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Mayor Quintero and the City Council recessed into Closed Session at approximately 6:12 pm. Mayor Quintero and the City Council reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 7:15 pm.

Assistant City Attorney Joaquin Vazquez reported out of Closed Session with respect to Items 4.1 through 4.5.

- 4.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Regarding the Following Related Matter: Workers’ Compensation Case No. ADJ10884989.

General update, no final action

- 4.2 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – Conference with Legal Counsel to Consider Joint Participation in Litigation with Other Municipalities – One (1) Matter.

General update, no final action

- 4.3 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Regarding the Following Related Matter: City of El Monte vs. Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV10532, United States District Court Central District Case No. 2:19-CV-03588.

General update, no final action

- 4.4 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Regarding the Following Related Matter: El Rovia vs. City of El Monte, Court Appeal, Second Appellate District Case No. B288134; El Rovia vs. City of El Monte, District Court Central District Case No. 2:19-CV-7506 CAS AFMx; and El Rovia vs. City of El Monte, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCP05151.

Item not discussed continued to a future meeting

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

Bargaining Units Subject to Negotiations:
El Monte Police Officers’ Association.

City’s Designated Negotiators:
Alma K. Martinez, City Manager; and John Nguyen, Acting Human Resources/Risk Management Director.

Item not discussed continued to a future meeting

m) Mayor Quintero

s) Councilmember Velasco

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OPEN SESSION PROCEEDINGS

(Commencing at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the City Council reconvene from Closed Session/Short Recess)

5. INVOCATION: Chaplain Esrom Lempao, House of Faith. **Absent**
6. FLAG SALUTE: Eva Magaña, 6th Grader from Payne Elementary School. Enjoys Painting. **Present**

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7. RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND COMMUNITY INTEREST PRESENTATIONS:

7.1 Presentation by the City Council to Eva Magaña from Payne Elementary School for Leading the Pledge of Allegiance. **Present**

8. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING NON-AGENDIZED MATTERS:

This time has been set aside for persons in the audience to make comments or inquiries on matters within the general subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, the Housing Authority, the Financing Authority and/or the Water Authority (collectively, the "Council") that **are not listed on this agenda**. Although no person is required to provide their 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.

Jacob Burse – I am here to express our united support for the current Executive Leadership Team for our City. In particular Chief David Reynoso and City Manager Alma Martinez, in recent history retaining executive level employees has been a challenge. Unfortunately, we have seen past leaders use El Monte merely as a stepping stone and not truly solving our community's greatest needs. However, in our interaction with this team that we have now it is clear that they care deeply about this community and constantly strive to make improvements.

Charles Castaneda – I come before this Council to ask you for support. There is a developer that wants to take a property on Orchard Street and develop it into some condo conversion. They want to put up 110 units, 110 units conservatively generates about 330 cars into our neighborhood. The traffic on Orchard Street from Ramona onto Orchard is ridiculous on the holidays and on Sundays. The parking on our streets there is none. The emission from these vehicles is going to be a hazard for the kids in our community we are hoping to get the support from the Council and not moving forward with this project and if we do go forward with this project that we go to a residential home not these condos that we have on Ramona and Valley Boulevard.

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Gabriel Ramirez – I just want to say that on Saturday we had the skate park. It was an honor to have a person advocating this and it hasn't been mentioned before it was Estella Beltran. Somehow myself and others we came to a conclusion of a skate park, it took a long time and we were waiting for the Phase Two. I want to know the status of the Valley and Gibson. We had another incident today it is a very confusing area. Lastly, I want to talk about the Orchard project, there was a last minute notification regarding this.

Virginia Beltran – I am here on behalf of Orchard, Cypress, Iris Lane and Kauffman the project that is going on with Kabe Homes. I was informed about the meeting by driving home and seeing it posted on the fence. We never got a notice because we are not in the geographic area they only have to go three hundred feet. It was very misleading and very misinformed and I feel like we have been cheated in voicing our opinion about them building 110 homes. Our street we opened up 20 years ago to incoming traffic I have the ring and I get traffic there every day. I have six grandchildren, my grandchildren still play in the street but if you were to build 110 homes times two that is going to be a lot of traffic. One of the things they didn't mention and I have photos I would like to show you Iris Lane is very hazardous only one car can go at a time and I totally recommend a drive at night after 7:00 pm when everybody is home and you will see that only one car can go through on Iris. So if there is a fire if something major goes on there is no way that they are going to be able to get through. I am asking that you put a stop on this and that we talk about it

Cosme Jimenez – I am not in support of this project and it is never too late to listen to the people. This project is nothing more than parking problems right away I can see it maybe Mr. Velasco can take over and help the citizens out they deserve the help. When a big developer comes in they have already have had some contact with the Mayor or some Councilmembers to go ahead with the planning of these things even if they are out of line. People need the help and need to be represented because most of you are not going to be here for 20 or 30 years then they are going to blame the previous administration they let it happen it is time to start helping the people. The City is running out of control parking, building everywhere, whatever comes passes no question asked because you have three votes it has to change it cannot continue like this. My last comment is Council meetings they constantly change people need to know.

Greg Cosio – I am not totally informed about what is going on regarding the Orchard Project. We did not get a notice regarding this project. Change could be good but change could be bad too. You guys should try driving through any time of the day it is really hard to get through and when you get through you have to watch it because you never know if someone is going to pull out there is not room there. I think we should consider a whole lot of things including the crime rate because every day we have a crime there. If we can't handle what we got now how are we going to handle another 300 residents.

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

10. DEMAND RESOLUTION NO. D-616

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

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 1. That the attached list of claims, demands, and payroll totaling \$4,948,918.01 have been examined by the City Treasurer and that warrant numbers 1088781 through 1088949 and payroll period ending January 31, 2020 inclusive are hereby allowed in the amounts and ordered paid out of the respective funds as set forth.

m) Mayor Quintero

s) Mayor Pro Tem Morales

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11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2020

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Councilmember Velasco 5-0

Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2020

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Councilmember Velasco 5-0

Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2020

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Morales 5-0

Special Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2020.

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Morales 3-0-2 (Councilmember Ancona and Martinez Muela abstain)

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.

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Councilmember Velasco 5-0

12.2 Approval of a Resolution Certifying Neighborhood Housing Partners, Inc. as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Eligible to Receive HOME Program Funds.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve a Resolution certifying Neighborhood Housing Partners Inc. a Community Housing Development Organization eligible to receive HOME Program funds.

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

Resolution No. 10094

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Councilmember Velasco 5-0

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- 12.3 Approval of Purchasing Agreement for Energov Development Services Module Software, Data Integration, Implementation and Software Licenses from Tyler Technologies, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the purchasing agreement for Energov Development Services Module software, data integration, implementation and software licenses with Tyler Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$340,815.

Total Cost: \$340,815

Account No: 720-11-111-8145

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

m) Mayor Quintero

s) Councilmember Velasco

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- 12.4 Receive and File the Systemic Safety Analysis Report (SSAR).

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Receive and file the Systemic Safety Analysis Report (SSAR).

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

m) Mayor Quintero

s) Councilmember Velasco

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- 12.5 Acceptance of the Installation of a New 60 Ton Air Cooled Chiller and Circulation Pump on the Police Department Administration Building Project as Complete and File the Notice of Completion with Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the installation of a new 60 ton air cooled chiller and circulation pump on the Police Department Administration Building project as completed; and
2. Authorize staff to file the Notice of Completion (NOC) with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

m) Mayor Quintero

s) Councilmember Velasco

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- 12.6 Approval of a Resolution Approving the Amended Joint Powers Authority Agreement Forming the California Transit Joint Powers Authority.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve a Resolution amending the Joint Powers Authority Agreement of the California Transit Systems Joint Powers Authority (CalTIP); and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the amended Agreement with CalTIP.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

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Resolution No. 10095

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Councilmember Velasco **5-0**

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

14. REGULAR AGENDA:

14.1 Consideration and Approval of a Second Amendment of a Professional Services Agreement with Psomas to Provide Additional Design Services for Pavement Rehabilitation Improvements and Additional Granada Pipeline Replacement Design Improvements for an Increase of \$185,410 for a Total Not-to-Exceed Contract Amount of \$660,595.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the second amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Psomas to provide additional design services for Pavement Rehabilitation Improvements and for additional Granada Pipeline Replacement Design improvements for a not-to-exceed amount of \$185,410;
2. Consider and approve the total appropriation of a not-to-exceed amount of \$660,595, authorize an increase in appropriations in the amount of \$185,410 (\$25,620 from the Water Fund Account Number 600-06-014-8651 and \$159,790 from Measure R Fund Account Number 212-67-014-8211) and approve the Project budget as presented in Attachment 2; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Psomas.

Total Cost: \$185,410	Account No: 600-06-014-8651 - \$ 25,620
Is the cost of this item budgeted? No	212-67-014-8211 - \$159,790

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Councilmember Velasco **5-0**

14.2 **Consider and Approval of a Five (5) Year Contract with Ricoh Americas Corporation to Provide Citywide Copier Service for \$71,000 Per Year.**

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager or her designee to execute a five (5) year Citywide copier lease and maintenance service contract with Ricoh Americas Corporation to provide copier service for the City of El Monte for an amount not-to-exceed \$71,000 per year.

Total Cost: \$71,000	Account No: 100-XX-XXX-6123
Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes	202-67-571-6123

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Councilmember Velasco **5-0**

14.3 Consideration and Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of El Monte, California Approving the Form of and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Preliminary Official Statement, a Bond Purchase Agreement and a Continuing Disclosure Agreement in Connection with the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of Lease Revenue Bonds by the El Monte Public Financing Authority.

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Consideration and Approval of a Resolution of the El Monte Public Financing Authority Approving the Form of and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Preliminary Official Statement and Bond Purchase Agreement in Connection with the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of Lease Revenue Bonds by the El Monte Public Financing Authority.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council and the Public Financing Authority:

1. Adopt a City Council Resolution approving the form of and authorizing the execution and delivery of a preliminary official statement, a bond purchase agreement and a continuing disclosure agreement in connection with the issuance, sale, and delivery of lease revenue bonds by the El Monte Public Financing Authority (the "Authority"); and
2. Adopt a Public Financing Authority Resolution approving the form of and authorizing the execution and delivery of a preliminary official statement, a bond purchase agreement and a continuing disclosure agreement in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of lease revenue bonds by the El Monte Public Financing Authority.

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

Resolution No. 10096
Resolution No. PFA-22

Cosme Jimenez – I see a bond purchase agreement it is the same as a loan to me. It should be called a loan so that people can understand. This is a loan that we have to eventually pay I just want to make sure people understand. Also I want to know why this is secured by City Hall. If we have such great ratings why do we have to put City Hall down to secure this.

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Morales 5-0
to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m.

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Morales 5-0
Resolution No. 10096

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Morales 5-0
Resolution No. PFA-22

14.4 Consideration and Approval of First Amendment to City Manager Employment Agreement Modifying Compensation Terms.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the attached First Amendment to the City Manager's Employment Contract subject to such additional modifications as the City Council may deem desirable; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the same on behalf of the City.

Total Cost: \$20,000 Account No: 100-21-231-5111
Is the cost of this item budgeted? No

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Morales 3-2 (Councilmembers Ancona and Martinez
Increase the payment increase No)
Change the severance package
Increase the Term
Remove Section 4(c)

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Secondary motion

m) Councilmember Martinez Muela

**s) Councilmember Ancona
\$3,000 bonus**

**2-3 (Mayor Quintero, Mayor Pro Tem Morales
Councilmember Velasco)**

Motion to table the secondary motion

m) Mayor Quintero

s) Councilmember Martinez Muela

**3-2 (Councilmember Ancona and
Councilmember Martinez Muela)**

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

16. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

16.1 Receive a Presentation from the Los Angeles County Department of Health Regarding their Flavored Tobacco Ban and Receive a Presentation from City Staff Regarding Options to Regulate the Sale of Tobacco Products.

Shannon Kozlovich – I am here to discuss how mentholated tobacco products and flavoring in general impact the human body. I like to always start with what do we know about menthol just in general. In 2011 a scientific advisory committee generated a menthol report that they delivered to the FDA and this report concluded that menthol poses a risk above non-mentholated tobacco products. Specifically because menthol is an entry product into the market and prolonged use of mentholated tobacco products makes it harder for adults to quit smoking. There was a publication that was published in 2019 that looked at Canadian menthol smokers both before and after menthol was added to their flavor regulations and they showed that menthol being added to flavor regulations actually increased quit rates and quit attempts specifically in their menthol smoking population. Tobacco is bad for you flavored tobacco is even worse. Menthol products are an entry to long life nicotine addiction. The continued use makes it harder to quit. Menthol keeps nicotine in the body longer and my own research has shown how menthol keeps the cancer causing compounds in tobacco in the body longer.

Yaneth Rodriguez – I am here to share some of our research findings from the Tobacco Center of Regulatory Sciences but first before I do that I want to commend you for having this discussion and for taking this information into consideration. Some of our studies have examined trends in tobacco use over time and have shown that youth history of prior use of cigarettes as well as youth not at risk of using cigarettes are initiating the use with E-Cigarettes. The most common reason for use of E-Cigarettes are the availability of a wide variety of flavors and this includes menthol and mint flavors and the majority of youth reported that they would no longer use E-Cigarettes if flavors were not available. We also know that you who use E-Cigarettes are three to seven times likely as those who have never used E-Cigarettes to begin smoking combustible cigarettes as well as other substances. Studies have shown that many cigarette smokers after using E-Cigarettes are likely to remain cigarette smokers rather than transitioning to E-Cigarettes or quitting smoking. Menthol products make smoking cessation more difficult and many of these smokers would not have started if menthol flavor was not available. A study also found that in Southern California strong enforcement preventing sales of minors was associated with low rate of youth and adult initiation of combustible and E-Cigarette use.

Phoebe Wang – I am a freshman from Arcadia High School. STEM has been a really big part of my life it is something that I have been interested in for longer than I can remember. This year I joined the STEM goes Red Program that is being hosted by the American Heart Association in order to learn more about what it is to be a woman of STEM. Unfortunately today I will be addressing a severe issue one that has grown very popular within my generation. I would like to share with you my experiences with E-Cigarettes and second implore you to take a stand against these products to protect our future. Studies show that one out of four high schoolers use Juuls and even one out of 10 middle schoolers use vape. The numbers didn't hit me until just a few weeks ago when the kid who sat behind me in history class was asked if he vaped. The question was asked in the middle of class out of nowhere but nonchalantly he responded yes. I realized that vaping wasn't just a problem that was addressed in articles and YouTube adds but in reality there was a victim that sat two feet away from me who didn't realize what he was doing to himself. In my eighth grade year I saw that my classmate was selling a flavored tobacco product through his social

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media account. They came in all different flavors, colors, containers and there were a lot of them. I wasn't interested in them but rather curious about how she managed to get such products in the first place even now I wonder how my peers are getting tobacco products so easily and why they don't see anything wrong with it. To really make a difference we must fight against the industries themselves, I urge you to help the younger generation and take a stand against this vaping epidemic. The City of El Monte should definitely move forward with a comprehensive policy with no exceptions.

Naomi Fernandez – I am a freshman at San Pedro High School and I am taking part in American Heart Association STEM goes Red Program. Today I will be addressing the issue of vaping and its rise. The spread of the Corona Virus has rendered the world to succumb to fear of contracting such however, despite scientists continuing investigations on its origins people are rushing to the nearest stores to buy face masks and other supplies to avoid being contaminated. Vaping on the other hand has shown to have multiple severe effects on the consumer's body and still no effective action has been taken to end this mass addiction. Not only that but the easy accessibility to purchase these products via the internet has provided teens a greater opportunity to obtain these otherwise restricted devices. For this reason I ask that we unite and form a coalition of advocative individuals to eradicate the sale of vaping products in store and online as a whole. Most specifically the establishment of a campaign supported by active politicians and past users to minimize or work toward the elimination of these products to be accessed by underage youth.

Amanda Staples – I am the Community Advocacy for the American Heart Association but in my heart of hearts I am a teacher and so this is a very personal issue and we really wanted to make sure that that voice was present here tonight as you consider what possible policies would make sense for the City of El Monte. As the American Heart Association we support comprehensive policy on flavor tobacco products with no exemptions in the sense that simply put in your existing tobacco retail license you simply include the restriction of flavor tobacco products. Tobacco can still be sold it is a highly regulated product we understand that but what has kind of been evading those regulations at the Federal level and at the state level is what you are seeing today and that is the flavored component.

Raj Dhillon – I am here representing Breath LA we are a non-profit agency focused on lung, health and air quality issues. We at Breath LA encourage you the El Monte City Council to take action in ending the sale of all flavored tobacco products including menthol and hookah in your City. We heard from DPH about the different ways that you can regulate tobacco in your City. The most effective and straight forward way that you can regulate tobacco is by ending the sale of flavored tobacco including menthol and hookah. The tobacco industry continues to push flavored products such as the ones that Amanda mentioned and as a result the youth become addicted to nicotine unknowingly which has disastrous health effects including brain development. At Breath LA we provide educational programming throughout the County so we have seen firsthand the horrendous horrific health impacts that flavored tobacco have on our residents. We have seen from every angle the impact that flavored tobacco has had particularly on kids and in schools where we give a lot of our presentations. You as City have a choice you have the power to put your residents first it comes down to this you can side with big tobacco or you can protect the health of your residents and put your residents first and we hope that is the action that you will take in ending the sale of tobacco products in your City.

Spencer Lyons – On behalf of the Cancer Action Network I would like to thank the Council for your work to protect the youth by considering ending the sale of flavored tobacco products. Preventing youth tobacco use and addiction is one of the most important public health actions policy makers can take. The dramatic increase in E-Cigarettes use among youth is being driven by flavored tobacco products. Eighty percent of the youth that have ever used a tobacco product used a flavored product for the first time. Only a comprehensive policy that ends the sale of all flavored tobacco products will be effective in addressing the public health crisis which we face. Any exemptions will weaken the ordinance creating loopholes for young people to access flavored tobacco products that can lead to a lifetime of addiction. Again we thank you for your leadership on this important issue and we strongly encourage the City Council to choose the strongest preventions available that prohibit the citywide sale of flavored tobacco products without exemptions.

Arabi Hassan – I am here to represent the Emphysema Foundation of America it is a non-profit organization that focuses on issues regarding lung health. I am here today to show EFA's support for this movement to restrict and end the sale of all flavored tobacco products because they are so harmful for marginalized communities and for our youth. Our mission at EFA is to increase awareness of emphysema and obstructive pulmonary disease and conduct support or conduct research to prevent and treat those diseases. The main cause

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behind COPD and emphysema is cigarettes and smoking cigarettes is the leading cause of death just in general. Menthol and hookah products are very popular and research has shown that young people who vape are more likely to go on to use illicit drugs. We urge the City of El Monte to take a stand and protect your residents by banning the sale of flavored tobacco products including menthol and including flavored hookah.

Charles Hoffman – How are these regulations going to stop people from using tobacco. I see I am not old enough to make a decisions as whether to use it or not and I agree it is bad stuff but why can't people make decisions for themselves. We talk about save the children obviously their parents aren't bright enough to do them any good so you have to save them. But my thing again is where are these young people getting these items from because there are age limits to selling tobacco to people. And something that has not been talked you are forgetting to outlaw growing of tobacco.

Bring the Flavored Tobacco Ordinance before the City Council on March 17, 2020 and refer the tobacco ordinance to the Development Ad Hoc Committee.

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

18. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

18A. Mayor Quintero

First and foremost I want to give a thanks to Maria for working so hard with our City Manager and our Parks & Rec Director. This is a small token of our appreciation for all the work that you did and how significant that space is going to be for our community, for our children in the future. I also want to give a special thanks to Jerry Velasco and Maria Morales because together the three of us together the three of us put Measure PC on the Ballot. I want to give thanks to the folks that help fund the Yes on PC Campaign. The final results are not in but right now the vote is at about 70% we needed about 67% to pass. When these businesses are up and running in the City they will generate anywhere between two and six million dollars in revenue that will go to children and Public Safety services targeted toward combating crime. I am thrilled that the residents of this community validated the direction that we were going in and voted in favor of PC and so thank you.

If I may and I know that this will be brought back at a different time as well and I share Mayor Pro Tem's concerns about college tuition reimbursement for elected officials.

18A.1 Discussion Regarding Public Financing of Campaigns.

Ian Jameson – I have no idea what the content of the Public Financing of Campaigns or the Campaign Contribution Limits is and I am frankly shocked to hear that you out of all people championed those causes but if you are serious about that would be wonderful because if we instantiate public financing selections and campaign contribution limits we are going to see a radical composition of City Council including far more candidates like Ms. Ancona and Ms. Martinez Muela. If you are serious that would be fantastic.

Gabriel Ramirez – I find it very ironic that you have brought up the Public Financing of Campaigns and the Campaign Finance Term Limits. Again certain Councilmembers on this dais including the Mayor receive money from special interest like El Monte Promise Foundation, Developers and Firefighter Unions which monopolize its resources. I find it very ironic that you take that money and now you want ot make it more public financing of campaign term limits or campaign finance reform in is really contradicted. If you really want to be serious about putting this on I know you are trying to tweak it which is not the real Public Financing and the real one represents us non-profit groups.

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18A.2 Discussion Regarding Campaign Finance Limits.

18B. Mayor Pro Tem Morales

I just wanted to mention that I eluded to this earlier that we had a great turnout for the Gibson Mariposa Skate Park we had a lot of children skateboarding, we had a lot of community come out, we had a couple of the original community members the Maria's, Estela Beltran, Claire Robinson, Maria Valdez, Veronica Valdez. It was amazing to see that they were there it was nice to see the additional amenities that are going to be added to this park and we had a great community turnout and that was just for the groundbreaking imagine what it is going to be like when we actually have the grand opening of that park. I mentioned at the presentation at the park. This is a very special moment at least this is the way I perceive it for our community. My work at USC is doing research for educational purposes we were asked to do research on skateboard and education and how skateboarders can be better understood by our educational system there has been a notion that skateboarders are a particular type of young men and young women who like to live in the fringe who like to break the law and let me tell you that the study that we conducted is opposite to that the findings were very different. These are young men and women that are very creative and artistic and resilient and when I saw the opportunity that we were doing the study and I saw the opportunity of making sure looking for the funding the Tony Hawk Foundation should be coming through any minute thanks to Alexandra as well we are definitely going to make sure that we have a space for our skateboarders in the community. I am going to be asking our staff as well to give us an update on our partnership with the L.A. County particularly with MacClaren Hall. This groundbreaking was really important and the grand opening is going to be even better we are definitely working on making sure that this be a whole date event and assuring that our community children have a great space for them to express themselves.

Councilmember Velasco mentioned the Systemic Safety Analysis Report I know we didn't talk about it too much. This report gives us an analysis of intersections that are deemed to be problematic whether it is speeding which is something we noticed off of Durfee when we were there on Saturday, whether it is the need for a light fixture whatever capacity it is that the streets need that report is going to serve so that it gives us the data so that we can make the decisions in terms of what is going to be a priority in terms of creating safe walkable spaces, safe streets and so on.

18C. Councilwoman Ancona

Nothing to add at this time.

18D. Councilwoman Martinez Muela

18D.1 Discussion Regarding a Proclamation Declaring the Month of March 2020 as Women's History Month.

Every year March is considered Women's History Month and it is very important that we take a moment to recognize all the great things that we have going on in this City. For documentation purposes I will be tabling Item 18D.2 for a conversation at a later time. Back to proclaiming March 2020 as Women's History Month staff has prepared a proclamation and I would like to read it at this time and in it please pay attention because there are a couple things that have come about that are El Monte base.

I would like to put on my agenda for next meeting the opportunity to rename the meeting room inside the Historical Museum the Donna Crippen Tea Room I think that would be a justified and emeritus honor for her and for all the years that she served.

I would like to finish off my comments by inviting young women to join us at the Inspire Conference which is happening Saturday from 8 to 2 at the Grace T. Black Auditorium if you do need information please do see your school's liaison

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and then I want to round up with this we have the privileged of having a Parks & Recreation Director for many years. She is a leader in our Administrative staff and she is coming up on retirement so I want to take a few minutes to read her bio and say a few words of appreciation because I am not sure that we are going to have the opportunity at the next meeting.

I am excited to wish her well on her upcoming retirement and one of the projects that will always resonate with me Alex is El Monte Swims and on behalf of all of the second graders who have had the opportunity to learn the foundations of swimming. You know that children die because of drowning that is a public safety issue a public health issue and you addressed it so kudos to you and I wish you the absolute best in your future, you are a role model for women, you are a role model for your department, and you are a role model for your family. Congratulations on 37 years of serving here in the City of El Monte.

18D.2 Discussion Regarding College Tuition Reimbursement for Staff and Elected Officials.

18E. Councilman Velasco

18E.1 Update Regarding Census 2020.

Reminder that the Census is coming fast please let everyone know to be counted because it is going to affect us for the next 10 years as billions of dollars are going to be given out to different cities throughout the Country.

On March 12th we will be holding a press conference kicking off Census 2020 in El Monte. I count, you count, El Monte counts. You can look for census jobs at [Census2020.gov/jobs](https://census2020.gov/jobs) they have extended the cut-off for another four weeks because they are in desperate need for some positions.

18E.2 Discussion Regarding Theater Production of "Locos y Sabios".

I want to announce that this is a theater production with professional actors and it is being put on and written by Professor Ana Nogales. It is not going to cost the City and if there is we will find the funds. This will be free to the public and free to the students and it is about issues facing our community. It will be in South El Monte High School.

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19. ADJOURNMENT:

Without objection the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:49 pm.

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Andre Quintero, Mayor
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