

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
OF JUNE 1, 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: **6:00 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL FOR CITY COUNCIL AND AUTHORITY BODIES:

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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Andre Quintero – I will start with Item 4.6 disappointed to see but not surprised obviously it doesn't say exactly who is being considered for discipline, dismissal and or release but it doesn't surprise me because I believe and the record will bare this over time that there is a concerted effort on your part Mayor to get rid of the Police Chief and the City Manager. It is evident from the article that was posted recently in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune. Very disappointed to see but it is not surprising and I will tell you why it is not surprising. You may not all be familiar with this but I had a chance to meet with our former Chief of Police Ken Weldon on June 28, 2020 he was trying to still deal with some issue he had related to a contract. He said to me at the time, you know if you get rid of Chief Reynoso you could be a lot more popular and essentially intimating that if I did that and he did say, I probably shouldn't say this to you but if you appoint me even just interim I can make some changes and you would be a lot more popular the implication was that if I got rid of the Police Chief somehow even though I did not have the power to do that but if I got rid of the Police Chief that I would get support in the next election. I am saying very directly I turned that down I didn't even bother to address it I didn't even bother to talk to him about it but from the actions that he took before the election in supporting our current Mayor and after the election and continuing to support our current Mayor like the fundraiser that just happened on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May I want to make sure that everyone on the Council since I am addressing the entire Council is very clear about what is going on whether he proposed to me a quid pro quo or if that was proposed to the Mayor what is happening right now is not right to treat someone like the Chief with a 30 year unblemished record and having been a United States Marine as well is not appropriate but not surprising so I hope you all take that into account not sure which employee is here for closed session but whoever it is whether it is the Police Chief or the City Manager hope you guys take very good care in discuss and debate what you are going to be doing I know in the time that I was here there were several employees who were focused on by Councilmembers we were really aware of that and the cost it ended up costing the City in one case to buy someone out.

Andre Quintero – I will be very brief on 4.7, 4.7 is negotiations I was hoping you guys would of settled this by now I think you guys had hopefully something ready to go and tee up. I remember being involved in negotiations last time you've got the resources now to be able to get rid of the furloughs and hopefully you can bring this to a resolve. I was surprised also to see you guys ended up having to hire a negotiator and that is disappointing because again that just delays the inevitable so hopefully you will be able to move on a settlement as soon as possible with the bargaining units in question.

**Mayor Ancona and the City Council recessed into Closed Session at approximately 6:05 p.m. Mayor Ancona and the City Council reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 7:07 p.m.**

**Mayor Ancona and the City Council recessed into Closed Session at approximately 10:30 p.m. Mayor Ancona and the City Council reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 12:08 a.m.**

**Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla reported out of Closed Session with respect to Items 4.1 through 4.7.**

- 4.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation – One (1) Potential Case.

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**General discussion was had in closed session including legal counsel but ultimately no final action was taken.**

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

**Item was not considered, deferred to a future meeting date.**

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

**Item was not considered, deferred to a future meeting date.**

- 4.4 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiator.

Property Location:

Channel Parcel (APN: 8578-020-001) located adjacent to and south of the I-10 freeway and north of and adjacent to Flair Drive in El Monte, California and Fed-Ex Parcel (APN: 8581-034-001) located north of and immediately adjacent to the I-10 Freeway and the Rio Hondo Channel and south of railroad tracks used by Metrolink.

Name of Party City is Negotiating with:  
Stuart Riddle

City's Designated Negotiators:

Betty Donovanik, Community and Economic Development Director; Jason Mikaelian, Community and Economic Development Deputy Director; Richard Padilla, Assistant City Attorney and Joaquin Vazquez, Assistant City Attorney

Under Discussion:

Both Price and Terms.

**Update was provided by Mr. Mikaelian and Director Donovanik, direction and feedback given by the City Council, but again no final action taken.**

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

**Extensive discussion was had with legal counsel direction given but again no final action taken.**

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- 4.6 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 – Public Employee Discipline Dismissal and Release.

**Extensive discussion was had with legal counsel and the City Attorney direction given but again o final action taken.**

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

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

City’s Designated Negotiator: Adrianna Guzman, Designated Labor Negotiator in consultation with John Nguyen, Human Resources/Risk Management Director; and Alma K. Martinez, City Manager.

**Extensive discussion was had with legal counsel direction given but again no final action taken.**

OPEN SESSION PROCEEDINGS

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

5. INVOCATION: Chaplain Manny Coronilla, Calvary Chapel. **Present**
6. FLAG SALUTE: Sergeant Roger Cobian. **Present**
7. RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND COMMUNITY INTEREST PRESENTATIONS:
- 7.1 Recognition of Sergeant Roger Cobian named Police Officer of the Year by El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce. **Present**
- 7.2 Presentation of the Enrique S. Camarena Award by the California-Hawaii Elks Association to Chief David Reynoso. **Present**
- 7.3 Presentation by the City Council Proclaiming the Month of June 2021 as LGBTQ Pride Month. **Present**
8. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING NON-AGENDIZED MATTERS:

This time has been set aside for persons in the audience to make comments or inquiries on matters within the general subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, the Housing

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Authority, the Financing Authority and/or the Water Authority (collectively, the “Council”) that **are not listed on this agenda**. Although no person is required to provide their name and address as a condition to attending a Council meeting, persons who wish to address the Council are asked to state their name and address. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) continuous minutes. Speakers may not lend any portion of their speaking time to other persons or borrow additional time from other persons.

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

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

*Enforcement of Decorum:* The Chief of Police, or such member, or members of the Police Department as the Chief of Police may designate, shall serve as the Sergeant-at-Arms of any Council meeting. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the presiding official for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the meeting. While members of the public are free to level criticism of City policies and the action(s) or proposed action(s) of the Council or its members, members of the public may not engage in behavior that is disruptive to the orderly conduct of the 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.

Mark Tavera – Good evening my name is Mark Tavera I am Commander of the Foreign Post 10218 here in El Monte. In your hand there, Council and Mayor you have an Excel spreadsheet of the many things that we do over there serving our veterans and I implore you to, when you have time to take a look at it, there's a lot of information on it but it's valuable information when it comes to the contributions that we have, we perform in our building over. Our lease is coming up also and so we have been working with City Manager Ms. Martinez and we have also been talking to Sal Mendez and so, I just, please when you have time take a few minutes and look at all the great things that happen over. I know during the day sometimes the building looks vacant looks empty but we have been very busy we did reduce our hours during COVID, but we got busier. And so, possibly after the June 15<sup>th</sup> day we may be going back to regular hours where we'll be able to service more veterans, full time. At this time, I would also wanted to present the City with a plaque from our organization. I have been Commander, I just elected commander again, so this will be my fourth year as commander and I feel I've had a pretty good relationship with the City.

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Ms. Martinez works great with us along with the maintenance staff, Mr. Sal and even Chris Ortiz so when things are going wrong, they are pretty responsive when it comes to repairing certain things and then we do what we can do also. And so, I just want to make sure that you understand that your staff is doing a great job. We do have a plaque here that states with a various appreciation we hereby present to the City of El Monte for meritorious and distinguished service in furthering the aims and ideals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. The members of Greater El Monte Post 10218 hereby thank you for your noble contributions that have made a tremendous impact for our veterans, and community, and it's just from the Veterans of Foreign Post 10218 Greater El Monte California. We just put a veteran a 94-year veteran into a Veterans Village who was living in the backyard washroom and so we got him connected to an organization at Veterans VA at East LA, and they finally processed him. It took a while but he called me today he's moved in, he's happy so he should be able to live out the rest of his life in a regular studio versus someone's washroom. Thank you.

Kristine Vu – So Mayor Ancona and Mayor Pro Tem Martinez you're both quick to judge and falsely promote the City's anti-hate campaign yet one of your biggest supporters former Mayor candidate Irma Zamorano condones anti-hate speech and bigotry. Irma's husband, Jerry Zamorano is caught yelling in a video in front of Irma "we don't need no chinos here." As he was taunting the only Asian American candidate during the recent elections. This is hateful and despicable speech in a community that is a population of 25% of Asians, you two ladies need to condemn this speech, if not your time the growing Asian community and overall Asian community, in the San Gabriel Valley that El Monte condones this type of behavior. You must also distance yourself from such decisive people, if not we really know what type of hate you will allow in a friendly City of El Monte.

Jimmy Nguyen – I am a current student with Pasadena City College. So, I would like to address Mayor Jessica Ancona and Mayor Pro Tem Vicky Martinez in particular. There was a recent article published with San Gabriel Valley Tribune describing how former Chief of Police Ken Weldon made homophobic slurs to a former El Monte elected official. I'm here to denounce this type of behavior by a man who I find very hard to believe, was a former Chief of Police. This City Council, including the both of you have preached to us about how bad anti-hate speech is and that content like this should not be permitted. Yet you both associate with this man and allow him to sponsor your political fundraisers defending him and taking funds from him. If this continues, you both are nothing more than hypocrites with empty words. Please remember that no amount of money in the world makes it acceptable for a person to use hateful speech towards any group of people, you cannot buy friends and loyalty. You must condemn this man and his speech and to never associate with him nor take any campaign funds from him again and actually you must return every penny that this man has given to you. This man does not do anything for free, has given to the community yes, but he has taken more than you think. You have talked about corruption recently over something that might be a mistake of the mind, not the heart on social media on your Twitter page Mayor, yet failed to mention your own involvement with this corrupt man, which makes you implicated in any cases of corruption unless you denounce him tonight. I do have to say, as a side note, but I love the farmers markets, and we'll say that the Valley Mall is looking better. And I will commend City Manager Alma Martinez for this and any other community programs and events that she is responsible for. She has initiated many programs when the community was in need during the pandemic and you both have put her down, did not attend these events, and now demand credit for something, you have absolutely nothing to do with. It is a good try

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on your part but please I'm begging you and my El Monte citizens that we need you to do better.

Andre Quintero – I don't know how many Council Communications you are going to get to tonight but for things that are not on the agenda I just wanted the Council to consider you know. We had a President that governed by tweet not very effective in my opinion and competent. We have a chance you have a chance here to do some really special things with the City, you're on a good foundation financially with the COVID relief package that was passed by the legislature, the federal legislature and signed by the President. You are going to have resources now to be able to do a lot of important things that this community needs. Unfortunately, if you continue to persist on an agenda of vindictiveness and retaliation and not focus on the things that are most important for this community you're gonna miss this golden opportunity that you have. So, I encourage all of you to really focus on those things that matter most in our community, whether it's economic development, developing the budget, our roads that need some serious help. I don't know if you have noticed, but we've also been seeing a lot of graffiti, and specifically the type of graffiti that is very dangerous gang related graffiti. I know there is a wall very close to where I live that's been tagged at least two or three times and every time I brought it to the attention of staff, they've been diligent about getting it removed as they should. But it's been throughout different parts of the community on the south side, on the north side, on Lower Azusa and Cedar and you know it's even surprising, the folks that are in that neighborhood, not reporting it or not getting it down sooner. I saw one big piece of graffiti that was around for at least a day before it was removed. That is kind of the broken window theory of crime, that we want to make sure that we address as quickly as possible. Strongly encouraged as part of this budget to look at new police officers because frankly you're going to be losing a number of police officers, over the next couple of years through attrition. So, it's really important that you start preparing and it's a great opportunity right now to have those types of hires when you do have the one-time funds that help you replenish the force that we have. They've done an outstanding job over the last 11 years bringing down crime precipitously in the last five years, it's been a little bit challenging with Prop 37 and another initiatives that have changed the laws at the statewide level it has been challenging to be able to address crime but it is possible work closely with the district attorney's office to make sure that they address quality of life crimes, misdemeanor offenses that a lot of times we don't even focus on because we're thinking of Part 1 crimes, but these are crimes that will affect our community. So, I would encourage you to have that relationship. You're going to hear a lot of things tonight from a lot of different folks. I would just encourage you to remember to keep perspective, when you're out there, you're going to hear a lot of different things. So just keep that perspective and that balance, best wishes to all of you.

Miguel Aguayo – Some events in the life of corrupt Kenny Weldon, [inaudible] qualified, former Police Chief of El Monte a major political supporter of Mayor Ancona and Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela. Corrupt Kenny with a political [inaudible] from retired Chief Wayne Clayton any physical adversary. Many individuals have driven around the City with him during the middle of the night to steal lawn signs. He's also good at using [inaudible] midgets to do his dirty work from him. This is how he was given the role of police chief, he cashed in a career's worth of political favors. Corrupt Kenny Weldon became chief of police without a college degree. He never promoted to a single rank of sergeant, or lieutenant, or captain or assistant chief. He received an appointment created by Wayne Clayton for individuals too dumb or unqualified to pass a standard civil service examination and promote legitimately. Kenny never obtained a college degree, and as a matter of fact

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the El Monte City Charter had to be changed to allow this inept man to become the chief of police. The current Chief of Police David Reynoso has a bachelor's and master's degree is a graduate of a prestigious FBI National Academy and honorably served our country as member of the United States Marine Corps. Weldon cleaned up crimes for former Mayor Ernie Gutierrez including a traffic collision under Mayor Gutierrez was drunk. Don't believe it ask retired police officers. Put them under oath and ask them of the dozens of domestic situations that were swept under the rug as well. We should ask the last retired EMPD dispatch manager why Weldon's wife would call police dispatch crying. Anyone who knows Weldon knows that he had a drinking problem, and an anger management problem a scary set of traits. Weldon used the undercover detectives of the Police Department to follow his wife around when he thought she was cheating on him. Don't believe me, ask EMPD detectives. Ironic side note, Ken Weldon has disrespected his wife and family for decades, with his very well-known mistress and infidelity. Someone should ask why Weldon had a personal office on the top floor of the Chase building that was given to him rent free for years. I wonder what he did in this office. Weldon used his position as Chief to get his daughter a slap on the wrist for a possession of narcotics for sales arrest while in possession of a loaded firearm. Unfortunately, her Latino boyfriend that was with her at the time of her arrest got a prison sentence, abuse of authority, anyone. I won't have time for the rest but Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and everybody do not compromise yourself or your responsibility to the City by associating or accepting dirty money from this man who was chief. You might say he gives to the community, but remember this man has never done anything without asking you for something in return. It looks like you owe to him, and he is demanding payment from you.

Eva Stoltz - I am been told that nothing can be done about all this sidewalk selling. I don't believe that for a minute. Why don't you change code enforcement hours and have them out there on the streets when the people are doing all their selling, especially on the weekends. They are blocking sidewalks that people have to walk around in the street to get by you can just ask Mr. Hoffman about that because it's happened to him. Do we have to bring in the ADA since code enforcement, and the police can't or won't do anything to make people comply with the rules. They are allowed one chair and no tables this is not happening. They are required to display City issued permits, LA County Health permits and business licenses. They are to display it on the street side portion of the vending location at all times. So, all the rules are being broken, and it doesn't look like our City cares. Also, I just read to they are not allowed in residential areas. I can show you three places already that I've seen, while they're popping up and they're selling right in front of their houses. At the last meeting all I heard was talk about meetings and committees not one word about what is being done to better our City. Since El Monte is receiving all this federal money do something to better our City. Try to bring investors, try to bring in a good market. We don't need any more housing, low income or otherwise. It's always been said, keep and spend your tax dollars in El Monte. Where the corner taco stands? And speaking of tax dollars are these people paying taxes? Please don't take me for an idiot because the honor system doesn't work here. Also, the last meeting Mrs. Powers mentioned some of the Council do not pay attention when people are speaking and I watched and what she is saying is the truth and I think this is very rude. Also keeping us waiting for longer than an hour to start the meeting at 7:00 o'clock is rude and inconsiderate. I was shocked that the meeting started today at seven o'clock but we know why because of these presentations and these people that were here. Our City is looking like a dump and no one cares. We are becoming the laughing stock of the San Gabriel Valley and our Council is leading the parade. Thank you for your attention to those matters.



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Samuel Urias – I see there has been a great deal of effort trying to paint Chief Reynoso as improperly influencing a security guard contract. If he was trying to improperly influence a contract why would he report his employment on his Form 700. He has publicly reported it in the past along with his role working in operations because you aren't aware operations is not sales and marketing he had no ownership and is no longer employed by this company he has offered to provide all financial documents to prove he benefited nothing from the contract. Additionally, was the City's procurement procedure followed, yes. Were other bids obtained and considered, yes. Was Chief Reynoso involved in the review or discussion of the bids, no. Has the City Attorney explained to you that this is a confidential personnel matter, yes. Did one of you violate the Brown Act and leak this to the press, anyway, very likely. A Tribune article said the Police Department vetted this company that is absolutely not true this was done by another City Department. Now I'd like to discuss another recent contract since we were on the topic of transparency and conflict of interest. On February 16th the Council was presented with a \$8.0 to \$10.0 million energy contract by Alliance Building Solutions. In open session we heard Mayor Ancona state that the City staff was approached by the vendor, since no RFP or request for competitive bids was ever initiated by the City. Later Council person Morales asked questions about how this vendor initiated its relationship with the City. In other words, where did this vendor come from, who personally contacted this vendor and vouch for them, we then learned that the initial meeting was composed of Mayor Ancona, the City Manager, and Alliance Building Solutions reps including a consultant former State Assemblyman Roger Hernandez. So, as we demand transparency for this \$150,000 security contract which Chief Reynoso is very open to and of which approximately 97% of the funds go to pay security guard salaries. I think the Council should also direct an investigation into who initiated the first Alliance Building Solutions meeting with the City staff, after all the meeting led to an \$8.0 dollar plus contract being presented to Council with no RFP or other competitive bidding. As a side note, the investigation should concurrently, focus on the nature of Mayor Ancona's relationship with Roger Hernandez talk about a conflict of interest. In closing this attack on Chief Reynoso is a poor attempt to deflect the attention away from the hateful, homophobic bigot who has Mayor Ancona and Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela in his pocket. Chief Reynoso has exposed this man for what he is. Mayor Ancona and Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela would advise you to prepare yourself to defend your unconscionable acceptance of this man support, or find your moral compass and a backbone and renounce him, he called one of your colleagues, I quote... If you ever meant anything you have ever said about stopping hate return every penny Ken Weldon donated to your election, even the money you raised at a recent golf tournament put on by former Chief of Police Ken Weldon. We will be watching.

Gabriel Ramirez –So first, let me get this straight, so I know at the last City Council meeting I wasn't here but I was watching on closed session on how the previous regime was speaking on the audits. It's time for the City Council to really look at the audits because for the past years with the regimes that we've had in the City Council are very scared. What is it that you are hiding for? Why is it that we haven't pushed the audits? You talk about transparency. You talk about hypocrisy, well there it is. Look at the previous times when they voted on and you want to question it. Currently, if I were you guys check the tapes and see for yourself how many times I've been violated and also violations of speakers like myself and those who couldn't speak. I remember the previous times Councilmember at the time Jessica Ancona and Vicky Martinez Muela you've seen the violations of the regime that have violated the Brown Act and questioning the member of the public saying where did you get the law degree at. So, if you really want to talk about that then, it's time for the City Council to really push the audits. Because ever since

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Montebello, Lynwood, other cities, Baldwin Park have been already audited and is that we are hiding for because there is a lot of things that should be exposed and I really hope that this City Council really go for it, and really speak out for the truth.

Mike Gomez – I am Mike Gomez and I have been an El Monte resident for almost 40 years. Now I've been involved with the City for over 10 years serving on a number of committees and commissions, including Art and Public Places, the 100th Anniversary Committee, Public Access, the Measure GG Tax Oversight Committee, the Sister City Cultural Commission, and as an Interim Planning Commissioner on the El Monte Planning Commission. I currently serve as Vice Chair on the Measure EM Committee, and also serve as the Los Angeles County Commissioner, having served as Chair of the Los Angeles County Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission 2019 through 2020. Now the reason that I highlight my civic involvement, over the years is because I see things that are presently happening in our City, which are very concerning and I want to call your attention to them. Now there have been a couple of articles in the past few weeks, which have been critical of our Chief of Police David Reynoso. I want to state that I completely support our Chief, and I believe that we're very fortunate to have him as our Chief of Police. Crime in El Monte has been the lowest that it has been in years thanks to him and the fine work of our El Monte Police Officers and our Chief has been able to do this with fewer resources and fewer officers, then any other chief has had. Our City and community is safer because of his leadership and in my opinion, he is the best Chief, that we have ever had in our City. I would also like to commend the work and the incredible leadership of our City Manager Alma Martinez. Alma Martinez has kept the City afloat during this once in a lifetime health crisis of the COVID pandemic. She's also taken on the task of Public Information Officer and even without an Assistant City Manager our City Manager Alma Martinez has been able to assure that our City functions like a well-oiled machine, and moves forward successfully serving all of our residents, especially our most vulnerable our children and our senior citizens. Thank you, City Manager Alma Martinez, and thank you Chief Reynoso, for your unending work on our behalf, your work is deeply appreciated and Chief congratulations on your well-deserved Elks Award. Because of our City Manager's and Police Chief's dedication and commitment to the City and to our residents I believe that they should be commended and not criticized.

Cosme Jimenez – I see nothing but saints coming tonight to tonight's meeting and they claim according to them. The Ex-Mayor Quintero coming to give you lessons on how to run the City in my clear comment it is going to be like I did with the previous Mayor where was he the last 11 years coming to tell you how to run the City he was sitting there for 11 years we have a deficit right now a \$5.0 million dollars deficit a year. The last three years we spoke about marijuana only the last three years every Council meeting do we need that kind of a mayor I don't think so. Talking about marijuana we are paying out City attorney in this agenda coming tonight \$70,000 to represent us due to marijuana so they have something to respond now especially the three votes marijuana votes Councilwoman Morales, Ex-Councilmember Velasco, and Quintero. \$70,000 that is only for this agenda we are paying for marijuana so people know what kind of waste we are going to do to this City if you call that how to run the City, he is telling you how to run the City I guess he needs to see a doctor. Also, when you have a monarchy when three members say yes, all the time that is called monarchy in English or Spanish or whatever you want to call it. They say yes because the seat was bad and we are criticizing Weldon, Weldon he was the mentor of Andre Quintero. Weldon and Clayton, he forgot about it already they were buying seats in those days and he learned, he learned a good lesson to buying seats controlling the Council. The Council was controlled in those days too they had to vote the

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kings way and what are we doing now last five years king's way you have to vote yes or I am going to kick you out get money from the Fire Department, get money from the Police, get money from whatever to kick you out that is what he learned from the previous monarchy. So he is coming here playing like a saint I guess he needs to be called a saint if someone wants to do it is not me and he did a good showing bringing people to criticize Weldon but he is criticizing himself because he went to school with that guy and Clayton he forgot about it when they used him for Measure P they used his name as a chair person for Measure P it was right there.

Charles Hoffman – I am here as a Board member of the director of the El Monte Historical Society representing the Board of Directors of the El Monte Historical Society to inform you through the summer we have extended our hours of the museum. The first Wednesday of each month and the second Saturday of each month. The first Wednesday we are open from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, the second Saturday of each month we are open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We are trying to give people less excuses why they don't come by and if you are in the neighborhood driving down Tyler we are at 3130 Tyler Avenue just drop in and say hello.

Mary Ann Powers – I have been listening to a lot of the comments that have been made tonight. I am thrilled that our crime rate has dropped but I think that has something to do with the fact that what used to be felonies are now misdemeanors. What used to be a misdemeanor is now a ticket and that has a severe effect on the crime rate. I heard somebody talk about how we could take the money that we are getting and fix our streets they need fixing I guess maybe it just happened in the last six or seven months though we have been looking at potholes for years and nothing has been done in the last 10 or 11 years to fix our streets but all of a sudden that is an issue. We talk about money in the City, we could have a lot more money in the City with sales tax if we would of gotten a Walmart but that was part of the legacy of the last 10 years we didn't get that because people were busy taking money from unions and the unions didn't want a Walmart. We have budget deficits we don't have a comfortable budget we have deficits we need to have an audit. An audit is important we have to find out where the money has gone where the holes are that it is leaking through like a sift and then we have the lawsuits for the marijuana. I hope to God somebody gets the backbone to get an investigation going on exactly what occurred. There is too much going on in this City that we just don't know about. We hear everyone talking about transparency let's be transparent get the audit let's do a thorough investigation of the marijuana licenses let's start out with a clean slate and by golly let's fix the potholes that have been sitting around for the last 11 years.

Julio Ramirez – We were criticized for the marijuana. We had a lot of Asians participating right here we had groups. Where's the marijuana, where's the baseball fields, where's all the money now. It was voted I don't want to remind nobody I don't want to come and point at people. Look at Baldwin Park, Senator or whatever you want to call him Mr. Roger Hernandez backed it up where is he at. Where are all of those corrupted people we need an audit now we need an audit. You can come criticize but like they say in Spanish everywhere the money who supports who the unions support it against the Walmart me as a Teamster member I am ashamed that we supported it viva marijuana, viva everything where's the jobs where is it at. Baldwin Park is over there dealing with all that but we were criticized you've seen these rooms filled of Asians, Latinos we were here criticized and wake up vote together and don't do that like other cities 3-2.

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Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela – First of all, I do want to make a comment to say that I think it's laughable the games that are being played here tonight, guilt, will lead people to do crazy things like lead a concerted effort to deflect away from the obvious front-page Sunday news that rocked our City. As Mr. Julio Ramirez would say that's a shame. That's a shame I stand here today, not only as a member of this Council but as a concerned citizen. The community deserves to know how much is enough. How many violations of either legal or ethical code for this Council to take action status quo will not do. How many lawsuits? How many broken or mismanaged contracts? How many employee grievances will it take. We deserve an Administration that makes the residents proud not land us on the front page of the paper. Four articles in three weeks this is embarrassing. Headline May 12, lawsuits accuse El Monte of pay-to-play for cannabis licenses, the integrity of the process was questioned. Headline May 23, El Monte used \$152,000 grant to hire security firm that employed its Police Chief. Columnist May 26, Larry Wilson is your Police Chief starring in a remake of moonlighting. Headline May 28, El Monte Police Chief accuses retired Chief of threats, hate speech. We deserve an administration whose contracts and processes are done in the fullest of transparency, not contracts that lack disclosure are given to political friends or contracts that are agreed to and they're not paid embarrassing the City again. The AIS contract deserves further investigation the public trust was violated. We deserve an administration that takes care of the employees. The letter of the SEIU dated January 21 2021 states over the last year we have filed a handful of grievances and unfair practice charge, and a handful of other workplace complaints. Further in the letter, it states that we have experienced a handful of experiences with the City Manager which we felt lacked a level of professionalism, or respect. The City hired a negotiator because trust had been broken again, and our staff continues to suffer in silence. As Mrs. Stoltz said, we are laughingstock in the San Gabriel Valley all eyes are looking at us. What will the council do?

Alex Castro – I am writing to express my dissatisfaction and disappointment over the actions of City Manager Alma Martinez and Police Chief David Reynoso in regards to the City contract granted to Absolute International Security. The failure to disclose the context of David Reynoso's role in this security firm in order to approve a \$152,000 grant is a blatant act of self-dealing, abuse of public power, and violation of our trust in El Monte's government. Having been the one to authorize David Reynoso to work with AIS in the first place, Alma Martinez had prior knowledge of his employment within the firm. That this information was not presented toward the City Council during the bidding process is evident of her deliberately choosing to hide vital information, knowing that this context would influence your decision. Alma Martinez claims that she had assumed this information was known since David Reynoso's employment had been reported with the FPPC, but why would an honest City Manager not present all the known facts so that the City Council may make an informed decision with such a large amount of money? Her claim is either a blatant cover-up that has not fooled El Monte residents, or it is a sign of her incompetence as a City employee. Frankly, I don't know which is worse. Residents are tired of our City's officials participating in back deals to cut each other checks. I urge the Mayor and members of the City Council to listen to your constituents and support our stand for transparency in El Monte's government.

Irma Zamorano – I'm writing to you in regards to the corruption and crimes in our City!! Immediate action should be taken to fire the Chief of Police David Reynoso!! The highest ranking in the Police Department defrauded the trust of the community! I myself have experience intimidation by him he fails to look into my assault and battery by a pro marijuana protester. He failed to give me my police report for over a year. "Mayor Jessica

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Ancona and City Council it's time to call out the corruption and the crimes in El Monte of the ousted ex-mayor Andre Quintero and former council member Jerry Velasco, felony drunk driving, insurance fraud, sexual harassment, intimidation and the misuse of Ten million dollars from the El Monte promise foundation, the public needs to know who are all the corrupted politicians who get paid to play who serve on El Monte Union High School Board, El Monte City school District Board, Mountain View School District Board, City of El Monte, Rio Hondo College School board also. The City of El Monte needs a state audit, we need transparency we need an investigation into the marijuana! Ex-Mayor Andre Quintero Councilmember Jerry Velasco councilwoman Maria Morales gave preferential treatment to marijuana businesses who donated to their campaign. Shame on them now the taxpayers are facing 2 million dollars in lawsuit. But we called it in 2018 Team El Monte gets paid to play!! Team El Monte doesn't run our city What's next What we residents allow will continue and the public needs to know.

Sandra Gonzalez – I would like the City to address the continual unfair practices, self-dealings, and cover-ups that have allowed government officials to cash in on El Monte's dime. Police Chief David Reynoso's dual roles with both the City and Absolute International Security, as well as City Manager Alma Martinez's purposeful failure to disclose this information during the bidding process is just the most recent in this pattern of deceit. Rather than uphold her responsibility as a dutiful City official to find the most qualified candidate to receive the \$152,000 security grant, Alma Martinez instead twisted facts and hid vital information to the benefit of her colleague. This utter disregard for her role as representative of El Monte and the needs of residents have worked to disgrace the name of El Monte's government. She has not only lied to us but also to you, the Mayor and City Council, during the initial bidding process. As such, I am left wondering what actions the City plans to take in recourse and to prevent such occurrences from happening again in the future. Residents are tired of seeing our city enable a reputation as corrupt and self-serving due to the actions of its own employees. We have taken a stance for transparency in our government, and I strongly urge the Mayor and City Council to do the same.

Florencio Briones – I was disturbed to read in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune the allegations of homophobic remarks made against a previous council member by former police chief Ken Weldon. As one of the few openly gay elected representatives in the San Gabriel Valley, I condemn in no uncertain terms Ken Weldon's remarks, and ask the city council to reconsider any association with him moving forward. Hate speech has no place in El Monte, and anyone **USING** hate speech to intimidate or threaten others has no place holding positions of authority, or wielding any influence in public spaces. Our students see and hear the actions taken by others, whether it is hate speech, or the action or inaction of local leaders to address that hate speech. They should know that the individuals elected to represent them stand against hate speech at all times, not only when the cameras are on.

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

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10. DEMAND RESOLUTION NO. D-643

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

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 1. That the attached list of claims and demands totaling \$4,375,982.45 have been examined by the City Treasurer and that warrant numbers 1098448 through 1098622, and the payroll period ending April 30, 2021 inclusive are hereby allowed in the amounts and ordered paid out of the respective funds as set forth.

**m) Dr. Morales**

**s) Councilmember Herrera**

**5-0**

**Break at 8:11 p.m.**

**Return at 8:25 p.m.**

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2021.

**m) Mayor Ancona**

**s) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela**

**5-0**

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) Dr. Morales**

**s) Councilmember Herrera**

**5-0**



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Resolution Declaring its Property Located at 11462 Lee Lane to be Surplus Land not Needed for its use Pursuant to Government Code Section 54221 of the Surplus Land Act, Finding such Declaration Exempt from Environmental Review, and Taking Related Actions.

**RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the Resolution declaring the property located at 11448 Lee Lane to be exempt surplus land proposed for affordable and moderate-income housing development by a Designated Entity under a competitive bidding process pursuant to Government Code Section 54221(f)(1)(f)(i) of the Surplus Land Act, finding such declaration exempt from environmental review, and taking related actions; and
2. Adopt the Resolution declaring its property located at 11462 Lee Lane to be surplus land not needed for its use pursuant to Government Code Section 54221 of the Surplus Land Act, finding such declaration exempt from environmental review, and taking related actions.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10273

Resolution No. 10274

**m) Dr. Morales**

**s) Councilmember Herrera**

**5-0**

**13. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the public hearing;
2. Receive the presentation from staff;
3. Pose questions to staff;
4. Allow members of the public to offer comment;
5. Pose follow-up questions to staff;
6. Close the public hearing;
7. Adopt a Resolution approving the FY 2021-2022 HUD Annual Action Plan;
8. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to make all conforming modifications and edits and to execute all implementing documents required by HUD; and
9. Direct staff to submit the FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan to HUD.



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

Resolution No. 10275

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

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

**m) Councilmember Herrera**  
**s) Dr. Morales** 5-0  
**Resolution No. 10275**

**m) Councilmember Herrera**  
**s) Dr. Morales** 5-0  
**Approve Item Nos. 8 and 9**

- 13.2 A Public Hearing to Consider and Approve a Resolution Approving Substantial Amendment #2 to the City of El Monte Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan in Accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Regulations.

**RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the public hearing;
2. Receive the presentation from staff;
3. Pose questions to staff;
4. Allow members of the public to offer comment;
5. Pose follow-up questions to staff;
6. Close the public hearing;
7. Adopt a Resolution approving Substantial Amendment #2 to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan;
8. Authorize the reallocation of \$1,323,918 in HOME funds in accordance with the projects listed in the Substantial Amendment #2; and
9. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to make all conforming modifications and edits, and to execute all implementing documents required by HUD.

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

Resolution No. 10276

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- 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) Mayor Ancona
- s) Dr. Morales    5-0
- Approve Item Nos. 7, 8 and 9
- Resolution No. 10276

14. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 14.1 Consideration and Approval of a Purchasing Agreement for EnerGov Development Services Module Software, Data Integration, and Software as a Service (SAAS Services) from Tyler Technologies Inc.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1. Approve a Purchasing Agreement for EnerGov Development Services Module software, data integration, and Software as a Service (SAAS Services) with Tyler Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$85,640 annually for three (3) years, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$256,920.

Total Cost: \$85,640 FY 21-22	Account No: 299-61-017-8145
	LEAP Grant Funds
\$85,640 FY 22-23	299-61-017-8145
	LEAP Grant Funds
\$28,720 FY 23-24	299-61-017-8145
	LEAP Grant Funds
\$56,920 FY 23-24	720-11-111-8145
Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes	Equipment Replacement Fund

Richard Thomas – I am not here to comment on the proposal itself but the fiscal impacts section of this document. For those that don't know the 715 account the equipment account is partially funded by restricted funds which comes from the Sewer Waste Fund. This particular section basically created a lot of confusion as it goes to and begins to talk about money it talks about all the funds being taken from the replacement equipment account. Do we know money wise if Sewer money was used? Was Sewer money not used? It doesn't explain that, then it goes to talk about closing the account and transferring money to another account. You can't hijack restricted funds. Number two, then you go down to the bottom adding more to the confusion after talking about closing the equipment account then it refers to it a few years down the road that that account still exists. So hopefully Jason has an explanation for this one of things I like I say is I don't have a problem with the project I am not here to talk about it but I think before Council

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considers either approving or not approving there needs to be some reconciliation of the money here and where it belongs before there is an approval as it stands right now. Also I want to remind Council in regards to the Sewer Waste Fund due to the fact that money is being paid back even by resolution or anything until it is fully paid back you can't move Sewer money anywhere except where it is approval goes. I think there needs to be some sorting out on the fiscal impact section maybe there is an explanation that can be provided I actually had a chance to talk to our Finance Director who agrees with the confusion part unfortunately reconciling the numbers I talked to him this afternoon he did not have the opportunity to do that so I am guessing that hopefully Jason will have an answer for that if he doesn't you might want to consider making sure that all those numbers all the money that is being looked at is correct and we are not moving restricted funds inappropriately.

**m) Dr. Morales**  
**s) Councilmember Puente** **5-0**  
**with the amendment to change expenses**  
**to the General Fund**

- 14.2 Consideration and Approval of Request to Award a Construction Contract with All American Asphalt, Inc. for the Cedar Avenue, Lower Azusa Road City Limit Area (Zone 2) Street Improvement Project, CIP No. 029 for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$2,730,000.

**RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve to award a Construction Contract to All American Asphalt, Inc. for the Cedar Avenue, Lower Azusa Road City Limit Area (Zone 2) Street Improvement Project, CIP No. 029 for an amount of \$2,373,225 plus a fifteen percent (15%) contingency for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,730,000;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute a Construction Contract with All American Asphalt, Inc.; and
3. Approve the Notice of Exception (NOE) for the construction of the Project and direct staff to file the NOE with the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder's Office.

Total Cost: \$2,730,000	Account No: 223-67-029-8221 - \$1,900,000
	SB1 Funds
	212-67-02908221 - \$830,000
Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes	Measure R

**m) Mayor Ancona**  
**s) Councilmember Herrera** **5-0**

- 14.3 Consider and Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Townsend Public Affairs for a Term of One (1) Year for State and Federal Legislative Advocacy Services.

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RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve a Professional Services Agreement with Townsend Public Affairs for a term of one (1) year in an amount not-to-exceed \$102,000, to provide legislative consulting services related to state and federal legislative advocacy and grant funding advocacy; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. for contractual professional services.

Total Cost: \$102,500  
Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

Account No: 100-11-111-6111  
Non-Departmental  
Contract Services

**m) Councilmember Herrera  
s) Dr. Morales**

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

15. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA:

- 15.1 Presentation and Request for Direction Regarding Energy Conservation Initiatives Including Energy Service Contracts and Other Similar Energy Saving Strategies.

**Will bring back at a future date.**

**m) Dr. Morales  
s) Councilmember Herrera  
Motion to extend meeting  
and conclude with the Towing  
RFP and go into Closed Session**

**Secondary Motion  
m) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela  
s) Mayor Ancona  
Opportunity to have the Council  
have their one or two Council  
Communications and at that point  
Go into Closed Session**

**Third Motion  
m) Mayor Ancona  
s) Dr. Morales  
Extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m.**

**5-0**

- 15.2 Discussion and Request for Input and Direction Regarding the Preparation and Issuance of Request for Proposals (RFP) for Vehicle Towing and Secured Storage Services.

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**Bring something back a little more flushed out, the actual RFP with some of the changes and some of the tweaks. Include information regarding scoring.**

Cosme Jimenez – I don't see any protections here for the customers, for the driver, for the owner of the car. I know most companies have been abusing because when they tow your car let's say you have an expensive item in your trunk for some reason they don't let you open it and take it they impound your car and when you ask for it they do not know about it. And the reason I can see it because the drivers most of the drivers are underpaid I know that maybe making \$15.00 an hour so they are trying to make up the difference. And where would these costumers go tell me right now no place to go you can argue with the owner you are crazy we did not see anything. Something has to be done to stop this abuse and that is number one. Number two they are abusing the hours too they charge you, you have until 5:00 pm to pick up your car sometimes they call you at 4 o'clock or 4:30 you make it at 6 they say sorry one more day. So, there are no regulations to protect the customers that is what I am saying it has to be in this new contract or whatever or even force them to put a phone number if you have a problem with this company call this number or go to the City or anywhere to get your items or whatever problems. The abuse is there all of the companies not only these two I am not saying they are abusing but because it is not written in the contract it is not clarified in the contract so nobody cares.

16. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

16.1 COVID-19 Updates.

17. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: No material submitted.

18. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

18A. Mayor Ancona

18A.1 Request to Reschedule June 15, 2021 Council Meeting to Ensure all Members are Present.

**Meeting of June 15<sup>th</sup> moved to June 16, 2021.**

18A.2 Discussion and Action to Amend Municipal Code to Require that all Contracts be approved by the City Council and Reduce City Manager's Spending Authority to \$0.

18A.3 Discussion and Action to Establish a 4 Year Revolving Door Lobbying to the Municipal Code which will Restrict Former City of El Monte Elected Officials and Employees from Lobbying the City and Profiting.

Andre Quintero – As you are aware there is a one-year statute revolving door statute in the State of California and that prohibits former elected officials and

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former directors and officers to be able to lobby get paid to lobby the City Council and the idea there is to give a cooling off period for folks like myself and other people that have been here and leave. I would suggest if the Council is considering this direction that you might actually consider a comprehensive approach which includes lobbyist registration, banning lobbyist from getting gifts of \$10 or more, and lastly most importantly making this a lifetime ban. I don't believe anybody who has worked for the City, an employee or an elected official should be able to profit off of that service that they had at the City so a lifetime ban and that might be able to address some of the issues that we had that were recently, not recently mentioned but that come to mind. For example, when we had our street sign issue there are some people that have been former employees and current employees who were intimately involved in that debacle maybe if they had had that lifetime ban they wouldn't have been able to have those types of conversations and engage in that type of activity so it is definitely something I think worth looking at. There is a number of things here including that one that kind of fit in an ethics box and then maybe a committee, an ad hoc committee.

Gabriel Ramirez – Yes, I do agree on 18A.3 that includes but I also want to suggest to the Council that former Councilmembers or Mayors should not have any rights to control on City Hall as it is been previous not just the current past but also the previous regime so that if you could put that for the record I would appreciate that because it has really taken a power grab for 11 years and it is time that it is now transparency that it is once you are off office it is time to move on and let this current Council and the people that elected to govern the City and to work for the people not having even though you are off the Council having pursuing them in ways to vote or in any way, shape or form. That really needs to stop it has happened before Andre Quintero but it is happening all in the past so I would really appreciate that this be implemented on the records. I am in full support with you Mayor Ancona on this that includes for employees, former employees or elected officials or former or current that are lobbying for the City and profiting. And also, just want to make sure that non-profits like the Promise Foundation as well too also include similar to that.

Mayor Ancona – My question for my colleagues was if their interest to bring something forth regarding this topic whether it be a four year, a lifetime ban to give direction to legal counsel to bring hopefully within the next meeting or so.

Dr. Morales – I think this is part of the ethics conversation with the commission so I don't know if Councilmember Herrera is already moving in that direction.

Councilmember Herrera – This is something that I feel is within the realm, within the scope of that committee so I would like to see that there.

Mayor Ancona – I was giving a cooling off period, considering you know when we leave office I would like to think when we leave employment here, whether it be former employees, you know that we are here to serve our City we're not here to profit off of our City. That's my belief in bringing this forth, I knew there was a one year cooling off period as implemented by the state, state legislature so that's already a given. I thought four years, allows for two election cycles to pass anything can happen in two election cycles. One of these other contracts that we just had, there was a former elected official that you know also works with that entity and it's

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within a two three year, you know, from them leaving office. So that was just where I was going with it I was thinking four year would give enough time. But, you know, if people want to do a lifetime even better. I didn't think a lifetime would fly but you know it is also keeping track of so many years so would it be four years, or a lifetime I'm okay with that.

Councilmember Puente – I think that four years is appropriate I think a lifetime might be a tad restrictive. I think limiting a person's employability if they choose to go into lobbying as a means of making a living I mean I would hate to put a cap on that. I think four years is appropriate if we choose to revisit that at a later time I think we might leave that for another time but I think four years might be appropriate and I think that conversation can be had in the realm of the ethics ad hoc.

Mayor Ancona – I also think it should include consulting, we had this conversation about consulting and what consulting means.

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela – I think the Ethics Ad Hoc has its work cut out for determining some of the language in which people will be bound and then again, the term which these people will be bound too.

Mayor Ancona – Staff I believe you have direction to continue to explore this.

Councilmember Herrera – We will take this on as a task. I wanted to make it clear that there is a distinction between lobbyist someone who is getting paid to speak before the Council in representation of a client and then there are people like the citizens in the audience who come here because they have a passion, who love this community, residents and voters who have an interest in being here.

**At 10:30 p.m.**

**m) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela**

**s) Ancona**

**To extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m.**

18A.4 Discussion on El Monte Municipal Code Chapter 2.08.040 duties of Mayor as Presiding Officer.

18A.5 Discussion and Action on a Third-Party Investigation on the Procurement of the AIS Security Contract for Project Homekey.

18A.6 Discussion and Direction to Place Ballot Initiatives on November 2021 Election to Consider Cost Savings through Restructuring of Elected Positions and Cycles.

- Removal of Elected Mayor to add a 5<sup>th</sup> Council Member and Adopt Rotating Mayor Policy which will Result in Election Cost Savings and/or
- Proposal to have Elected Mayor Serve a 4 Year Position to Reduce Election Costs.

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- Removal of Elected City Clerk Position with Cost Savings of \$35,000/year + Election Costs.
- Removal of Elected Treasurer Position with Cost Savings of \$35,000/year + Election Costs.

18A.7 Discussion and Action Regarding a Resolution of the City Council Calling for a State Audit for High Risk Local Governments.

18A.8 Filling of Vacancies on City Commissions and Committees.

Andre Quintero – This is always a challenging thing I remember when I first got elected the Council had a way of making the appointments and I think what happened was at one point Mayor Pat Wallach was supposed to be making appointments and the Council decided to kind of by de facto strip her of that kind of authority and then it became common place where each member of the Council would nominate someone and that is how it would proceed for a period of time. I remember distinctly one meeting where two colleagues walked out because they didn't feel I was considering their concerns so I share these thoughts just to give some perspective not all of you were here at the time. It is a collaborative effort obviously the Mayor by law and that is something that I asserted as I was Mayor has the opportunity to appoint subject to Council approval and that is where working in collaboration with your colleagues will probably go a long way. I thought it would have been more appropriate to just to remove everyone from every committee and commission before I left so that it left you with a clean slate but I think there were some concerns from staff that if we would have done that initially it was a 2-2 situation that there might not be appointments to be made and that would of delayed and created more havoc than necessary so to the extent that you work with your colleagues on this it will go a lot smoother.

Mayor Ancona – I actually had a conversation with one of my colleagues yesterday and I am looking to bring forward maybe the creation of an ad hoc. But considering last Council meeting there was a discussion of we don't even know who some of these folks are so if maybe one other Councilmember can maybe sit through interviews with me and then we both can bring a recommendation.

Dr. Morales – I would be happy to if you would allow me.

Mayor Ancona – Okay, thank you Dr. Morales. Colleagues if that is okay Dr. Morales and I will.

18A.9 Discussion and Direction to Review EMPD Patrolling Practices in Response to Increased Community Concerns.

18A.10 Discussion and Direction on a Citywide Catalytic Theft Deferent Event with EMPD and Current Tow Contractors.



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18A.11 Request for Report and Recommendations from Measure EM Oversight Committee.

18A.12 Discussion and Action Regarding Budget Approval Process and Adopting a City Mandated Deadline.

18A.13 Discussion on Job Fair with Local Unions and Building Trades.

18A.14 Request for Presentation on End of the Year Citywide Project Updates.

18B. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela

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

18B.2 Discussion and Action on Third Party Investigation into the Procurement of the Absolute International Security (AIS) Contract for Project Homekey.

18B.3 Report to Public on Recent Computer Breach.

18B.4 Update on El Monte Water System.

18B.5 Discussion and Action Regarding Contract Oversight and Administrative Spending Authority.

18B.6 Discussion on Outstanding Economic Development Projects.

18B.7 Discussion on Whistleblower Policy.

18B.8 Discussion and Action Regarding El Monte Policy on Smoke Free Outdoor Areas.

18B.9 Discussion and Action Regarding Citywide Employee Survey of Workplace Satisfaction and Recommendations.

18B.10 Discussion and Action Regarding Budget Approval Process and Adopting a City Mandated Deadline.

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18B.11 Discussion and Action on Reinstating the Neighborhood Services Program.

18C. Councilman Herrera

18C.1 Discussion on Resolution in Support of the City of Arcadia's Tiny Homes Project.

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 Discussion Regarding Campaign Finance Reform.

18D.4 Discussion Regarding District Elections.

18D.5 Discussion Regarding Updating the General Plan.

18D.6 Discussion Regarding the Development of a Climate Action Plan.

18D.7 Discussion and Action Regarding Universal Basic Income.

18D.8 Discussion and Direction on Starting a Pilot Program to Have an Unarmed Team of Social Workers and Mental Health Professionals Respond to Non-Violent Police Calls for Service Involving our Homeless Community.

18D.9 Discussion and Action Regarding Agenda Setting.

18E. Councilwoman Puente

18E.1 Discussion Regarding Transitional Module Housing.

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19. ADJOURNMENT:

**m) Mayor Ancona**

**s) Dr. Morales**

**To adjourn the meeting at 12:09 a.m.**

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