

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
OF JULY 20, 2021

MEETING JOINTLY AND REGULARLY WITH THE EL MONTE HOUSING AUTHORITY; EL MONTE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY; EL MONTE PARKING AUTHORITY; EL MONTE WATER 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: **5:30 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL FOR CITY COUNCIL AND AUTHORITY BODIES:

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

**3-0 (Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela and Councilmember Herrera absent)**

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 agendized 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 *agendized* 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 agendized 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 agendized 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 4.12.**

**Mayor Ancona and the City Council recessed into Closed Session at approximately 5:31 p.m.**

**Both the Special Meeting and the Regular Meeting included the same set of Closed Session items and so there was overlap. Items 4.1 through 4.7 were heard as part of the Special Meeting and remaining items were heard as part of the Regular Meeting. For Items 4.1 through 4.7, Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela did not participate she arrived at 6:10 p.m. and participated on the second half. Councilmember Herrera did arrive at 5:38 p.m. and participated for both Special Meeting and Regular Meeting portion of the agenda.**

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

**Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla reported out of Closed Session with respect to Items 4.1 through 4.12.**

- 4.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: City of El Monte vs. Chun Li, et al., LASC Case No. 20PSCV00381.

**General update was provided by legal counsel Alex Lemieux, direction given by the City Council but no final action taken.**

- 4.2 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: City of El Monte vs. Ming Chu Lau, et al., LASC Case No. 20PSCV00798.

**General update was provided by legal counsel Alex Lemieux, direction given by the City Council but no final action taken.**

- 4.3 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: City of El Monte vs. Russ Linos, et al., LASC Case No. 21PSCV00034.

**General update was provided by legal counsel Alex Lemieux, direction given by the City Council but no final action taken.**

- 4.4 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: City of El Monte vs. Jin Ming Chen, et al., LASC Case No. 20PSCV00788.

**General update was provided by legal counsel Alex Lemieux, direction given by the City Council but no final action taken.**

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- 4.5 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: City of El Monte vs. ONY Glo, Inc., et al., LASC Case No. 21PSCV00385.

**General update was provided by legal counsel Alex Lemieux, direction given by the City Council but no final action taken.**

- 4.6 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: City of El Monte vs. Alan Luong, et al., LASC Case No. 20PSCV00796.

**General update was provided by legal counsel Alex Lemieux, direction given by the City Council but no final action taken.**

- 4.7 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation: City of El Monte vs. Cai Yun Xia, et al., LASC Case No. 20PSCV00886.

**General update was provided by legal counsel Alex Lemieux, direction given by the City Council but no final action taken.**

- 4.8 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.

**Discussion had on the item, direction given by the City Council, but no final action taken.**

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

**Discussion had on the item, direction given by the City Council, but no final action taken.**

- 4.10 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(3) – Anticipated Litigation: One (1) Matter.

**Discussion had on the item, direction given by the City Council, but no final action taken.**

- 4.11 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.

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**Discussion had on the item, direction given by the City Council, but no final action taken.**

- 4.12 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.

**Discussion had on the item, direction given by the City Council, but no final action taken.**

5. ADJOURNMENT:

**m) Mayor Ancona**

**s) Mayor Pro Tem Martinez Muela**

**5-0**

**Adjourn the meeting at 2:43 a.m.**

The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held on **August 3, 2021** at 6:00 p.m. This Agenda will be posted on the City’s website, [www.ci.el-monte.ca.us](http://www.ci.el-monte.ca.us), and physically posted no less than 72 hours prior to the start of the subject regular meeting. Although it is the City’s practice and desire to electronically post a copy of this Agenda along with supporting material as part of its website posting, the size or formatting of certain supporting materials may render their website posting infeasible. Nevertheless, all supporting materials related to any item on this Agenda, that is made available to the members of the council may be inspected by members of the public at the City Clerk’s Office located at 11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am – 5:30 pm. For more information, please call the City Clerk’s Office at 626-580-2016.

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Catherine A. Eredia, City Clerk  
City of El Monte

APPROVED:

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Jessica Ancona, Mayor  
City of El Monte