturday, May 8th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Face coverings are required to enter the grounds and the museum. Again that is Saturday May 8th 10:00 am, to 2:00 pm grand reopening of the El Monte Museum and refreshments will be served. Now, I wish to address you the Council as Charles Hoffman, resident of the City of El Monte. On April 20th 10 business days ago, I spoke before this Council, talking about a public records request I turned in. On April 26th I called the City to see how things were going, and was informed, they're looking into it. For 29 months, the City has been looking into my public records request. I wish to address this by saying my cow is dead I don't need the City's bull.

Gabriel Ramirez – City council, residents and those who are watching. Just first I want to say thank you to the Public Works for coming in and sanitizing during this pandemic and credit is due and also credit to the Public Works Director Sal Mendez. So I just found out over the weekend it's still trying to sink into the process and it's very hard to really take in but over the weekend I just found out that Mr. Howard Owens just passed away. One of the community leaders that had been dedicated last week it was very sad not to say goodbye because you never know what's going to happen. Just want to make sure that Howard Owens's wife and his family are hearing this my condolences go out to you. You certainly will be missed and I know you will be up there watching this. Now on to the next item I want to address by Valley and Gibson I addressed it before previously with the previous Council but it has not been addressed. By Valley and Gibson there is an

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intersection that is very confusing, there's no direction of aligning your left or right. Unfortunately, thank God a little boy was not run over had I not used my judgement to making sure so that area has been for years and I believe there was a death of an Asian lady that was ran over and killed. I really suggest that the City Council, the staff to really actually to start looking I know the past has been the past with the administrations it was in through one ear to the other ear but it was not addressed and I really hope that this needs to be addressed because god who knows who could be their grandsons, kids that are out there even a father or mother that is walking out there and you know cars that are coming in this confusion and something happens. I really really hope this gets taken care of and do a thorough traffic study but also looking at what if we can do what resources if I have to go to Sacramento to do to actually advocate to speak up for that funding of it, because it's really important because, again, there are going to be car accidents coming up sooner or later if not now it will be later.

Julio Ramirez – Good evening City Council and audience out there I just want to say one thing about Mr. Howard Owens the last time we came over here and we are always fighting for the graffiti. It's a shame El Monte viva El Monte it's a shame what can we do nothing I have seen it for life. There's another one it's been meetings and meetings and meetings and I like City Councilmember that brought up about Pioneer Park. Pioneer Park there are no baseball fields there's no sports out there what are we doing where are all the kids. It is a shame to say we love sports. That complex, that hotel how many more years is it going to take we have seen people die we come over here and we ask you please. You were a little kid, your mom and your dad use to take you over there and play and what do we do nothing. Remember Memories of El Monte, Legion Stadium and everything where is El Monte, down. It shouldn't be down. Open your hearts and don't make these meetings so long please.

Feng Lan Liu – Good evening City Council, City Mayor, I think most people here know who I am. I am a resident of Temple City my house is located across the street of the City of El Monte. I have attended El Monte City Council meetings many times, I spent hundreds of hours to study the marijuana projects in El Monte City I also spent many hours reviewing all previous El Monte City Council members FPPC 460 Forms. My finding is there's three City Councils Andre Quintero, Jerry Velasco and Maria Morales who received political contributions from marijuana business. Many marijuana business owners also contributed to PAC like Team El Monte and El Monte Business Alliance. I give you an example in one week from March 6 to March 12, 2019 one week El Monte Business Alliance received \$100,000 contribution from marijuana business that is a huge amount of contribution. As a victim of El Monte marijuana business and their corrupt cannabis application process I was [inaudible] and illegal attacked by the former elected officials who engaged [inaudible] in the process. I represent all the victims from all the community strongly urging the City Council to conduct an investigation immediately into the corruptions of the City's cannabis license approval process. Attached I have copies of the FPPC Forms for some former and current City Council members. Also Councilmember Maria Morales you should not sit here you should resign immediately because of what you have done wrong to your people. All corrupt officials involved in promoting marijuana businesses in the City should be investigated, prosecuted.

Ruth Lynn – Good evening City Councils. I request to investigate corruption of marijuana license approval by former City Councils. My name is Ruth Lynn I am a resident and a voter of El Monte City about December 2019 despite strong opposition of public an emergency meeting was held by the previous Council Cannabis Ordinance No. 2960 was forcibly passed by the City Council members who had knowledge of our

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[inaudible]. Since then, a series of a series of incident caused by marijuana have emerged one after another in our city and our community, as a resident of El Monte who is extremely concerned about the lack of transparency and quality in our City El Monte is being sued in seven lawsuits for the former City Council members corrupted cannabis application process which have preferable treatment to political bonus. Residents are being punished for the unethical and illegal action by the City Manager, City staff and the former City Council members. I strongly urge the City Mayor and the City Council to conduct an independent investigation immediately into El Monte cannabis business license approval process.

Stephen Ramirez – I am here to talk about the park that I have been trying to get one of you to talk to me about. I can't get my head around why you would deny a resident that is only trying to better the community and give an idea and just to hear me out. You guys refuse to and I see that you are about to put in a request for grant money and I am going through everything to figure out how you set your priorities and how could you have four schools closing and you want to continue to bring more people. This housing that you are putting on top of the priority list makes no sense for me. Yes, we need housing but you keep putting this housing above everything when are we going to get a chance to put our needs at the head of the priority list. Do you guys have kids here, how could your raise your kids with nothing. I am trying to provide a park why can't you give a chance to hear out somebody's I have been putting a lot of time to this park and I have taken my own drafting experience and I started designing this park. I am almost done with this park you guys have been working for two years and you are still messing with the design.

Stephanie Diaz – El Monte stakeholder I wanted to say seven lawsuits against the City for corruption in the cannabis license application process. I am very concerned about these possible corruption and I want transparency I want to know if political dollars were given preferential treatment if City staff shows the scores so that these donors for the marijuana license winners. There are seven lawsuits alleging corrupt process will cost the City millions of dollars punishing residents for unethical and illegal actions by the City Manager, City staff, and former elected officials who engaged in a tainted process. I strongly urge the Mayor and City Council to conduct a thorough investigation immediately into El Monte cannabis license application process.

Heather Madera – Long-time resident of El Monte and I wanted to speak about this cannabis, the seven lawsuits I read about and I am very concerned that myself as a homeowner and the community will be on the hook for the taxes and for the legal fees. I think people should know and understand that this process in which the former elected officials and one current one who approved this and allowed for these applicants to get these licenses it is cronyism and I think that [inaudible] for our community and this always happens to communities of color where they are victims of these corrupt elected officials and they need to be prosecuted. Mayor and Councilmembers start an investigation process it is unbelievable and I talked to my neighbors and they are very upset and they wanted me to call. I hope that there is an investigation on this and that something is done. I know this is happening in other cities.

Shirley De Los Santos – I am resident of El Monte and I am aware of the seven lawsuits we are experiencing at the City and the community and I am demanding an immediate investigation for this to happen because I believe the Mayor and two current City Council members which are doing the process in an illegal manner. I am concerned and I

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wouldn't want to see El Monte suffer and go through another community shake so I would like an investigation to be done.

Zhi Jiang – All you know there are seven lawsuits against El Monte and I am very concerned about the [inaudible]

Mark Sanchez – My comment is in regards to we have an investigation as to why there are seven lawsuits against our City. Us residents should not have to be liable for the decisions or what not. I am no one to judge or I don't know what happened but obviously the seven cases are filed and they are active so please initiate an investigation so we can know that there is transparency and fairness in everyone applying for a cannabis license in the City of El Monte which we care about.

Cosme Jimenez – Good evening Mayor and Councilmembers I would like to make a couple of comments related to marijuana. I think we got into a big mess here due to the last administration maybe he can help us now the one who started all this mess with a big promise that believed in Santa Claus that we were supposed to get \$10 million dollars from the marijuana I think we have to pay \$10 million dollars back sooner or later but they believed in it and they paid back alright during their campaign for Team El Monte \$140,000 received marijuana developers so they got the money alright and now we have to pay back the lawsuits we have to pay the City Attorney here every week or every two weeks to represent us plus another one in a different location that is a big mess we got but that is the prize we have to pay when we don't listen to the people. This place was packed in November two years ago fully packed and outside too but who was the Mayor at that time who were the City Councilmembers representing the people at that time. Kissing the Mayor that's what they were and now we have to pay for the kisses and the campaign money keeps rolling like the last campaign and we don't have to kiss if you give me money that is your problem nobody forced you to give me money right I have to use my brain to vote to decide and apparently some of the members they are still not using their brain they have to ask for permission how to vote and it really hurt the people because these people really have been hit hard the last 30 years not 3 years 30 years hard with no leadership at all maybe one, two members want to help the people one, two members, one, two members the other ones want to help themselves want to be popular want to enjoy life want to make money out of marijuana now this is not helping the City you are not helping anybody. I hope you five members get it together and forget what happened last year or two years ago you don't have to receive orders from anybody right now. The people elected you to use your own brain, your own brain if you cannot use your own brain you have to quit. You promise the people when you run for office I will represent you I am not representing the Mayor I am not representing anybody you people voted for me I want to represent you and it can be done. I would not be sitting up there if I had to act like a puppet looking at somebody else how to vote not me I have pride and respect for myself and you should all of the members. Respect for yourself and the people you represented that is where the problem starts you have to make up your mind we need five members we do not 3-2, 3-2 that is another game. For thirty years we have had that game and I hope it stops again.

Kewei Zhao – I am a long time resident of the City. First of all I want to congratulate Mrs. Ancona to be elected as the new Mayor after the position was occupied by the first person for 12 years and Mrs. Vicky Martinez to be re-elected as a Councilmember. I also applaud the two of you who bravely voted against numerous cannabis applications in the last years to save the community. Just like other people I am concerned about the lack of transparency and corruption committed by elected officials in the City. It was

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alleged that City staff changed the scores to ensure certain marijuana license winners and now the City is being sued by other six companies for such an alleged corruption and these approved also donated to political groups such as Team El Monte. If the past wrongdoings were not corrected the El Monte residents will be punished for such unethical and illegal actions by some of the prior administration officials and its controlling City Manager and City staff so I strongly urge all of you in the new administration to appoint a third party to investigate the City's cannabis licensing process despite the fact that the former Mayor and the Councilmember were voted out of office in the last general election Team El Monte allies namely Councilmembers Maria Morales and Alma Puente are now sitting here in the new administration. I strongly urge both of you to vote unanimously in favor of appointing an independent investigation of this marijuana scandal or recuse yourself in the decision making. This is the opportunity to distance yourself from past corruptions and show your sincerity in doing the right thing to the City so any current and former administration official who are found to have engaged in tainted process beyond established city municipal code should be punished and prosecuted. Thank you for your yes votes.

Christian de La Torre – I am a resident here in the City of El Monte. I live on Rio Hondo PKWY and just recently the catalytic converter was stolen from my truck and numerous others in my neighborhood have had their catalytic converters stolen as well. I would like for the city council to ask chief David Reynoso to have more law enforcement presence in my neighborhood and have more officers patrol this area more often especially at night. To add even more to this, during evenings vehicles are constantly speeding, performing donuts on the intersection of Merced and Rio Hondo PKWY to the point where they have crashed my family members' vehicles and the vehicles of my neighbors. So again I simply ask for the El Monte Police Department to have more presence at night. Thank you for your time members of the City Council and Chief of Police David Reynoso have a good evening.

Tony Hua – I demand the city investigate the cannabis License Application Process. I am a longtime resident who is extremely concerned about the lack of transparency and corruption in our City, City Staff Changed the Scores to ensure certain marijuana license winners, giving preferential treatment to political donors. The seven lawsuits against El Monte for their corrupt cannabis application process will cost the city millions of dollars punishing the residents for the unethical and illegal action by the City manager, City staff and current and former elected officials who engaged in the tainted process. I strongly urge the Mayor and city council to conduct a thorough investigation immediately into El Monte's Cannabis License application process.

Investigate El Monte Cannabis – We are contacting you on behalf of Investigate El Monte Cannabis, a coalition of residents, stakeholders, and businesses in El Monte. In late 2020 affiliates of cannabis businesses gave hundreds of thousands of dollars to fund PACs and campaigns of politicians who voted to approve cannabis sales in El Monte. Cannabis dispensary licenses are one of the most difficult to obtain, yet those associated with those businesses that won licenses were campaign donors. The sequential approval for cannabis sales in El Monte to campaign contributions flowing from cannabis business associates to those same donors becoming winning applicants of retail licenses eliminates any question of coincidence. It is an admitted fact both among several applicants and with El Monte officials that City staff knowingly and purposely gave favorable scores to donors. With El Monte now facing litigation in the form of seven lawsuits for its corrupt application process, the City stands to pay millions of taxpayer dollars in legal fees, wasting the expected cannabis tax revenue and more.

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Residents, stakeholders, and businesses will not abide such malfeasance in our government. We strongly urge the El Monte City Council to conduct a thorough investigation into this cannabis license application process. We have included a total of 158 supporter cards, 149 physical and 9 digital, in favor of a thorough investigation conducted by the City Council into the City's cannabis license application process. **The copious amount of support letters has necessitated that we send this message multiple times to adhere to file size limitations. You will receive 8 separate documents that contain every support card.** Please note that we have redacted the supporters' email addresses and phone numbers to protect their privacy. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact us at [info@investigateelmontecannabis.com](mailto:info@investigateelmontecannabis.com). Thank you for your time and consideration.

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

10. DEMAND RESOLUTION NO. D-641

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

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 1. That the attached list of claims, demands, and payroll totaling \$4,399,046.87 have been examined by the City Treasurer and that warrant numbers 1097891 through 1098062, and the payroll period ending April 15, 2021 inclusive are hereby allowed in the amounts and ordered paid out of the respective funds as set forth.

**m) Dr. Morales**  
**s) Councilmember Puente** **5-0**

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2021; Adjourned Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2021; Special Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2021; Regular Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2021; and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2021.

**m) Councilmember Puente**  
**s) Dr. Morales** **5-0**  
**Adjourned Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2021**  
**Special Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2021**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2021**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2021**

**m) Councilmember Herrera**  
**s) Dr. Morales** **5-0**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2021**  
**Edits for Item 13.1 to Reflect Councilmembers**  
**Herrera and Dr. Morales Voted No; and**

**Item 13.2 to Reflect Councilmembers Herrera**  
**Dr. Morales and Puente voted No**

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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 Approval of a Resolution Confirming and Ratifying the Creation of Three (3) Temporary Ad Hoc Committees and Related Committee Appointments.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the attached Resolution confirming and ratifying the creation of three (3) temporary ad hoc committees and related committee appointments.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10263

Mary Ann Powers – I notice that you are talking about forming an ad hoc for street vendors and I hope that whoever serves on that committee takes a hard look at the fact that our zoning regulations are being violated when businesses set up in residential areas in street corners. That we have a problem up on the north end where one of the street vendors that sets up on a public sidewalk when he shuts down his operation he dumps all of his garbage and grease into the storm drain. The City has a responsibility to protect the health and the welfare of the citizens of this City and in doing so we need to make sure that these places are first off social distancing which I haven't seen and secondly that they are serving wholesome healthy food. We have to have those places inspected by

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the County Health Department. If the County Health Department needs an escort because some of the vendors are so crazy it is worth our dollars to save the health of our citizens to send a couple of police officers with the County Health Inspector and just set it up for once a week once a month randomly.

**m) Dr. Morales**

**s) Councilmember Puente**

**5-0**

- 12.3 Approval of a Resolution Designating the Week of May 16-22, 2021 as the 2021 Commemoration of Public Works Week in the City of El Monte.

**RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution approving the commemoration of Public Works Week.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10264

**m) Mayor Ancona**

**s) Dr. Morales**

**5-0**

- 12.4 Approval of a Reimbursement Agreement for the Banner Recognition Program with the El Monte Promise Foundation for Graduating Seniors.

**RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve a Reimbursement Agreement for the Banner Recognition Program with the El Monte Promise Foundation in the amount specified by the City Council to recognize the Class of 2021 graduating seniors; and
2. Authorize the City Manager or her designee, to execute a Reimbursement Agreement with the El Monte Promise Foundation.

Total Cost: \$3,740

Account No: 100-67-682-5111

Is the cost of this item budgeted? No

General Fund

Gabriel Ramirez – I notice that there is approval of a reimbursement agreement for the banner recognition program with the El Monte Promise Foundation. Correct me if I am wrong but there is data that shows that they received \$600,000 from the California State Aid. I am really concerned about why we are trying to give them back reimbursement don't get me wrong for the record to be reflected I am for college students for the foundation of that but this is very questionable. I really hope that you take a look about this and really consider this and there are other methods rather than just spending our tax dollars.

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Cosme Jimenez – I would like to make a comment the EL Monte Promise Foundation we need to do something because we are giving them special treatment at City Hall. All the foundations have to stay away from City Hall if you let one come in you have to let all of the City foundations come in that is the law. Also like the previous speaker said they receive \$600,000 last February and they have received over \$50,000 the last couple of years from the previous Mayor and the yes votes that he had and I don't have a problem with that but where are the rest of the foundations in El Monte but I guess they don't need the money. What I see here is the conflict of interest maybe the City Attorney can help us with this. You cannot donate to a foundation if you are a Director of the Foundation, if you are the member of the Foundation, you cannot approve money and we have been doing it for year and it is illegal and they should know better. Advisory Board Maria Morales, Secretary Jerry Velasco, and Director Andre Quintero.

**m) Mayor Ancona**  
**s) Dr. Morales**

**5-0**

- 12.5 Approval of Request to Advertise and Publish a Notice Inviting Bids (NIB) for the Roof Replacement Projects at the Homekey Program Sites – Budget Inn and M Motel.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the advertisement and publication of the Notice Inviting Bids (NIB) for the Roof Replacement Project at the Homekey Program sites – Budget Inn and M Motel.

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**

- 12.6 Approval of a Resolution Approving the City of El Monte Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Policies and Procedures for the Commercial Façade Grant Program; and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) for the Multi-Unit Rental Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution approving the City of El Monte Community Development Block Grant Policies and Procedures for the Commercial Façade Grant Program;
2. Adopt a Resolution approving the City of El Monte HOME Investment Partnership Program for the Multi-Unit Rental Rehabilitation Deferred Loan Program; and

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3. Direct staff to submit the Program Policies Procedures to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10265

Resolution No. 10266

**m) Mayor Ancona**

**s) Dr. Morales**

**5-0**

- 12.7 Approval of a License Agreement to Allow the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) to Utilize the City-Owned Parking Lot Located on the West Side of Johnson Avenue APN 8567-021-905 to Provide a Weekly Mobile Pet Clinic for El Monte Residents.

**RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the proposed License Agreement by no less than three (3) affirmative votes.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

**m) Mayor Ancona**

**s) Dr. Morales**

**5-0**

**Break at 9:17 p.m.**

**Return at 9:28 p.m.**

**13. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- 13.1 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; and
7. Consider and adopt a Resolution approving the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Nevada-Bodger Sewer Improvement Project, CIP No. 005.

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

Account No: N/A

Resolution No. 10267

**m) Mayor Ancona**  
**s) Mayor Pro Tem Martine Muela** 5-0  
**Open P.H.**  
**5-0**

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

**m) Councilmember Herrera**  
**s) Dr. Morales** 5-0  
**Resolution No. 10267**

13.2 A Public Hearing to Consider and Approve the Adoption of an Uncodified Urgency Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Limit on the Charges Imposed by Third Party Delivery Services on Retail Food Establishments Until June 15, 2021, Unless Further Extended by Action of the City Council Fully Reopens its Economy.

**RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the public hearing;
2. Receive presentation from staff;
3. Pose questions to staff;
4. Allow members of the public to offer comment;
5. Pose follow-up questions to staff;
6. Close the public hearing; and
7. Adopt one (1) of two (2) options of an Uncodified Urgency Ordinance to establish a temporary limit on the charges imposed by third-party delivery services on retail food establishments which shall terminate on June 15, 2021, unless further extended by action of the City Council.

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

Account No: N/A

Urgency Ordinance No. 3000

**m) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela**  
**s) Mayor Ancona** 5-0  
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- 13.3 A Public Hearing to Consider and Adopt a Resolution Approving the Application for Funding an Execution of Grant Agreements and any Amendments Thereto for the 2020 Community Development Block Program – Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV) and/or the 2020-2021 Funding Year of the State CDBG Program for the Budget Inn and M Motel Homekey Program Sites.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the public hearing;
2. Receive presentation from staff;
3. Allow members of the public to offer comment;
4. Close the public hearing;
5. Adopt the proposed Resolution approving two (2) applications for funding and the execution of grant agreements and any amendments thereto for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program – Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV) and/or the 2020-2021 funding year of the State CDBG program for the Budget Inn and M Motel Homekey Program sites.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10268

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

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

**m) Councilmember Herrera**  
**s) Dr. Morales** **5-0**  
**Resolution No. 10268**

**At 9:45 p.m.**  
**m) Councilmember Herrera**  
**s) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela** **5-0**  
**Extend the meeting past 10:00 p.m.**

- 13.4 A Public Hearing to Consider and Approve For First Reading An Ordinance Approving General Plan Amendment No. 03-19 and Zone Change No. 01-19; and to Consider and Approve a Related Resolution Approving Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 082797, Variance No. 03-19, Conditional Use Permit No. 20-19 and Modification Nos. 28-19, 29-19, 30-19, and 36-19, to Demolish 159,100± Square Feet of Existing Industrial Space and Develop 82 Detached Residential Condominium Units on a 5.24 Acre Property Located at 11312 Orchard Street, and 3630, 3640, and 3700 Cypress Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

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It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the public hearing;
2. Receive presentation from staff and the project applicant;
3. Pose questions to staff;
4. Allow members of the public to offer comment;
5. Pose follow up questions to staff;
6. Close the public hearing; and
7. Adopt the following as recommended by the Planning Commission:
  - a. A Mitigated Negative Declaration with the mitigation measures contained therein;
  - b. An Ordinance for First Reading for General Plan Amendment No. 03-19 to change the Subject Property's General Plan Land Use designation from "Industrial Business Park" (11312 Orchard Street and 3630 and 3640 Cypress Avenue) and "Medium Density Residential" (3700 Cypress Avenue) to "High Density Residential" and Zone Change No. 01-19, to change the zoning designation for property at 11312 Orchard Street and 3630 and 3640 Cypress Avenue from M-2 (General Manufacturing) to R-4 (High Density Residential) and for property at 3700 Cypress Avenue from R-3 (Medium Density Residential) to R-4 (the "Subject Property") (see Attachment 1 –Ordinance for Approval); and
  - c. A Resolution to approve Tentative Vesting Tract Map No. 82797, Conditional Use Permit No. 20-19, Variance No. 03-19 and Modification Nos. 28-19, 29-19, 30-19, and 36-19 to construct 82 detached residential condominium units on a 5.24± acre property (the "Project"), subject to conditions of approval (see Attachment 2 – Resolution for Approval).

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Ordinance No. 3001

Resolution No. 10269

**m) Mayor Ancona**

**s) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela**

**5-0**

**Open P.H.**

Mary Ann Powers – I listened to these presentations three and four bedroom units they are figuring four people per unit in a three or four bedroom unit I have a feeling we are going to have more than four people in a unit. Two and half cars per unit I mean the two car garage we figure each unit would get half a space room for half a car that doesn't sound realistic either. I mean I know that my own personal household there are only two of us and we have three vehicles and we are not unusual in fact we are one of the houses on the street that has the fewest amount of vehicles. How many letters of opposition did they receive we only hear about the positive ones how many were against it nobody told us. Have any of you folks driven those streets and seen just how narrow they are and what it is like on a Sunday trying to get down Ramona let alone any other street around that area because of the church and it is not just on Sundays there are church services and church activities going on all week long. We need to take a look at that and I know there are members here that when they were on positions on the Planning Commission would show up to meetings for a

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modification meeting and say I don't have the agenda and I forgot to plug in so I will have to charge my iPad because they didn't use it since the last Planning Commission meeting so have you taken a look at that project do you know what those streets are like? What happens if there is an emergency? Is it going to be able to handle it? I think it is time that we really take a look and this idea that a Planning Commission made up of five people and the vote was 2-1 that doesn't make sense to me I am missing something here like two people. I think these things should go to the Planning Commission when you have a full group in session and see what the vote is and what their recommendation is. The Planning Commission says reduce this project before it goes to the City Council yes they reduced it two percent. This isn't right and we need to listen to that neighborhood and wouldn't that be a lovely place for a park El Monte is so short on parks and there isn't one over there the closest park is Lambert Park to that area and there are a lot of multiple units in that area a park would be delightful.

Gabriel Ramirez – With this project there is going to be impact no doubt but when you change the neighborhood with many homes right at that impact without any cars just because they are going down by Kauffman and not Orchard Street as an entry point it doesn't mean that we cannot go around to Orchard Street to go to Ramona and the construction while that is going to be horrendous because of all of the trucks that are coming maybe around 500 or 600 truckloads of commercial trucks delivering materials and not to say that dirt and the cement that carries [inaudible] sand that causes cancer is not going to have an effect on us right. So what I am trying to say about this project it has been shut down by the Planning Commission and what I saw today the 2-1 vote it does not make any sense it does not add up and I have passed by that project by that area it is very small just like the previous speaker but also there is going to be traffic congestions and not only that but you are going to have workers that are not going to park inside at the construction site they are going to be trying to park outside of it and that is going to be a very problem and second of all there is going to be hopefully with that project God forbid it could be anyone's child or anyone can get ran over especially with that very narrow that project and three very questionable very red flags there is not affordable units well let's be realistic during this pandemic that we are in right now with this economy there isn't going to be many people buying houses. The only people who are going to be buying houses are people from outside and that is not it is unacceptable so not adding affordable units it is really out of proportion this project does not fit well. And lastly, you know churches should not be involved in support of any political views that is really disrespectful do not mix politics with religion that is something that carries with myself and others who are into this that it is really disgusting to hear about this and lastly there isn't opposition letters that I saw and to be honest this project does not benefit at all I really do hope you guys really consider and not approving this project.

Julio Ramirez – Old timer a senior citizen already. Lupita a lot of people go to the church. Virgen de Guadalupe traffic and everything and they are in favor of that they are not in favor of it. Where I live around the City parking control from 6:00 am to 4:00 pm no parking but you can break the law sweeper passes by and everybody parks back. You are giving a dream that when I go visit over there at the new project I am going to go visit and we are going to park outside have you forgotten last mañanitas when people are crossing the street have you been there we had before a beautiful City we are going to create park right there we had a beautiful park right there Tomateros de Mexico they used to come and play right here we were famous we have a lot of illegal aliens right here that go to that church you don't consider them you are not considering me to go take a coffee break and find out what is that project. We have old timers right there that grew up meet El Monte the famous El Monte you weren't born when I seen immigration coming to the church people were scared

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and now you are going to build a Beverly Hills project. How many people are going to live right there, three families, how many going to Columbia this pandemic really got us bad open your eyes but 2-1 it is a shame wake up the City of El Monte needs you Downtown El Monte we use to have quermeses we used to have everything you are changing everything again let's wake up we need a park we need a baseball park right there but it is all money don't forget there are a lot of things that you can do and you are doing it you two ladies thank you the Mayor and the Vice-Mayor.

Cosme Jimenez – You have a copy of what kind of a company we are getting to this City and I agree with the previous speakers the Planning Commission 2-1 vote the company claims they have the support of the Planning Commission two votes is support for you two out of five you call that support because I don't. That should have been tabled back to the Commission, Planning Commission again five members four members if they really had support should get four votes minimum for this project and not two. It is like having a Council approval here two votes 2-1 that would be ridiculous too that means with the possibility of one of them being involved in something else election, donation or whatever when you get four there is a better chance of protecting the people. The El Monte Municipal Code calling for 297 parking spaces and they are supplying 200 only. That community I don't know if you have been around that community they do not need a single car there anymore right now at this time to park in that because you only have space for two cars and one driving through two cars park on each side of the street and one car driving through in that community you have probably seen that community and now with this new project it is a good project don't get me wrong, wrong place wrong location that is the problem I see here. If you want to help the community you have to help the proper way the right way. I know that we need to make money they are going to finish it up and goodbye that is it see you later but it doesn't work that way. I think it is time for the Council to really start representing the people because I have seen the last five years the last ten years you can say whatever you want in this microphone it doesn't count one bit you know but it is time to start never too late to start doing the right way to represent the people and help the people. If they want to build this you can try another place and not only that the foundry that is there is really contaminated really contaminated you are going to go back to square one like the project on Santa Anita the Gateway project we ended up spending about \$3.0 million dollars to clean-up the place taxpayers money not the company money that build it \$3.0 million dollars we had to pay to clean-up that mess probably the one over here the company is going to ask you for another \$2.0 million dollars to clean-up the foundry be ready for it minimum \$2.0 million dollars it takes now but I hope you make the right decision.

Brad Jensen – I am the Director of Public Policy for the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership we are a regional economic development corporation that was founded 30 years ago to promote economic vitality here in eastern Los Angeles County. I am here before you tonight to speak in favor of this project and the proposed amendments that you have seen staff lay out before you. The reason the partnership traditionally we typically don't weigh in very much on individual projects we tend to support regional projects that have greater significance for the whole region things like the Foothill Goldline or the Alameda Corridor East Grade Separation is what you have here in El Monte. However, given the economic circumstances that we are now facing which have only been heightened by the pandemic we are really concerned about the cost and affordability of housing here in L.A. County especially here in the San Gabriel Valley. So this is why the partnership is here before you today and is weighing in on individual housing throughout the region. We are supporting projects in Alhambra, Claremont, Covina, Duarte, Pomona, San Gabriel and many other places here and that includes in El Monte. You have seen before you very detailed presentations about all of the aspects of the KB Home Project which will add 82

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units and these are units that are aimed at first time homebuyers and I think that is an important thing to consider is that it is an opportunity for people who are young who have families to buy a home and raise their families here in El Monte in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley just like many people in this room and many people on this Council have done before. We believe that housing is a really critical and very important aspect for all parts of our community but especially in regards to our schools as you know four schools will be closing in this area. Two years ago Pasadena closed three elementary schools and one middle school. Azusa Unified has also closed schools as has Hacienda-La Puente. We are concerned about this region becoming unaffordable for people with children to live here and so every project that can add housing is important to consider. Now of course this is not a blanket approval for all projects there is always give and take in projects and I believe that these developers have worked very closely with City staff have done an excellent job in listening to the concerns of residents, they have reduced the density, they have addressed the traffic concerns you heard from the traffic consultant tonight, they have reached out to the community and listened and done the best they can to get this project across the line. It's for these reasons that I urge you to approve the amendments that were outlined by staff and to move this project forward we believe it will beautify the City of El Monte it will be an asset and a great investment for the future of the community.

Bob Wellamen – Kaufman & Broad whose owner just died news did a report on it of how rich this company is I am not going to comment on the size of the project or anything like that but it hurt my heart if what I understood I heard that the Planning Commission said they are going to waive any affordable housing requirements from this project. Did I understand that correctly? That really hurts my heart because especially KB is twice I have come up and said we are all for affordable housing, we are all for affordable housing to raise our children. So far they haven't said how much these units are going to cost but I think it is going to be at least \$750K for the cheapest one and that is not affordable I don't know if the Planning Commission is able to change their mind on what they've done but they should. If the leaders of El Monte really care about their citizens I don't know why they can't make a requirement I would say 10 percent of the housing. I know this KB wants this project they want it bad they have made a lot of concessions already but they know they are going to make money off of this and I certainly don't think having a requirement to set even I don't want to say two because I think it should be more but they are going to wiggle it down to what they would allow for affordable housing even two units which show that Kaufman and Broad and the City really do care about affordable housing. The things that are coming up next to the transit station, different projects, the Veterans housing as I understand the City isn't putting any money into that because they are getting other development block grants and stuff but if the developer really cares why not have a requirement for affordable housing.

Charles Castaneda – I don't understand how anybody can say that there is not going to be any impacts to this community with this project and that they are going to have traffic go through Kauffman because they just going to come back around to Orchard Street to get to Ramona to get out of here. You know this project is not favorable to our community in saying that when you have 80 percent of the people in the community saying that we don't want this project it is too much, too much traffic, too many houses and they are asking for a lot of concessions. This is low density, medium density neighborhood and they want to go to high density they are going to raise the walls up where my neighbors are and they are going to cut their air flow and they are saying it is going to be good for them. Anything that they want is going to be good for us it is like shoving this down our throats that we don't want and KB is nothing but a bully. We have asked them to reduce this by half they have done nickel and dime things for this project and if this project does get approved let me tell you the traffic on our streets is going to be horrendous, with cement trucks, delivery trucks

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and the workers and it is going to be one hellish nightmare. The other thing I want to ask these people when they are going to get rid of this concrete are they going to have a crushing station here because I see a lot of times when we get commercial buildings that they start crushing these things onsite to recreate new cement and haul it off and that is going to be nothing but dust and noise in our neighborhood this is not a favorable project. This is a good project but not where they want to put it I would rather see those commercial buildings there and as far as the traffic and what they are saying about these trucks coming in and out of it it is not that bad and their traffic flow that they said they did a study on that is bunch of malarkey if I ever heard anything. Have you gone down Kaufmann right by the Church where it kind of hairpin it gets so narrow there and they are going to put all that traffic through there from this complex that is not doable? It is not doable on Orchard Street as well. If they put all that traffic on our streets there is going to be a fatality I guarantee it because it is way too much for this area. El Monte is already 23 percent over populated we have people on top of people and now we are going to add more people on top of people in a residential neighborhood that was only designed for single family homes but again the mighty dollars what dictate all industries that is what is pushing this industry with the City of El Monte to approve this project and it doesn't matter what we the residents live here work job after job so we can afford our family homes in the suburbs without having these massive projects alongside us.

Rosia Gutierrez – In opposition of the project.

William Manis – In support of the project.

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

**m) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela**  
**s) Councilmember Puente** **4-1 (Mayor Ancona No)**  
**Approve Ordinance No. 3001**  
**Resolution No. 10269**  
**and incorporate recommended changes**  
**to Condition No. 62 Regarding Set-Back**

14. REGULAR AGENDA:

14.1 Consideration and Approval of Request to Advertise and Publish the Notice of Inviting Bids for the Nevada Bodger Sewer Main Improvement and Pavement Rehabilitation Project, CIP No. 005 and 038; and Approval of an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Infrastructure Engineering.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize staff to advertise and publish the Notice Inviting Bids (NIB) for the Nevada-Bodger Sewer Main Improvement and Pavement Rehabilitation Project, CIP No. 005 & 038;

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2. Consider and approve Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Infrastructure Engineering to provide Construction Support Services for the amount not-to-exceed \$54,400;
3. Authorize an increase in appropriations in the amount of \$2,500,000 from SB1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Funds to the Nevada-Bodger Pavement Rehabilitation Project CIP No. 038; and
4. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Service Agreement with Infrastructure Engineering for Construction Support Services.

Total Cost: \$9,995,000      Account No: 225-67-038-8221 - \$1,000,000  
Measure M  
650-67-005-8221 - \$6,495,000  
Sewer Fund  
100-67-xxx-8221 - \$2,500,000

Is the cost of this item budgeted? No      SB1

**m) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela**

**s) Mayor Ancona**

**5-0**

15. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA:

- 15.1 Update, Discussion and Receipt of Direction regarding creation of Human Services Commission.

Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla – The City Attorney's Office is ready to meet with the ad hoc for the Human Relations Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela – Can you please report out all the members who completed the ethics training on Thursday.

Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla – All members of the City Council and all members of the Planning Commissioners.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela – Where there any other City officials that are required this type of training there and completed through this program.

Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla – The City could designate certain other officials to take the training at present the only officials who are required legally required to take the course are those on the Council and on the Planning Commission but if the Council did want to extend that it certainly could extend the number of officials that could be part of the annual resolution that also indicates who could do the reporting. I know that the City Manager joined us for the whole thing.

Mayor Ancona – This is a conversation that we could have in the future but I know just myself as a school administrator, assistant principal at a high school we had to do a lengthy eight hour different topics training so I think it would be a good practice to get our directors our administrative staff to start engaging in some of these.

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Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla – I couldn't agree more I think you have wonderful staff I think these are people who are very principled people but sometimes you just need to know what the rules are.

Councilmember Herrera – On one of my communications items calls for the creation of an ethics task force which this sort of subject would be included in that discussion.

16. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

16.1 Presentation on Townsend

**m) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela  
s) Mayor Ancona  
Secondary Motion to go to RFP  
for Federal Lobbying and to continue  
with Townsend to do the State Lobbying**

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

**m) Dr. Morales  
s) Councilmember Herrera  
To extend the contract one  
Year to do State and Federal  
Lobbying**

**3-2 (Mayor Ancona and Mayor Pro Tem Martinez  
Muela No)**

16.2 Update on the City of El Monte Budget Priority Survey.

Councilmember Herrera – Please include us in the community meetings to be able to engage with the community.

Councilmember Puente – Make the survey available in different languages.

Dr. Morales – Create an “Other Option” so that there is a fill-in section.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela – I hope to see this via survey monkey rather than the City spending money and I think that would be an advantageous for us to manage this survey.

Councilmember Herrera – I thought that our goal setting session was going to be that venue where we were going to be setting our budget priorities.

16.3 COVID-19 Update.

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

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18. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

18A. Mayor Ancona

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

Being that we discussed this in closed session I am satisfied with the direction we are going in so that is taken care of.

18A.2 Update on Citywide Broadband Accessibility.

18A.3 Discussion Regarding Energy Efficiency Projects.

18A.4 Discussion on Virtual Job Fair.

18A.5 Update on Arts in Public Places.

18A.6 Reimplementation of Ad Hoc Committees.

In particular I want to re-implement the Fiscal Ad Hoc Committee, the Economic Development Committee and the Parks Ad Hoc Committee.

Councilmember Herrera – If I can way just quickly on this, this is an item that I also agree with you on. I was hoping that we could do this more holistically and from an ad hoc that will look at all of the committees we want to structure and thoroughly debate whether we want an ad hoc committee or a standing committee because there are differences between the two and as I understand the way we are trying to use these committees they do not meet the definition of an ad hoc. In the way that we are trying to use them these would be standing committees and have different requirements.

City Attorney Rick Olivarez – There are different requirements if an ad hoc meets on a regular basis, say for an example on the same day for an extended period of time a year or two years then it actually becomes a standing committee and you need to comply with the Brown Act. If it is just for a limited time, three months, four months to study a specific issue then it is a true ad hoc committee and you don't have to comply with the Brown Act. That is the base difference between the ad hoc and standing committee. Standing committees do have to comply with the Brown Act.

Mayor Ancona – Can we establish ad hoc committees and roll them over to standing committees at this point just to get these going because we have been without them for almost a year now.

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Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla – You are free create whatever committees you want whether it is ad hoc I just think the only point we are trying to make is that it is important to be clear about what it is so that you meet the Brown Act requirements particularly if it is going to be a standing committee and just have to be prepared there will need to be an agenda, there will need to be minutes.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela – A standing committee becomes much more laborious.

City Attorney Rick Olivarez – But I want everyone to understand an ad hoc you can call it an ad hoc but if it is acting as a standing committee we still have to comply with all the Brown Act requirements.

Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla – The label is meaningless if you are essentially operating like a standing committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela – But most of the time the experience for an ad hoc has not been necessarily been standing meeting it has been called as needed. So if there is a major project for parks the opportunity for the Parks Ad Hoc to come together to just provide guidance that had been the case it is not necessarily a standing meeting where if there is nothing going on there is nothing to speak of so the ad hoc had worked for some of these and I think it was advantageous but I definitely see where you are going with this Mr. Herrera but I am with the Mayor with regards to wanting to establish at least an ad hoc to oversee the budget process. At least an ad hoc to oversee the economic development conversations that we have going on and we already established three other ad hocs that were approved earlier today so even if we didn't establish a parks I think those two are very important to provide staff some guidance with regards to those very important guidelines.

Assistant City Attorney Joaquin Vazquez – I wanted to add the timing component that my colleague mentioned, but also the scope of the jurisdiction which a court would look at is it an ad hoc vs. standing. So if it is ongoing finance related stuff there is no problem in creating that but it is important to note that broad jurisdiction would tend to make it a standing committee and coming up with something more discrete like Council procedures that will be presented within x number of days that is more of a discrete task but a larger economic development prevue a larger fiscal advisory prevue that would be more in the bucket of a standing committee.

Councilmember Herrera – I am bringing this up because I think you and I have had this discussion before about ad hoc committees and how they worked in the past and you had expressed some frustration that making documents available to you or having access to those meetings as I understand it if it is an ad hoc meeting there is not an ability for a third Councilmember to visit that committee becomes a quorum of the Council correct?

Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla – That would be true of all committees that concern about turning it into a Council meeting. There are some public agencies that have standing committees where they allow a third councilmember

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to be present but it is absolutely critical that the councilmember say nothing, simply listen and not be part of the discussion.

Councilmember Herrera – And what about the availability of documents or reports.

Mayor Ancona – They should still be made available regardless.

Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla – The availability of documents turns less on what is generated and more on what their nature is it may not matter what committee generated it certain records are public records irrespective of what committee created them. If they deal with personnel issues they are probably confidential but if they are drafts possibly something that could be kept confidential but more than likely things like financial records and so forth those anybody can ask for those.

Mayor Ancona – Right so I would still like to move forward with the development of the ad hoc committees and as we start meeting come to an understanding if we want them to be standing committees or not so I want to get the ball rolling get them started start meeting because we haven't met in over a year and there are some things normally go through fiscal ad hoc, normally go through economic development and that hasn't been going on for extra vetting or extra set of eyes on it. Like I said when I served on the Parks ad hoc committee we didn't meet every month it was on an as needed basis.

Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla – If I can make my own recommendation maybe if there is a wait and see approach and we can come back with the resolution like we did tonight have some sort of mandatory come back period where six month time you are required to come back and just confront the issue of okay are we really now a standing committee and if so let's dispense.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela – I think based on the policy and procedure ad hoc that has already been created that they can put that under their prevue and they can bring back their suggestions.

Dr. Morales – I like the idea of a standing committee in that they appear to be more of a continuum and expectation of when the meetings are going to be held. I think it is also important to have those meetings calendared in a way that staff knows that there is something that needs to be prepared so that we can hold folks accountable for documents, for whatever additional support we are needing that we don't necessarily have items to discuss in a standing committee then is it possible to cancel that particular meeting because there are no items to discuss I guess what I am trying to get at is there is some degree of a little too much flexibility with ad hocs for me I want something that is going to be more structured so that we know when these meetings are coming through so that it also helps me clear my calendar so that I am also making myself much more available and I think for us working folks that is really important too so that we have those evenings cleared and I think it just makes it a lot easier for us to organize ourselves.

Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla – And to that point even if a committee has certain subject matter jurisdiction doesn't always have an occasion to meet

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the fact that they are always around to address that issue would tend to make them more in the nature of a standing committee because they have this broad subject matter jurisdiction where a true ad hoc committee tends to have a laser focused task. There is a task and a deliverable.

City Attorney Rick Olivarez – It also includes a limited time lifespan as well. I want everyone to understand all we are really talking about they are basically the same thing just the standing committee would require a little bit more work because we would have to comply with the Brown Act which means we have to post the agenda, we would have to do all of the things that we do City Council meetings so that is the biggest difference.

Mayor Ancona – I would still like to establish the ad hoc committees and bring back in three months once we meet and we go over Council agendas on establishing standing committees and then we can get more input from legal counsel as to see how that would work, do we need to have bylaws, do we have to have a special description that needs to be approved by the Council.

City Attorney Rick Olivarez – Mayor that is a great recommendation and we will just monitor things as you go forward with the ad hocs and if at some point we need to make changes we will bring that to your attention.

### **Fiscal Ad Hoc**

1. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela
2. Dr. Morales

### **Development Ad Hoc**

1. Mayor Ancona
2. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela

### **Parks & Recreation Ad Hoc**

1. Councilmember Herrera
2. Councilmember Puente

18A.7 Filling Vacancies on Commissions and Committees.

18A.8 Request for Reports from Measure EM Committee.

18A.9 Update on Flavored Tobacco.

18A.10 Request for Presentation on End of the Year Citywide Project Updates.

18B. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela

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

Council I have been requesting a State audit since August of 2020 and I wanted to share with you a couple of newspaper articles that have come to my attention the most recent being posted just three days ago four days ago, actually a few days now with April 27<sup>th</sup> and the thing that caught me the most was the City now welcomes the recommendations made by the State Auditor. A State Audit is not just simply let's go through the finances with a fine tooth comb. A State Audit is actually giving us the opportunity to see where we are falling short where we might going well and the State auditor is someone who is trusted to provide financial advice and resources for cities. In regards to this particular article dated State Audit the City of San Gabriel is at high risk for financial instability it notices that the City of San Gabriel is at high risk of financial instability because of its depleted general fund reserves, the lack of available cash, the large unfunded retirement obligations all which threaten the City's financial recovery. It also proceeds to say the Council didn't find out until December 2018 about the issues and had been misled. However, these ---were discovered by the City Council and the City Council is properly informed about the financial condition of the City then the immediately directed staff to carefully review the City's finances to provide short and long term solutions to its financial health. With that I also have a secondary article from West Covina and this one was dated December 1, 2020. West Covina at risk of bankruptcy State Auditor warns and some of these issues are similar to ours particularly as noted here public safety gobbles funds that is a very big issue for the City of El Monte. There are other issues that San Gabriel, this plan includes, this is quoted from the San Gabriel article their financial recovery plan included overhauling the budget process to provide greater transparency and proven accountability and strengthening internal controls with the goal of developing surpluses to address our general fund deficits. So Council I am going to leave these two articles with you and at our next meeting I am going to continue the conversation about a request for a State audit. Now do we have to request a State audit the answer is no basically the State can take a look at us and say wow something is not right there and they can proceed with a State audit but if we have nothing to hide why not ask for one. Asking for a State Audit is basically sending a resolution and by sending the resolution to the State it is saying we are open to having your input in regards to our City it is not a bad thing. The only reason why you would consider it bad is if you have something to hide. So to me opening up the doors to a State audit especially considering the experience of the budget process last year I think that we should consider a State audit and putting together a resolution that would support that at the next meeting but I don't want to do this tonight because I just gave you those articles to review. So if you would like more information in regards to what a State audit would cover I can send you to a website, I can show you different examples and I would be happy to answer any questions with regards to the benefits a State audit would provide we have nothing to hide right.

### **18B.2 Discussion and Action Regarding El Monte Policy on Smoke Free Outdoor Areas.**

### **18B.3 Discussion and Action Regarding Citywide Employee Survey of Workplace Satisfaction and Recommendations.**

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18B.4 Discussion and Action Regarding Budget Approval Process and Adopting a City Mandated Deadline.

18B.5 Discussion and Action on Re-Instating the Neighborhood Services Program.

18C. Councilman Herrera

18C.1 Discussion to Consider Creation of Ethics Task Force.

I would really like to consider if we would like to consider whether we want to create an Ethics Task Force, what that would look like and what we would task them with. An ad hoc to discuss and come back to the Council to provide a recommendation what we would expect that task force to look like.

**Ethics Task Force**

1. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela
2. Councilmember Herrera

18C.2 Discussion to Consider Seeking State and Federal Budget Allocation for Pioneer Park.

18C.3 Discussion to Consider Creation of Standing Committees of the City Council.

18D. Councilwoman Dr. Morales

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

18D.2 Cost of State Audit.

18D.3 Update Regarding the Citywide Broadband Accessibility.

If we could get some input from staff on the City's citywide broadband accessibility I know we have been working on that for a while so I don't know if Mr. Mikaelian you have an update on that.

Jason Mikaelian – We did send out an RFP (Request for Proposals) and the deadline initially was a few weeks ago but it got extended because the due date and the question period was overlapping when we were having computer issues so it just closed yesterday and I will be reviewing the proposals I believe we

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received two and then we plan to go to Council next month with the recommendation to most likely move with one to do the plan.

Mayor Ancona – Really quickly what in particular what services are we trying to contract.

Jason Mikaelian – This was the one, a couple of weeks ago and I did the presentation on broadband accessibility to be able to have everyone in the city access it and we talked about as far as how a plan looked as far as it relates to the streets it would be preset to have cables installed at a later date. So the next step really in that is to basically have a consultant put together a master plan of how that would work. So the plan itself we had budgeted we have in our proposed budget for next year I believe \$130,000 and one of the reasons why the timing of this is because we knew this was not for this year's budget.

Mayor Ancona – So it is \$130,000 to create a master plan. The contract services for this consultant is to create a broadband master plan.

### **18D.4 Update Regarding Crime Stats and Special Training from the El Monte Police Department.**

Could you give us a quick update on the special training that we were discussing at some point in the past when we had the civil unrest during the summer.

Chief David Reynoso – Police officers have to go through perusable skills, mandated training through the State it is 24 hours every two years. Within that we do have a yearly tactical communication or de-escalation training which we completed last year but we are looking to go above and beyond that so we are looking at several options right now to bring in further de-escalation training. Something I am looking at is brining de-escalation course taught by USC and actually hosting the class here in the City of El Monte so we would have our own officers there and open it up to outside agencies. That is one option not to say that everyone will go through that training but that would be some of the training we would go through but that would be some of the training that we would go through there are other training courses out there that are new to us all dealing with de-escalation and tactical communication that we would also bring here to the City and what I would really like to do is host the classes here and/or invite outside agencies one and two and do something that is very dynamic and that is invite civilians members of our community to attend this training maybe one, two or three for every 20 officers. I think this would be a great way to open up communication and real dialogues so people in the community can see the kind of training the officers attend.

Dr. Morales – Just the fact that we are being proactive and having learned some lessons through this past summer the death of George Floyd and just knowing what the case brought about and that we are being proactive and including the community as part of this conversation just want to make sure we are ahead of the curve just knowing that the summer is coming and we want to make sure that we are ready in the event other issues were to arise.

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Mayor Ancona – Chief would you be able to write us a brief summary of what you are proposing to do and what agencies we would invite and what the cost might be. Are we bringing in trainers, or is it our own officers doing the training?

Chief David Reynoso – One thing I will say is that we will be bringing in trainers I think we need various perspectives.

18D.5 Update Regarding Citywide Street Repairs and the Three (3) Year CIP Progress Report.

18D.6 Discussion Regarding Campaign Finance Reform.

18D.7 Discussion Regarding District Elections.

18D.8 Discussion Regarding Updating the General Plan.

18D.9 Discussion Regarding the Development of a Climate Action Plan.

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

18E. Councilwoman Puente

18E.1 Discussion Regarding Polling the Community on Top Budget Priorities.

18E.2 Discussion and Action Regarding Universal Basic Income.

I came across this article last month and this is the first opportunity I've had to share about it and so my hope is the possibility of getting my colleagues' support in getting staff to give us a best practices presentation on a universal basic income. The City of Stockton has done that and it is a program where it is for a shorten period of time people have to qualify for it. It is a finite amount of money that is given to them and they seem to have fabulous results for people who have been previously unemployed, are using this money to improve their possibilities of coming employed perhaps if they are struggling with a broken car they use this money to fix the car in order to get to a job so it seems like there have been very positive results. I don't know that it is right for our City but I would like to explore that possibility particularly when we live in a city with 19 percent poverty rate I think it is something I would like to explore and I would like to see if I could get support to get a presentation from staff on that.

Dr. Morales – Absolutely, especially with 19 percent poverty rate it would be essential at the very least having us take a look at this.

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Mayor Ancona – Yes, I've heard other cities start talking about this so to receive some information from staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela – I would be curious to know if Covid-19 Recovery Funds could be utilized.

**18E.3 Information Regarding Upcoming DACA Clinic Put on by the Immigration Resource Center.**

The Immigration Resource Center is putting on a free DACA Clinic in the City of San Gabriel, la Casa de San Gabriel on May 22<sup>nd</sup> if it would be possible to share the information on City social media.

19. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourn in Memory of Mr. Howard Owens, Long Time Resident and Member of the Enterprise Fund Committee since November 2012.

**Meeting was adjourned at 1:08 a.m.**

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City of El Monte