



CITY OF MONTEBELLO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M.

**MONTEBELLO SENIOR CENTER
115 S. TAYLOR AVENUE
MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA 90640**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

ROLL CALL – Members present were Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne, Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez, Councilmember Melendez, and Councilmember Peralta. City Clerk Jimenez and Treasurer Gutierrez were also present. Councilmember Torres was absent.

STAFF PRESENT – City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Manager René Bobadilla, Assistant City Manager Arlene Salazar, Deputy City Clerk Alicia Fernandez, Assistant to Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Guillen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None.

OPEN SESSION

Prior to the start of the meeting City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman announced that the City was having technical difficulties and the volume output was low, and recommended to those viewing online to turn up the volume. Mr. Alvarez-Glasman also announced that Spanish translation services were available to the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. CALIFORNIA VOTING RIGHTS ACT (“CVRA”) PUBLIC HEARING NO. 5

Mr. Claudio Gallegos presented a PowerPoint Presentation to the City Council in which he provided them with an overview of the Open House events, the scoring system used to rank the proposed District Maps, the results and overall ranking based on the public’s input. Based on the results, Mr. Gallegos stated that Demographer Map 3 was the most favored.

City Council was provided an opportunity to ask questions and make comments. Councilmember Melendez stated that the public’s input is being taken into consideration and

commended Staff and his colleagues for the continuous support. Councilmember Peralta had no questions and stated her interest in listening to the Public's input. Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez commended Staff as well and expressed her excitement on the progress and coming closer to making a decision. Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne provided an overview of the outreach process within this past year and opened the Public Hearing at 9:40 a.m.

Two Speaker Cards were submitted to the City Clerk's office; Speakers were provided three minutes to address the City Council and said speaker cards are on file at the City Clerk's office. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:44 a.m.

Councilmember Melendez motioned to eliminate two (2) maps and move forward Demographer Map No. 2, 3, 5 and Public Map No. 5.

Councilmember Peralta stated per preference for an elected Mayor and six districts, asked to move forward with Demographer Map 5 and Public Map No. 5, and suggested distributing an online survey to receive additional feedback from the public and made a substitute motion with those recommendations; motion did not seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez asked to move forward with Demographer Map No. 2, 3, and 5.

Councilmember Melendez, Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez, and Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne expressed their concern regarding an online survey.

Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez, seconded the motion made by Councilmember Melendez, that the City Council:

- 1) Move forward Demographer Map No. 2, 3, 5 and Public Map No. 5.

MOVED: Melendez	SECONDED: Jimenez	APPROVED: 4-0-0-1
AYES: Melendez, Peralta, Jimenez, Cobos-Cawthorne		
NOES: None		
ABSTAIN: None		
ABSENT: Torres		

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Jimenez motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Melendez. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

THE MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2022 ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 8th DAY OF JUNE 2022.



Alicia Fernandez, Deputy City Clerk