

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
OF MARCH 7, 2023

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**
Martin Herrera, Mayor Pro Tem/Authority Member – **present**
Marisol Cortez, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**
Victoria Martinez Muela, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**
Alma D. Puente, Councilmember/Authority Member – **absent**
Richard Rojo, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**
Julia Ruedas, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

m) Councilmember Ruedas

s) Councilmember Martinez Muela

6-0 (Councilmember Puente absent)

4. **CLOSED SESSION:**

The City Council and the various legislative bodies whose membership is composed exclusively of the membership of the City Council will attempt to address and complete all Closed Session business between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. If the City Council completes all Closed Session business prior to 7:00 p.m., the City 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 City 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 City Council on any *agendized* Closed Session matter, the City Council shall allow such person to address the City Council on such matter(s) prior to going into Closed Session, provided that all persons wishing to address the Council on an agendized Closed Session matter shall (i) call-in or submit a speaker card in the manner prescribed on page 1 of this agenda, above, prior to the City Council going into closed session; and (ii) be subject to a single speaker time allotment of three (3) continuous minutes total per speaker to address the City Council on any or all closed session items of business.

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

Wyatt Reneer – Spoke about what the Police Officer’s Association is requesting of the City Council regarding pay increases. Also spoke about the unexpected overtime.

Joseph Trejo – Spoke about how Detectives operated during the Covid pandemic. Spoke about the proposed side letter for the Police Officer’s Association.

Mark Snook – Spoke about how the Narcotics Team operated during the Covid pandemic.

Ron Danison – Spoke about the Police Officer’s Association attempt to negotiate a fair hero pay award for the work done during the Covid pandemic. Spoke about the “Me to Clause” for the City.

Frank Ramirez – Spoke about how the Special Investigations Team operated during Covid pandemic.

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David Avalos Jr. – Spoke about how the Patrol Division operated during the Covid pandemic.

Councilmember Puente joined the City Council meeting at approximately 6:09 p.m. Mayor Ancona and the City Council recessed into Closed Session at approximately 6:24 p.m. At 7:20 Mayor Ancona announced that the City Council would reconvene from Closed Session in a few minutes. Mayor Ancona and the City Council reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 7:34 p.m.

Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla reported out of Closed Session with respect to Items 4.2 through 4.10.

4.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), (d)(2) and (e)(3) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – One (1) Matter.

Updates provided by legal counsel and staff, feedback given by the City Council but no final action taken.

4.2 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiators.

Bargaining Units Subject to Negotiations: El Monte General Unit (SEIU Local 721); El Monte General Mid-Management Unit (SEIU Local 721); El Monte Police Officers Association; El Monte Police Mid-Manager's Association; and All Unrepresented Employees of City Executive Team.

City's Designated Negotiator: Alma Martinez, City Manager and Rigoberto Gutierrez, Acting Human Resources/Risk Management Director.

Updates provided by legal counsel and staff, feedback 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 v. Jin Ming Chen, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 20PSCV00788.

Updates provided by legal counsel and staff, feedback 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 v. Haiyu Yu, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21PSCV00575.

Updates provided by legal counsel and staff, feedback given by the City Council but no final action taken.

4.5 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City of El Monte v. East Star Mortgage, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21PSCV00380.

Updates provided by legal counsel and staff, feedback 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 v. Chun C Li, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 20PSCV00381.

Updates provided by legal counsel and staff, feedback 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 v. W&B

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Investment Group, LLC, Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21PSCV00475.

Updates provided by legal counsel and staff, feedback 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 – City of El Monte v. Chi Ian Ho, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21PSCV00033.

Updates provided by legal counsel and staff, feedback given by the City Council but no final action taken.

- 4.9 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City of El Monte v. Qiuzia Zhao, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 20PSCV00800.

Updates provided by legal counsel and staff, feedback given by the City Council but no final action taken.

- 4.10 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – City of El Monte v. Ming Chu Lau, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 20PSCV00798.

Updates provided by legal counsel and staff, feedback given by the City Council but no final action taken.

OPEN SESSION PROCEEDINGS

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

- 5. INVOCATION: Chaplain. **Chaplain Manny Coronilla, Calvary Chapel El Monte**

- 6. FLAG SALUTE: City Council. **Mayor Ancona**

- 7. RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND COMMUNITY INTEREST PRESENTATIONS:

- 7.1 Presentation by METRO. **Present**

- 7.2 Presentation by the City Council Proclaiming the Month of March 2023 as “American Red Cross Month.”

- 7.3 Presentation by the City Council Proclaiming the Month of March 2023 as Women’s History Month.

- 8. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

This time has been set aside for members of the public to directly address the City Council on agenda items of business (other than those agenda items as public hearing or closed session items) or on any other matter of interest to the speaker/caller that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, the Housing Authority, the Financing Authority and/or the Water Authority (collectively, the “Council”). Each speaker/caller will be limited to a single allotment of three (3) continuous minutes total to address the Council on any or all matters covered by this section. As explained more specifically under the Public Hearing portion of this agenda, members of the public wishing to offer comment on items of business agenda items under the Public Hearing portion of the agenda shall have a separate allotment of three (3) continuous minutes per speaker per public hearing item. Except as otherwise provided under the Brown Act (Gov. Code Section 54950 et seq.),

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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. Persons wishing to address the Council on matters covered under General Public Comment shall call in or submit a speaker card in the manner prescribed on page 1 of this agenda, above, by or before the General Public Comment portion of the agenda is closed. The City Council shall be under no obligation to entertain comments from speakers/callers who submit cards or call in to speak on matters covered by the section after the General Public Comment portion of the agenda is closed.

John Carpenter – Spoke Item 12.2, about Ms. Jovanna Silva and the incident that took place on January 19, 2019.

Jovanna Silva – Thanked the City Council for the resolution of her case.

Cathi Eredia/Charles Hoffman – Invited the City Council to the Quarterly Tea on March 19, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Julio Ramirez – Spoke about the Gateway Project. When is the City going to get union supermarkets.

Kenneth Mackenzie – Spoke about the event that took place on September 17, 2022.

Andre Quintero – Thanked Metrolink for their presentation. Spoke about two intersections that were a challenge for the City. Congresswoman Napolitano assisted the City in receiving a grant to make the improvements.

Cosme Jimenez – Spoke about Council Communications under Mr. Rojo. Provided an update to Councilmember Rojo.

Written Communications:

Martha Solis – Would like to hear the written public comments submitted at the City Council meetings.

Sarah – Wrote about a March 5, 2023 post uploaded on Twitter regarding a reading done at Cortada Elementary by Mayor Ancona.

Gladdys Robles – Concerned resident of El Monte requesting that the community be kept safe from crime, human trafficking, mass homelessness, and to make sure the welfare of children under any city programs are being audited.

9. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT: **None**

10. DEMAND RESOLUTION NO. D-682

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 \$5,446,277.75 have been examined by the City Treasurer and that warrant numbers 1112290 through 1112474, and the payroll ending February 15, 2023, inclusive are hereby allowed in the amounts and ordered paid out of the respective funds as set forth.

m) Councilmember Puente
s) Councilmember Ruedas

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11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **None**

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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 Pro Tem Herrera
s) Councilmember Puente 7-0

12.2 Adoption of a Resolution Related to Settlement of Silva v. El Monte, Case No. 2:21-CV-00197-MEMF-PD.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the attached Resolution.

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

Resolution No. 10427

m) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera
s) Councilmember Puente 7-0

12.3 Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of El Monte, California, Modifying the Structure of the El Monte Farmers Market Steering Committee, Reconstituting the Same as a Standing Committee of the City and Rescinding and Superseding Prior Resolution No. 10136.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt the proposed Resolution reorganizing and modifying the El Monte Farmers Market Steering Committee, by no less than four (4) affirmative votes.

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

Resolution No. 10428

m) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera
s) Councilmember Rojo 7-0

12.4 Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Addendum to Ramona Metro Point, L.P.'S Loans Granting Consent and Acknowledgement of the City of El Monte's Subordinated Loan Priority to Los Angeles County, U.S. Bank, and East West Bank Loan Modifications with Ramona Metro Point, L.P. for the Construction of a

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51-Unit Affordable Housing Development Located at 3436 & 3454 Tyler Avenue and 11016 Ramona Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution to grant consent and acknowledgement for Ramona Metro Point, L.P. to restructure its loans that have priority over the City of El Monte's loans and execute all necessary subordination agreements; and
2. Authorize the City Manager in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, to execute the attached documents on behalf of the City and to make any additional nonmaterial changes; and further authorize the City to execute and deliver all other documents required or deemed necessary, to effectuate City Council approval.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10429

m) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera

s) Councilmember Puente

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- 12.5 Adoption of a Resolution Approving a Housing Density Bonus Agreement and a Home Program Predevelopment Loan Agreement by and Between the City of El Monte and Linc Ramona Apts., LP for the Development of a 39-Unit Affordable Rental Housing Project Located at 11730 Ramona Boulevard

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution approving a Housing Density Bonus Agreement and a HOME Program Predevelopment Loan Agreement by and between the City of El Monte and Linc Ramona Apts., LP for the development of a 39-unit affordable rental housing project located at 11730 Ramona Boulevard;
2. Approve a Housing Density Bonus Agreement;
3. Approve the HOME Program Predevelopment Loan Agreement in the amount of \$700,000; and
4. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the Agreements and make necessary modifications as approved by the City Attorney to comply with U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10430

m) Councilmember Puente

s) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera

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- 12.6 Adoption of a Resolution Designating Thursday, April 20, 2023, as the 2023 Commemoration of Arbor Day in the City of El Monte.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution approving the commemoration of Arbor Day.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10431

m) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera

s) Councilmember Puente

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- 12.7 Approval of a Recommendation to Increase the Compensation Amount to the Purchase Agreement with 10-8 Retrofit, Inc. for the Purchase of Vehicle Safety Lighting for New Vehicles Increasing the Original Sum of \$12,000 to a New Purchase Agreement Sum of \$32,000.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve of an increase to the purchase agreement with 10-8 Retrofit, Inc. for the purchase of vehicle safety lighting for new vehicles increasing the original sum of \$12,000 to a new purchase agreement sum of \$32,000.

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| Total Cost: \$20,000 | Account No: 100-67-676-6335 |
| Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes | General Fund |

m) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera
s) Councilmember Puente **7-0**

- 12.8 Approval of a Purchase Agreement of Automated Reading Meters from Metron-Farnier for \$23,925.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consideration and approval to authorize the purchase agreement of automated reading meters from Metron-Farnier for \$23,925; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the purchase agreement with Metron-Farnier.

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| Total Cost: \$23,925 | Account No: 600-67-696-6211 |
| Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes | |

m) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera
s) Councilmember Puente **7-0**

- 12.9 Approval of an Agreement with Dana Safety Supply for the Purchase of Ballistic Glass for the El Monte Police Department Patrol Vehicles and Approval of the Use of Asset Forfeiture Funds in Connection with the Same.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the expenditure of Asset Forfeiture funds from Account No. 259-71-711-8132 in an amount not-to-exceed \$165,000 for the purchase of ballistic windshields and side glass for eighteen (18) police patrol vehicles; and
2. Consider and approve Dana Safety Supply as the sole source vendor in accordance with the City's Purchasing Policy.

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| Total Cost: \$165,000 | Account No: 259-71-711-8132 |
| Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A | Asset Forfeiture |

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Councilmember Martinez Muela **7-0**

- 12.10 Approval of a Second Amendment to Attorney-Client Agreement with Danning, Gill, Israel & Krasnoff, LLP for Bankruptcy Legal Services Relating to Illegal Cannabis Operations.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

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1. Approve the Second Amendment to the Attorney-Client Agreement with Danning, Gill, Israel & Krasnoff, LLP, to increase the cap on legal fees from \$50,000 to \$75,000 incurred in the representation of the City of El Monte in the bankruptcy matter (Crown Estates Holding) involving property where illegal cannabis activities have occurred; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to make nonmaterial changes in consultation with the City Attorney's Office and execute all implementing documents.

Total Cost: \$25,000 Account No: 100-41-412-6125
Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes Legal Services

m) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera
s) Councilmember Puente 7-0

Break at 8:46 p.m.
Return at 8:56 p.m.

13. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 13.1 A Public Hearing to Consider and Adopt Resolutions approving Substantial Amendment #2 to the City of El Monte Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan and Substantial Amendment #1 to the City of El Monte FY 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan by Resolution in Accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regulations.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:
It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the public hearing;
2. Receive presentation from staff;
3. Allow members of the public to offer comment;
4. Close the public hearing;
5. Adopt a Resolution approving Substantial Amendment #2 to the FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan to authorize the reallocation of FY 2021 CDBG funds in the amount of \$1,947,516;
6. Adopt a Resolution approving Substantial Amendment #1 to the FY 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan to authorize the reallocation of FY 2022 CDBG funds in the amount of \$2,482,060; and
7. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to make all conforming modifications and edits, and to execute all implementing documents required by HUD.

Total Cost: Reallocation of \$1,947,516 FY 21-22 Account No.: CDBG
Reallocation of \$2,482,060 FY 22-23
Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

Resolution No. 10432
Resolution No. 10433

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Councilmember Martinez Muela 7-0
Open P.H.

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Councilmember Puente 7-0
Close P.H.

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Councilmember Rojo 7-0
Resolution No. 10432
Resolution No. 10433

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- 13.2 A Public Hearing to Consider and Approve an Urgency Ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety pursuant to Government Code Section 36937(b) which establishes a 45-day interim moratorium on the issuance of new/additional food trucks licenses, permits or other related approvals and suspends the approval of any requests to expand authorized activities for existing Food Trucks (Mobile Vendor Cooking, Non-Cooking And Ice Cream) within the City

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the public hearing;
2. Receive presentation from staff;
3. Pose questions to staff;
4. Allow members of the public to offer comments;
5. Pose follow-up questions to staff;
6. Close the public hearing; and
7. Adopt the Urgency Ordinance by no less than 4/5 vote of the City Council (i.e., 6 affirmative yes votes)

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

Urgency Ordinance No. 3020

m) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera
s) Councilmember Martinez Muela 7-0
Open P.H.

Julio Ramirez – Spoke about the item and commented about the lack of audience being present at this meeting to understand what is being approved by the City Council.

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Councilmember Rojo 7-0
Close P.H.

m) Mayor Pro Tem Herrera
s) Mayor Ancona 7-0
Approve Ord No. 3020 with the edit to amend 45-days to 60-days

At 9:28 p.m.

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Councilmember Martinez Muela 7-0
to Table Items 14.2, 14.5, and 14.7

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Councilmember Ruedas 7-0
Extend the meeting past 10:00 pm

14. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 14.1 Consideration and Approval of a Construction Contract with R Dependable Const, Inc. for the El Monte Homekey Phase 1 Rehabilitation of Existing Budget Inn Motel Project.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve a Construction Contract for R Dependable Const, Inc. in the amount of \$1,890,000 for the El Monte Homekey Phase 1 – Rehabilitation of the existing Budget Inn Motel Project; and

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2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the agreement and approve change orders that may be necessary during construction to cover any unforeseen conditions in an amount not-to-exceed 15% (283,500) of the Construction Contract.

Total Cost: \$2,173,500

Account No: HCD CDBG-CV (Fund 214)
City ESG-CV (Fund 253)

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Councilmember Puente

6-1 (Councilmember Martinez Muela No)

- 14.2 Receive and File the 2022 Pavement Management System Report.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Receive and file the 2022 Pavement Management System Report.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Item has been tabled to the next meeting.

- 14.3 Consideration and Approval of the Annual Fees for XiO Scada Monitoring for the Water, Wastewater, and Storm System Assets for \$33,936 for the 22/23 Fiscal Year.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consideration and approval of the annual fees for XiO Scada monitoring for the Water, Wastewater, and Storm system assets for \$33,936 for the 22/23 fiscal year.

Total Cost: \$33,936

Account No: 600-67-695-6321 - \$11,916
Water
650-67-693-6321 - \$6,228
Wastewater
283-67-677-6220 - \$15,792
Storm

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

m) Councilmember Puente
s) Councilmember Martinez Muela

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- 14.4 Consideration and Approval of Recommendation to Purchase Two (2) Fully Electric 2022 Ford E-Transit 350 Cargo, Medium Roof Passenger Vans.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the purchase of two (2) fully electric 2022 Ford E-Transit 350 Cargo, Medium Roof Passenger vans for a total amount not-to-exceed \$205,432.48; and
2. Authorize the City Manager or her designee to execute the necessary agreement with Creative Buss Sales for the purchase of two (2) fully electric 2022 Ford E-Transit 350 Cargo, Medium Roof Passenger Vans.

Total Cost: \$205,432.48

Account No: 299-56-512-8132

Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

m) Councilmember Martinez Muela
s) Mayor Ancona

7-0

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- 14.5 Consider and Adoption of Mid-Year Budget Adjustments for the General Fund and Other Funds for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and adopt a Resolution amending the City of El Monte's Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 by increasing appropriations in the General Fund by \$4.9 million and Special Revenue Funds by \$11.7 million.

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

Resolution No. 10434
Item has been tabled to the next meeting.

- 14.6 Consideration and Approval/Ratification of the 2023 Successor Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) By and Between the City of El Monte and the General Unit (SEIU Local 721) Employees.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify the new 2023 Successor MOU between the City of El Monte and the General Unit (SEIU Local 721) employees.

Total Cost: \$1,300,000 Account No: Various
Is the cost of this item budgeted? No

m) Mayor Ancona
s) Councilmember Rojo **7-0**

- 14.7 Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Updating the Citywide Classification and Compensation Plan and Repealing and Replacing Resolution No. 10419.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consideration and approval of a Resolution updating the Citywide Classification and Compensation Plan and Replacing and Repealing Resolution No. 10419.

Total Cost: TBD Account No: Various
Is the cost of this item budgeted? No

Resolution No. 10435
Item has been tabled to the next meeting.

- 14.8 Discussion and Action to Make Appointments of City Council Members to Ad Hoc Committees and Advisory Committees: Development, Fiscal and Parks, Recreation and Community Services

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Appoint three (3) members to the Standing Development Advisory Committee:
MEMBER: _____
MEMBER: _____
MEMBER: _____

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Councilmember Puente – There was a discussion regarding having something brought back regarding who is on the commission and how long they have served.

16. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

16.1 Presentation by Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

Mayor Ancona – In regards to Pioneer Park will it be getting funding?

City Manager Martinez – provided update regarding steps being taken by City staff in regards to Pioneer Park.

Mayor Ancona – Spoke about going after more funding to create quiet zones once the City meets the criteria. Can this be added on the radar?

Councilmember Martinez Muela – How long has the City contracted with Townsend Public Affairs. And at 2016 you were strictly a Sacramento based firm for the City? Concerned regarding the fact that Townsend has not reached out to all members of the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrera – Spoke about creating a sub-committee of the City Council that may meet with Townsend and get regular updates.

Mayor Ancona – Concerned that the City Council has many sub-committees.

17. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: **None**

18. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

18A. Mayor Ancona

18A.1 Discussion and Request for Catalytic Converter Etching Event.

Mayor Ancona – Community members have requested catalytic converter etching events.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrera – how did this event work in the past?

Mayor Ancona – SROs, the tow companies sponsored their time to come and lift the vehicles, it was held at the yard.

City Manager Martinez – There were also staff members there, maybe this can be done during a community clean-up event.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrera – that is a good idea to combine the events.

18A.2 Discussion and Direction for Lunar New Year Event 2024.

Mayor Ancona – We were approached to do a larger scale Lunar New Year event. Would like to put this on the calendar for next year. During our budget if we can add this to do something on a larger scale to spearhead as a City.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrera – I think this is one of those tasks that the Human Relations Commission can take on and start planning these events.

City Manager Martinez – We will discuss the events budget at the Mid-Year budget.

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Mayor Ancona – We can ask some of our vendors to sponsor some of these events.

18A.3 Discussion on Creating Standing Food Fest/Night Market Event.

Mayor Ancona – How would you feel about bringing back Flavor Fest/Night Market.

Councilmember Puente – Yes, this was one of the ideas that we floated and staff helped implement to provide a venue for this. The event was not well attended.

Assistant City Manager Servin – Provided the City Council with an update regarding the previous Flavor Fest. The total cost for the two months was close to \$7,500. The City did not recover the costs.

18A.4 Discussion and Direction to Create a Process Allowing Food Vendors at Concerts in the Park Event.

Mayor Ancona – Is the City looking forward to bring back Concerts in the Park? Potentially have an opportunity for vendors to sell at these events.

City Manager Martinez – Indicated that this item will be discussed when the event's budget is discussed during the Mid-Year budget.

18A.5 Discussion on Quarterly Town Hall Meeting.

Mayor Ancona – Are we bringing back the quarterly town hall meetings to include with the awards ceremonies. Are we going to have another one in the spring?

18B. Mayor Pro Tem Herrera

18B.1 Update on Request for Ordinance Creating Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Program.

Passed received update from Assistant City Attorney Padilla.

18C. Councilwoman Cortez

18C.1 Update Regarding Community Clean-Up Schedule.

Councilmember Cortez requested an update regarding the community clean-up schedule.

City Manager Martinez – provided an update regarding the community clean-up.

Assistant City Manager Amber Servin – provided the City Council with a tentative schedule for the community clean-up.

Councilmember Martinez Muela – Is this schedule for all of the Districts? Has the City reached out to the local high schools for volunteers? What is the plan for staffing?

City Manager Martinez – provided an update regarding this.

Mayor Ancona – requested a cost per event for the City Council to review.

18C.2 Update Regarding Vacant Property Registry.

Councilmember Martinez Muela – Spoke about the vacant property and how the City had a company that was handling this before for the City.

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City Manager Martinez – provided additional information regarding this. She indicated that this is for the large vacant properties throughout the City.

18D. Councilwoman Martinez Muela

18D.1 Discussion and Direction for Staff to Pursue and Present to Council Claremont Lincoln University City Staff Cohort Opportunities for Higher Education and Certification.

Councilmember Martinez Muela – There is an opportunity for embracing higher education at an incredible cost that focuses on land use and policy that supports the City. Would like to hear more regarding this item as a body. Request that staff obtain additional information and that the City Manager provide the City Council with a report on this item.

18D.2 Discussion and Direction for Staff to Pursue and Present to Council Water Education for Latino Leaders Smart Growth Program for Cities.

Would like staff to bring back information to the City Council so that a program can potentially be built around this.

Councilmember Rojo – There will be a conference on April 1st regarding this.

18D.3 Discussion and Direction Re-Launching the Community Coordinating Council, which Served to Support Community Organizations Working Together.

This was an opportunity for all the community organizations to come together and put on a community calendar their events. Would like to see this come back in the near future.

Councilmember Ruedas – I think this can definitely help us move forward in scheduling community events.

Mayor Pro Tem Herrera – What impact does this have on staff, not sure what is being proposed?

City Manager Martinez – provided Mayor Pro Tem with an update as to what the staff's role is.

Councilmember Martinez Muela – Received phone calls regarding Tyler and Bryant right in front of Blessed Rock, there was some consideration with regards to the sidewalk. What is the timeline on fixing that. Also, the Merced Water Main Break that happened on Christmas eve.

Assistant City Manager Mendez – provided the City Council with an update regarding the sidewalk in front of Blessed Rock. All American Asphalt will be out there on Thursday to fix the problem. The paving will be done in April. The Merced project is an inhouse work and that will be handled next week.

18E. Councilwoman Puente

Spoke about the issues with exporting patrol vehicles. This may be something to look into.

Mayor Ancona – When you equip them with equipment where special funding is used there are steps to take prior to donating the vehicles.

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18F. Councilman Rojo

18F.1 Discussion Regarding the Meeting with the Delegates of El Monte's Sister City Zamora, Michoacan Held on February 28, 2023.

Very impressed by the ambassadors of Zamora Michoacan. Spoke about their patrol cars and the possibility of maybe donating patrol vehicles that the City is retiring.

Also spoke about the water issues that they have including a City running out of water.

18F.2 Discussion Regarding Garvey Corridor Street Beautification.

Met with Economic Development staff regarding the work being done on Garvey.

Looking forward to meeting with Mr. Mendez to discuss the street improvements needed down the Garvey Corridor.

18G. Councilwoman Ruedas

18G.1 Discussion Regarding Vacant Lots on Arden Drive.

Concerns from the community regarding the empty vacant lots on Arden Drive. An update is being requested on what is happening.

City Manage Martinez – staff will provide an update regarding this.

18G.2 Discussion and Action to Inform Community Members and Promote City's Districts.

Requested that a Map be placed here at City Hall so that the community can know who represents them. Updates to the website and name plates.

18G.3 Discussion and Action to Include the History of El Monte at City Hall (Entrance and Council Chambers).

Councilmember Ruedas – provided the City Council on ideas to add El Monte history at City Hall.

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19. ADJOURNMENT:

**m) Mayor Ancona
Adjourn the meeting at 11:10 p.m.**

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