

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
OF MARCH 11, 2026

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: **6:00 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 – **present**  
Martin Herrera, Councilmember/Authority Member – **absent**  
Dr. Julia Ruedas, Councilmember/Authority Member – **present**

**Councilmember Herrera joined the City Council meeting at approximately 6:03 p.m.**

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**m) Councilmember Dr. Ruedas**  
**s) Councilmember Galvan** **7-0**  
**Table Item 16.1 to the meeting of**  
**March 25, 2026**

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 agenda 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 agenda item 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 and 4.2.**

**Mayor Ancona and the City Council recessed into Closed Session at approximately 6:09 p.m. Mayor Ancona and the City Council reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 7:04 p.m.**

4.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Desiree Juarez vs. City of El Monte, LASC Case No. 22PSCV02831.

**Report from staff, feedback given, but no final action taken.**

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- 4.2 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Qiang Li vs. El Monte Police Department, LASC Case No. 24PSCV04146.

**Report from staff, feedback given, 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. **Councilmember Crippen-Thomas.**
  
- 6. FLAG SALUTE: Aaliyah Anna Anaya, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Student from La Primaria School. **Present**
  
- 7. RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND COMMUNITY INTEREST PRESENTATIONS:
  - 7.1 Presentation by the City Council to Aaliyah Anna Anaya from La Primaria School for Leading the Pledge of Allegiance. **Present**
  
  - 7.2 Presentation by the City Council to City Staff for Their Valued Dedication and Contributions to the City of El Monte for Women’s History Month. **Present**
  
  - 7.3 Presentation by the City Council to Arroyo High School Varsity Wrestling Team. **Present**
  
- 8. CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA:
  - 8.1 Presentation by the City Attorney on Code of Conduct for Councilmembers.
  
  - 8.2 Consider and Adopt of a Resolution Affirming the City’s Code of Conduct.
  
- 9. CITY MANAGER’S AGENDA:
  - 9.1 Immigration Ad Hoc Update.
  
- 10. 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 of business 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 of business agenda items 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.), 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.

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Vanessa Salazar – No data centers in El Monte.

Mayan Pride – Hold El Monte PD accountable for their acts.

Adrian Martin – Keep data centers out of El Monte. Ice does not belong in El Monte.

Ricardo Padilla – Spoke about Mayor Ancona.

George Shen – In support of data centers.

Cassy Adorable – Spoke about various items.

Joshua Ballze – Spoke about various items.

Robert Arnett – Spoke about various items.

Armando Herman –

**Break at 7:55 p.m.**

**Return at 8:13 p.m.**

11. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

12. DEMAND RESOLUTION NO. D-746

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 \$4,132,780.89 have been examined by the City Treasurer and that warrant numbers 1137001 through 1137140, and the payroll period February 1, 2026 through February 15, 2026 inclusive are hereby allowed in the amounts and ordered paid out of the respective funds as set forth.

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2026.

14. 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.

14.1 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

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- 14.2 Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Adopting a Policy to Enhance Organizational Efficiency and Succession Planning Efforts.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the attached Resolution adopting a policy to enhance organizational efficiency and succession planning efforts.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10669

**Break at 8:17 p.m.**

**Return at 8:18 p.m.**

15. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Members of the public wishing to address the Council on any item of business agendized under this Public Hearing portion of the agenda are asked to submit a speaker card for each Public Hearing item of business they wish to address the Council on. Each speaker will be allotted three (3) continuous minutes per Public Hearing item. Members of the public are asked to submit speaker cards to the City Clerk or the Sergeant-of-Arms before the Council's approval of the agenda, if possible. The Council is under no obligation to recognize a speaker who submits a speaker card for a particular Public Hearing item of business after the public comment portion of the public hearing for that item has closed.

- 15.1 A Public Hearing to Accept the Closeout of the Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV) Project, Grant Number 21-CDBG-HK-00006 Funded by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

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 public comment;
5. Close the public hearing; and
6. Accept the closeout of the Community Development Block Grant Program – Coronavirus Response (CDBG-CV) grant number 21-CDBG-HK-00006.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

**m) Mayor Ancona**

**s) Councilmember Galvan**

**Open P.H.**

**7-0**

**m) Mayor Ancona**

**s) Mayor Pro Tem Longoria**

**Adjourn to an Adjourn City Council meeting on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**

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- 15.2 A Public Hearing to Consider and Adopt a Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report and Authorize the City Manager to Submit the CAPER to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

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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 comment;
5. Pose follow-up questions to staff;
6. Close the public hearing; and
7. Adopt a Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 CAPER and authorize the City Manager to submit the CAPER to HUD.

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

Resolution No. 10670

**m) Mayor Ancona**  
**s) Mayor Pro Tem Longoria** 7-0  
**Open P.H.**

**m) Mayor Ancona**  
**s) Councilmember Dr. Ruedas** 7-0  
**Adjourn to an Adjourn City**  
**Council meeting on Monday,**  
**March 16, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**

- 15.3 A Public Hearing to Consider and Adopt an Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of El Monte Adding Chapter 2.90 to Title 2 of The El Monte Municipal Code: Restricted Use of City-Owned or City-Controlled Property.

**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 comment;
5. Pose follow up questions to staff;
6. Close the public hearing; and
7. Approve the attached Urgency Ordinance by no less than four-fifths (4/5) vote.

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

Urgency Ordinance No. 3061

16. **REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 16.1 Consider and Adopt Mid-Year Budget Adjustments for the General Fund and Other Funds for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

**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 2025-26 by increasing appropriations in the General Fund by \$138,029 and increasing Special Revenue Funds by \$26,288.

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

Resolution No. 10671  
**Tabled to the meeting of March 25, 2026**

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- 16.2 Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Updating the Citywide Classification and Compensation Plan and Repealing all Prior City Council Resolutions Updating the Citywide Classification and Compensation Plan.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the attached Resolution establishing an updated Citywide Classification and Compensation Plan, effective March 11, 2026, except where otherwise indicated.

Total Cost: \$382,250

Account No: Various

Is the cost of this item budgeted? No

Resolution No. 10672

17. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

18. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

18A. Mayor Ancona

18B. Mayor Pro Tem Longoria

18C. Councilwoman Cortez

18D. Councilwoman Crippen-Thomas

18E. Councilwoman Galvan

18F. Councilman Herrera

18G. Councilwoman Dr. Ruedas

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19. ADJOURNMENT:

**At 8:25 p.m.**

**m) Mayor Ancona**

**s) Councilmember Galvan**

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**Adjourn to an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held on **March 25, 2026** 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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Gabriel Ramirez, City Clerk  
City of El Monte

APPROVED:

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Jessica Ancona, Mayor  
City of El Monte