

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL CONCURRENT SPECIAL MEETING  
OF JANUARY 14, 2026

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: **6:02 p.m.**

2. ROLL CALL FOR CITY COUNCIL AND AUTHORITY BODIES:

Jessica Ancona, Mayor/Chair – **present**  
Viviana Longoria, Mayor Pro Tem/Authority Member – **present**  
Marisol Cortez, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**  
Sheila Crippen-Thomas, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**  
Cindy Galvan, Councilmember/Authority Member – **absent**  
Martin Herrera, Councilmember/Authority Member – **absent**  
Dr. Julia Ruedas, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**m) Councilmember Dr. Ruedas**  
**s) Councilmember Cortez**

**5-0 (Councilmembers Galvan and Herrera  
absent)**

4. INVOCATION: City Council. **Mayor Ancona**

5. FLAG SALUTE: City Council. Stella Wong, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student from Baker School.

6. SPECIAL MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDIZED MATTERS ONLY:

As provided under **Government Code Section 54954.3**, this time has been set aside for persons in the audience to provide comment or make inquiries on matters appearing on this **Special Meeting agenda only**. Although no person is required to provide their name and address as a condition to attending a meeting, persons who wish to address the body 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. All comments or queries presented by a speaker shall be addressed to the body as a whole and not to any specific member thereof. No questions shall be posed to any member of the body except through the presiding official of the meeting, members of the body 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 body 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 Special Meeting agenda.

*Enforcement of Decorum:* The Chief of Police of the City of El Monte, or such member, or members of the Police Department as the Chief of Police may designate, shall serve as the Sergeant-at-Arms of the 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 policies and the action(s) or proposed action(s) of the body 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.

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race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, gender, sexual orientation or age.

7. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 7.1 Urgency Ordinance of the City of El Monte Imposing a Temporary Moratorium on the Issuance of New Tobacco Retail Permits and the Issuance of Land Use and Zoning Approvals or Entitlements for a Significant Tobacco Retail Use Within City Limits.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Determine that the adoption of this Urgency Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(1); and
2. Introduce by title only, and waive further reading of, Urgency Ordinance, imposing a 45-day moratorium on all land use and zoning approvals for all significant tobacco retail applications and on the issuance of new tobacco retail permits.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Urgency Ordinance No. 3057

**m) Councilmember Dr. Ruedas**

**s) Councilmember Herrera**

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8. ADJOURNMENT: **Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.**

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Gabriel Ramirez, City Clerk  
City of El Monte

APPROVED:

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Jessica Ancona, Mayor  
City of El Monte