

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING  
OF JUNE 29, 2021

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

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

2. ROLL CALL FOR CITY COUNCIL AND AUTHORITY BODIES:

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

4. CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council and the various Authority Bodies whose membership is composed exclusively of the membership of the City Council (collectively, the “Council”) will attempt to address and complete all Closed Session business between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. If the Council completes all Closed Session business prior to 7:00 p.m., the Council will take a short recess and commence all Open Session proceedings promptly at 7:00 p.m. In the event the City Council is unable to address or complete all agendaized Closed Session items by 7:00 p.m., the Council will hear all such remaining items toward the end of the meeting, immediately following Council Communications. Should any member of the public wish to address the Council on any *agendaized* Closed Session matter, the Council shall allow such person to address the Council on such matter prior to going into Closed Session, provided that all persons wishing to address the Council on an agendaized Closed Session matter shall fill out a speaker card and be subject to a speaker’s time limit of 3 minutes per speaker and further provided that the Council shall be under no obligation to respond to or deliberate upon any specific questions or comments posed by a speaker or take action on any issue raised by a speaker beyond such action as the City Council may be lawfully authorized to take on an agendaized Closed Session matter pursuant to the Brown Act (Govt. Code Section 54950 et seq.).

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

**Mayor Ancona and the City Council recessed into Closed Session at approximately 6:02 p.m. Mayor Ancona and the City Council reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 7:04 p.m.**

**Mayor Ancona and the City Council recessed into Closed Session at approximately 9:25 p.m. Mayor Ancona and the City Council reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 10:36 p.m. All members of the City Council were present for Items 4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7 and 4.8 which were heard at the first part of the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela was not present during the second Closed Session discussion for Items 4.3, 4.4, 4.9 and 4.10.**

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

**Just generally speaking as to all items updates were provided by various legal counsels, City staff this is as to all 10 items, feedback given by the City Council but as to each item but ultimately no final action taken on any of the 10 items.**

- 4.1 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 (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 Deputy Director; Joaquin Vazquez, Assistant City Attorney; and Richard Padilla, Assistant City Attorney.

Under Discussion:

Both Price and Terms.

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

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

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- 4.4 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Regarding the Following Related Matter: Nibble This – El Monte, LLC vs. City of El Monte, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCP04044.
- 4.5 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Regarding the Following Related Matter: City of El Monte, et al. vs. Purdue Pharma, LP, et al., Case No. 19STCV10532.
- 4.6 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.
- 4.7 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(3) – Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation – One (1) Matter.
- 4.8 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.
- 4.9 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 – Discussion Relating to Preparations for Annual/Routine Performance Evaluation Per Section 8 of City Manager Employment Contract.
- 4.10 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.

**OPEN SESSION PROCEEDINGS**

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

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5. INVOCATION: **Chaplain Joseph Chen – I-Kuan Tao. Mayor Ancona**
  
6. FLAG SALUTE: **City Council. Mayor Ancona**
  
7. RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND COMMUNITY INTEREST PRESENTATIONS:
  - 7.1 Recognition of Sergeant Jacob Salmon named Sergeant of the Year. **Present**
  
  - 7.2 Recognition of Officer Carlos Molina named Police Officer of the Year. **Present**
  
  - 7.3 Recognition of Julio Contreras named Civilian of the Year. **Present**

**Break at 7:15 p.m.**  
**Return at 7:25 p.m.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela left the meeting at approximately 7:25 p.m.**

8. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING NON-AGENDIZED MATTERS:

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

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

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

*Enforcement of Decorum:* The Chief of Police, or such member, or members of the Police Department as the Chief of Police may designate, shall serve as the Sergeant-at-Arms of

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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.

Jane Myring – First off, I want to thank those who attended the lunch that we had that I talked about a few weeks ago it was lovely. It was wonderful to be able to talk with others because we have been so isolated it was a wonderful thing and last week I went to the one Meals on Wheels you can tell people want to see each other they want to talk and this is such a nice way to get with the community. The second thing I want to talk about is fireworks I understand it is the safe and sane only if it used properly it is safe and sane and we must remember that but I would like the public to be aware we have been having fireworks for the past couple of months some of them are house shaking and we know those don't come from the safe and sane. I don't have a good hearing thing for direction from where they are coming from and that causes a problem I can't call it in and say it is coming from over there or there because my ears don't work properly but for you have good ears I think we should take the time and report those places where they are coming from this has got to stop I mean it is so hard even on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I can tell you that even at my stand at times we have to have someone sitting outside we had one that almost land on top of the stand and we had to be aware of it. So, it is very important that if you know that your neighbors are doing it it is kind of hard to say but don't let them get away with it they know better and I think that we should all take notice of it. Just take time to report it and help us so that it doesn't get so out of hand because it is out of hand now.

Eva Stoltz – Tonight I will start off with two thank yous to Councilwoman Martinez Muela for letting us know at the last meeting that I attended that it was going to start late but she had the decency to come out and tell us about it that is a first. Second thank you to Councilman Herrera for supporting the women's club lunch you impressed the women there by introducing yourself. I understand the City lawyer can't stop the Mayor on her rant and raving on the former Mayor yet no one call tell her what a bully and pest she is by using her chair to do this. Do we have a double standard here? Also, over \$20,000 for two movies how is this justified? Also, I would like to know what a traveling market is I think I got a little explanation of it but wasn't too good. The Mayor says we have to start tightening our belts I think we should start up there with all of your perks starting with your car allowance. How much did you spend on gas driving nowhere during the pandemic? Also, phones that you have to have anyways. In the past I had a very good friend on the Council she would laugh at the money being paid to her, her car allowance to drive from Lower Azusa to Valley Boulevard it looks like being up there is your own personal ATM. Getting back to the taco stands I have a picture of a resident on my phone selling beer packages it was a tool box and you had your choice of beer or strawberries along with the tools in there her name is there if anyone wants to see it. Is this selling liquor without a license? Do any of you up there keep up with what is going on in our City? Like I've said our City

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is looking like a dump and you are allowing it to happen. The off ramp of the 10 freeway on Garvey Avenue going west that has so much graffiti under there it has been there for two weeks and not to mention the trash that is there. We had a wonderful pride celebration at the farmer's market and it was looking great but where is the pride in our City.

Steven Trumble – I'm Steven Trumbull and I'm the Library Manager for Norwood library and sort of temporarily for the El Monte library and Tyler as well. The library has been active throughout the year of the pandemic and it's still going strong. Almost all the libraries are open to the public now. Tuesday through Saturday, some are open Monday through Friday. Instead I want to talk about just a few of the programs that have, that are going on now first of all lunch at the library, you can pick up a free lunch and breakfast at a number of libraries including the El Monte library on Tyler Tuesday through Friday from 12 to 1pm for kids and teens 18 and under reheatable breakfast and lunch first come first served and the kids don't need to be there so if you want to come and pick up breakfast and lunch for your kids who happen not to be with you, then, you're welcome to do that. The other thing is the spring and summer Discovery Program from April 5th we started early through August 8 you just sign up at the library or you can sign up online, you read books you review books you're eligible for prizes and drawings and it's something that libraries all across the country have done for years and years and even though in many ways, we have been limited by the pandemic we have still kept this going on. In addition to some outdoor programming has come with going on in some locations nowhere, very close by unfortunately, we have a lot of virtual programs going on the July 2021 schedule has just come out and we're going to have for tweens and teens, financial savvy, take a tour of LA County's natural area parks, public speaking. There is a program called Work Ready for adults that allows adults to sign up for a series of courses and among these are, find a job if you're 50 Plus, workers' rights with LA County Consumer and Business Affairs, living a fulfilling career journey and so there are all kinds of things going on. And Tomorrow speaking of the virtual programs and by the way this is all done on WebEx and many of these programs need pre-registrations so login to [LA Countylibrary.org](http://LACountylibrary.org) and that's where you can find the virtual programming that's coming in. Tomorrow an Evening with Luis J. Rodriguez, who is the author of always running June 30 6pm on WebEx. You can sign up by you can either you can sign up at [la.county.library.org/virtual](http://la.county.library.org/virtual) hyphen programming, and there should be a very interesting thing. Join us for a special evening he served as the 2014, Los Angeles Poet Laureate and is known for his work as a community and urban peace activist mentor and youth and arts advocate for a general audience so library has been closed for a long time but we've always been active. Thank you and do stop by another we're open again.

Christian Garcia –I'm here tonight to speak in the view on our concerning matter of public safety which affects us all in El Monte, as well as Los Angeles County. Now I hope we can agree that crime has no boundaries, anything that happens from one of our bordering cities affects us here in El Monte. George Gascon ran his campaign on bringing justice for to Los Angeles and yeah, we need reform to see otherwise would be naive. However, reform should not be a blanket policy, that doesn't consider facts or the history of person's case. Reform isn't releasing dangerous criminals back into the communities and it's definitely not going behind the back of the judicial system and victim families to making plea deals for seven years for gang related murders. Now he says that he'll use diversion programs, instead of incarceration. Apparently, the DA doesn't know that in order to be eligible for divergence programs, you have to have charges filed. Now to be interesting to know how many charges in El Monte have been rejected by the DA. How many of these charges are the ones that directly affect us here in El Monte and quality of life, from the

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thieves of catalytic converters to vehicles taggers and home burglaries. Now some will say that this is what he told the people that he was going to do during his campaign, which is why he was elected. Now it is surprising to know that he didn't even make a special directive known until the day he took office. He will also say well, George Gascon himself states that he's using scientific data, and that his methodology will work. Well Gascon should know that scientific studies are peer reviewed in order to back up the data, ensuring legitimacy his studies are not, you actually paid for by the same groups that funded his election, and who to this day advise him. On various occasions the DA has told the local media outlets that those against him are part of this scary Republican net recall. While I am not Republican my family members are all Democrats and the majority did vote for Gascon and they already signed the recall petition. This past election both the mayor and the chief of police of San Francisco, they endorsed Jackie Lacy instead of him. Now can you imagine if your own boss is not recommending you for a position that you applied for and instead recommending another applicant. Now that speaks volumes. As of today, 22 cities have passed a vote of no confidence in Gascon and he not showed up to a city council meeting to address the concerns of the council. Instead, his response via his spokesperson is, and I quote "These are little red dots of red in a sea of blue. Ultimately, it's pretty relevant." Now prior to the crime doesn't care if you are in a blue city or red city, they don't care your sexual orientation, the color of your skin, your ethnicity, your accent, your occupation and crime doesn't care if you are father or mother or brother or sister. We can wait for any heinous crimes against another person, or worse, a child to occur in El Monte. Now El Monte needs to be proactive. Therefore, I ask the City Council to make our voices heard by not only introducing, but also by supporting a vote of no confidence in DA Gascon at the next City Council. El Monte is made up of varying ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds, we're not irrelevant.

Gabriel Ramirez – I know I wasn't there at the last City Council meeting and by watching I guess it is very different watching the meeting through online and here it is very different because again because there is editing afterwards compared to the regular tv cable. So last meeting was very when I saw the City Attorney I get it that there are members of the public that want to speak however they were exercising their first amendment rights they were not making any threats or whatsoever I understand that first amendment you have the right to express your freedom of speech. And yes, I understand there is another one that is pretty much says public comment regarding non-agendized item I understand that there is that it was address to the public which it was and it is very despicable very disgusting to have the City Attorney come in Rick Olivarez to silence two members of the public and these are just trying to address to their Council again to everyone. So, I would appreciate that he would issue the City Attorney an apology publicly. Second, as far as for the meetings I have been noticing that when you are watching on cable and online I know online you can see it for quite a bit but I guess but when you edit on Thursdays it's not what it is fully version of the meeting in public so I would really appreciate that it needs to be fully corrected and not edit parts that are censoring or be the real form. And lastly, I would appreciate that we have a new system because the mic systems even on the zoom calls have been very poor this really needs to be addressed because again in Committees for GG it is very lack to hear it on the microphone and our system isn't adequately correct sometimes there are some charges other cities that have a very good system on the mic just want to make sure to address to that.

Cosme Jimenez – I just want to do a quick follow-up from last meeting which was stopped by the City Attorney and it is not easy to be a City Attorney because you are going to be a political attorney and City Attorney at the same time you have to please everybody at

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the same time the previous administration, the new administration so it is not easy being a City Attorney. Also, he has to remember that City Attorney means City the whole City we pay him to work over here he doesn't get paid by the Mayor, the City Councilmembers it is a citywide representation what is best for the citizens what is best for the Council he has to be both sides at the same time. Also, just for reference and for record I want to give this copy to the City Attorney so that Mr. Olivarez can read it was about a lady a high school student from back east got in trouble because she named the for [inaudible] the high school and she got in trouble she got kicked out of a group in the high school it went all the way up to the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court sided with her 8-1 votes, 8-1 not 1-8, 8-1 in favor of her that the item could be corrected and that she was right the first amendment rights have to be respected.

Mary Ann Powers – Good evening Council staff. It was really kind of refreshing tonight to see the recognition that you had. I've never seen or I've never heard the Police Officers Association actually recognize their fellow officers and that was good to see and congratulations to those officers, and thank you to all of our officers for what they do and for putting their lives on the line to make us safe. Last week we spent a lot of time talking about the budget and how to cut and how to save money and I really think that the Councilmembers need to take a real hard look at all the disbursements before you approve them so quickly. I was looking over some of the disbursements and one of them was one vendor got \$240,000 in the month of June, 25% of that \$59,000 was the retainer. With a retainer of almost \$60,000 we still had another \$180,000 in charges, what's covered by the retainer? We need to start asking some questions so we need to start getting some explanations, a retainer of \$59,000 that is \$708,000, a year, we could hire a couple of attorneys for that. I'm sure they come to work for us for \$350,000. I just, I find it a little bit mind blowing that we so casually approve all of these expenditures. It's time we take a look. and maybe we need to take a look and decide whether or not we need to hire attorneys back and start our own legal department, because I'm sure Clarke Moseley, and his staff, never made that kind of money. We need to take a hard look at how we spending our money and I think that's another reason why we need to have a state audit, and we've got attorneys on board on the Council now so that they would be even more helpful at taking a look at how the money is being spent. And if we could do a better job, or legal expenses are out of sight. Thank you. Have a good evening and a Happy Fourth of July.

Divided Association – Mayor, members of the City Council, and members of the El Monte Police Officers Association, I am writing to you as a concerned EMPOA member with concerns I have regarding our current El Monte Police Officers Association board of directors. Most of our association members come to work day in and day out serving the citizens of El Monte. The membership takes for granted the board they voted into office will fully represent the entire membership, not only a few or themselves. Unfortunately, I believe that is not the case. It is obviously clear, the EMPOA Board of Directors do not all have the same mindset. You can ask any EMPOA board member and they will tell you there is a separation amongst the board. With that being said, my concern is within four board members and the decisions they make, not the board as an entirety. Below are a few bullet points of some of the concerns I have. Board members are supporting and endorsing Jessica Ancona and Vicki Martinez. Ancona and Martinez have NEVER voted yes for anything relating to the EMPOA. As a matter of fact, both council members have been extremely vocal regarding cutting police services, including the air support and specialized units. Both have been very vocal regarding Police Department overtime and recently sent the Sergeant of Arms for the council meeting home because Ancona did not want to pay overtime, yet the position has always been filled for years, yet no concern for

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the board. They have both been vocal at several council meetings regarding Police Department overtime. Overtime is never an issue with other city departments or the fire department budget. Although not an election year, the EMPOA board decided to give both Ancona and Martinez \$5,000 each of your POA dues. Last year Ancona attended an anti-police rally with her daughter to the front of the El Monte Police Department during the George Floyd protests and riots. Ancona stood in solidarity with the protesters demanding the firing of El Monte Police Department officers involved in a use of force incident in the Klingerman apartments. Ancona and Martinez are both endorsed and funded by a prior chief of police. The is the same chief of police where an El Monte PD Air Support police unit has been seen parked in front of on several occasions. Although that board member was probably just paying for a "Dukes Brick" where his son plays. By the way, this brick, which supports one of the board members' son, was paid using EMPOA dues. So please send the board any financial requests to benefit your child. One of the board members I have concerns with has recently denounced the board's decisions they are currently making to administration in an attempt to successfully land a retirement job. Hopefully the memo for the TRAP assignment will fly soon. Today we honor Civilian and Sergeant of the year which is voted upon by the membership. Julio Contreras and Sergeant Jacob Salmon are examples of leaders of the El Monte Police Department. Unfortunately, Officer Carlos Molina was voted as officer of the year by 10 members of the EMPOA. What is disheartening is Officer Carlos Molina, formally detective Molina did not work one day in the year of 2020 due to being on administrative leave. Yet the El Monte Police Officers Association board made the decision to present this award in front of members of the city council. If you have any questions regarding my concerns, please ask any board member to answer the following concerns. You can also watch any council meetings on our city website which will clearly confirm Ancona and Martinez are no friends of the EMPOA.

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

10. DEMAND RESOLUTION NO. D-645

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 \$4,634,410.71 have been examined by the City Treasurer and that warrant numbers 1098977 through 1099240, and the payroll period ending May 31, 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**

**4-0 (Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela absent)**

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

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12. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

12.1 Waiver of Full Reading of Ordinance(s).

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

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

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

**m) Mayor Ancona**

**s) Councilmember Herrera 4-0 (Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela absent)**

12.2 Approval of Request for Authorization to Accept Funding from the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging Community and Senior Services for the Supportive Services Program for Contract Years 2019-2023.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City of El Monte Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department to accept funding from the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging and Community and Senior Services for the Supportive Services Program for Contract Years 2019-2023 in the amount of \$52,500; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to designate the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director to sign all necessary documents to execute grant documentation.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

**m) Mayor Ancona**

**s) Councilmember Herrera 4-0 (Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela absent)**

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- 12.3 Approval of the Establishment of Fund 293 Homeland Security Grant Fund and Fund 215 Permanent Local Housing Allocation Grant Fund Along with the Appropriation Limits for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the establishment of Fund 293 Homeland Security Grant Fund and the appropriation limit of \$162,000 for Fiscal Year 2020-21; and
2. Consider and approve the establishment of Fund 215 Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Grant Fund and the appropriation limit of \$850,000 for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

**m) Mayor Ancona**

**s) Councilmember Herrera**

**4-0 (Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela absent)**

13. PUBLIC HEARINGS: **No material submitted.**

14. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 14.1 Consideration and Adoption of the Comprehensive Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 by Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and adopt a Resolution approving the FY 2021/22 Comprehensive Annual Operating Budget totaling \$239.0 million, which includes: \$79.6 million General Fund Budget; \$21.3 million Enterprise Fund (Water and Sewer) Budget; and \$138.1 million Special Revenue Funds and Other Funds Budget; and
2. Consider and adopt a Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Water Budget totaling \$8,462,255.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10282

Resolution No. EMWA-33

Cosme Jimenez – I just want to make a quick comment related to budget all I can say when we are running out of options when it comes to balancing the budget. In 2005 we encountered the first roadblock to balance the budget with the idea that

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came out to use Utility User's Tax that's when it came out in 2005 only lasted about five years because we keep increasing giving raises and raises without looking at accounts or the balances of the accounts that is what we do here that is the mistake we do also in 2009 we ran out of options again and it came out of the Measure GG tax ½ a percent tax in 2009 that was for five years only that was the agreement 2014 came up I guess we promised more raises we couldn't let the tax go the Measure GG tax go so we continue to tax another five years if we keep giving raises and raises but we don't check the balance in the accounts that is the problem Councilmembers I am not talking about you in particular any Councilmembers that is sitting there we give you the raise we do not check the balance in the bank we continue doing that, that is the problem I can see here for many years being around. Now everything is out no options left because people don't want any more taxes you can try it but it doesn't work the Fire Department just tried one a couple of months ago a Parcel Tax it was going to be \$100 to every homeowner it didn't pass and I am glad it didn't pass I voted no because if you are making \$200,000 a year or \$500,000 a year you are asking me for a tax increase if I am making \$18,000 a year in social security and you are making half a million dollars something is wrong with you not me abusing the people that is the way I see it. Also we are not using the Finance Director he talks and talks he gives good presentations but I guess we don't need him because no one listens to him for many many years he talks and this and that, we can do this we can do that the unions I guess you have to bow to the unions the donations the unions give you I guess you have to pay it back and it doesn't have to be that way it is time for the people to get a relief because the only option we have now is to get a new tax and you are not going to get it I tell you right now I will be the first one in line to stop it too because you have to get your house in order first before you talk about another tax this is the City with the highest tax in the San Gabriel Valley because we don't pay attention to the budget. Hopefully right now we have new members so I hope we can do something about it.

**Break at 9:04 p.m.**

**Return at 9:15 p.m.**

**That the City Manager and staff be directed to further study the City's 2021-2022 Budget to reassess certain cuts and to find alternative cost savings to some of the cost saving proposals presented tonight but that concurrent with that effort that the City Manager also return with a continuing Resolution that the Council can adopt at the earliest possible meeting opportunity so that the City is at least covered under the auspices of a continuing Resolution pending final approval of the 2021-2022 Budget.**

**m) Mayor Ancona**

**s) Councilmember Herrera 4-0 (Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela absent)**

- 14.2 Consideration and Approval of Request to Use Asset Forfeiture Funds for the Purchase of Gas Masks for Members of the Police Department.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

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1. Consider and approve the expenditure of Asset Forfeiture funds from Account No. 259-71-711-6248 in an amount not-to-exceed \$76,000 for the purchase of 130 gas masks for staff use; and
2. Consider and approve Boydd Products Incorporated, as the lowest bid in accordance with the City's Purchasing Policy.

Total Cost: \$76,000 Account No: 259-71-711-6248  
Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A Asset Forfeiture

**m) Councilmember Herrera**  
**s) Councilmember Puente 4-0 (Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela absent)**

- 14.3 Consideration and Approval of Request to Purchase a New Server Infrastructure for the Police Department.

**RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the purchase for replacement hardware to include servers, storage area network (SAN), back-up hardware/software, and professional services using Asset Forfeiture Account No. 259-71-711-6321 in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,650 from the Nth Generation; and
2. Approve the purchase of iLand's cloud storage for datacenter back-up, disaster recovery, and business continuity from Nth Generation in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,000 annually using Account No. 100-71-711-321.

Total Cost: \$300,650 Account No: 259-71-711-6321  
Asset Forfeiture Account  
100-71-711-6321  
Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A \$10,000 (Annually)

**m) Mayor Ancona**  
**s) Councilmember Herrera 4-0 (Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela absent)**

- 14.4 Consideration and Approval of Request to Authorize the Purchase Agreement of Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) from EVOQUA Water Technologies for Production Wells 3, 2A, 12, and the El Monte Operable Unit for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

**RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the purchase of granular activated carbon from Evoqua Water Technologies not-to-exceed \$243,768 for Production Wells 3, 2A, 12, and the El Monte Operable Unit Treatment Plant for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; and

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2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the Contract Services Agreement.

Total Cost: \$243,768

Account No: 600-67-679-6111 - \$ 74,437  
600-67-696-6111 - \$169,331

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

Water Authority Fund Contract Services

**m) Dr. Morales**

**s) Councilmember Herrera**

**4-0 (Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela absent)**

- 14.5 Consideration and Approval to Extend the Professional Services Agreement with Navisite, LLC for the Microsoft SQL Server Managed Services.

**RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve to extend the Microsoft SQL Server managed services with Navisite, LLC for an amount not-to-exceed \$40,000 annually.

Total Cost: \$40,000

Account No: 100-24-261-6111

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

**m) Dr. Morales**

**s) Councilmember Puente**

**4-0 (Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela absent)**

- 14.6 Consideration and Approval to Migrate the Current On-Premise Microsoft Exchange Servers to the Cloud Based Microsoft Office 365 Tenant.

**RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve to purchase Microsoft Office 365 licenses in the amount not-to-exceed \$80,000 annually from Trace 3, LLC;
2. Approve Trace 3, LLC to provide professional services to migrate the current on-premise Microsoft Exchange servers to the cloud based Microsoft Office 365 tenant for a not-to-exceed amount of \$9,000; and
3. Approve the total cost of the project for a not-to-exceed amount of \$110,000 which will include a contingency.

Total Cost: \$110,000

Account No: 100-24-261-6321

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

**m) Mayor Ancona**

**s) Dr. Morales**

**4-0 (Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela absent)**

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- 14.7 Consideration and Approval of Recommendation to Award a Construction Contract to Certified Roofing Applicators, Inc., for the Roof Replacement Project for the Homekey Program at the Budget Inn.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

If so desired by the City Council, it is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the award of a Construction Contract to Certified Roofing Applicators, Inc. in the amount of \$289,720 for the roof replacement project for the Homekey Program at the Budget Inn; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the Construction Contract and approve change orders that may be necessary during construction to cover any unforeseen conditions in an amount not-to-exceed 20% of the construction contract

Total Cost: \$289,720

Account No: ESG-CV

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

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

**3-1 (Mayor Ancona No  
Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela absent)**

15. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA: **No material submitted.**

16. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

16.1 2021 Fireworks Deployment Update.

**At 9:24 p.m.**

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

**4-0 (Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela absent)**

**Motion to extend the meeting to finish  
the last Closed Session Items.**

17. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: No material submitted.

18. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

18A. Mayor Ancona

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.

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18C. Councilman Herrera

18D. Councilwoman Dr. Morales

18D.1 Discussion Regarding Evidence and Cost of State Audit.

18E. Councilwoman Puente

19. ADJOURNMENT:

**m) Mayor Ancona**

**s) Councilmember Puente**

**4-0 (Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela absent)**

**Adjourn the meeting at 10:37 p.m.**

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