



**CITY OF MONTEBELLO JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND
PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING**

MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M.

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1600 WEST BEVERLY BOULEVARD
MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Members present were Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne, Mayor Pro Tem Torres, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Melendez, Councilmember Peralta, Commissioner Aliksanian, Commissioner Cuevas, Vice Chair Ramirez, and Treasurer Gutierrez. Commissioner Lomeli, Commissioner Briseno, and City Clerk Jimenez were absent.

STAFF PRESENT – City Manager René Bobadilla, Assistant City Manager Arlene Salazar, City Attorney Arnold M. Alvarez-Glasman, Deputy City Clerk Alicia Fernandez, Assistant to Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Guillen, Director of Planning/Community Development Joseph Palombi, and Joe Minicozzi from Urban 3.

CLOSED SESSION – NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS (30 MINUTES) – No public comments.

PRESENTATION

1. **MONTEBELLO'S FISCAL MRI PRESENTATION**

Director of Planning/Community Development Joseph Palombi and Mr. Minicozzi provided the City Council (Council) with a presentation regarding the economic analysis and overview of the City of Montebello (City), based on facts regarding the City's current economic condition, in an effort to identify patterns of potential development related to the General Plan update as well as the Downtown Master Plan that could enhance and guide the City's long term prosperity.

Councilmember Melendez asked clarifying questions about the chosen cities that were compared to the City of Montebello. Mayor Pro Tem Torres recommended the video "The High Cost of Free Parking" to the City Council and Planning Commission.

Commissioner Cuevas stated that he sees the value in understanding the information provided. Mr. Cuevas asked what some of the points, in terms of value, that development could bring into the City. Mr. Minicozzi stated that that property taxes brings value to the City. Commissioner Briseno recommended bringing this data back and relook at it in two years since we are currently in a pandemic. Commissioner Aliksanian asked if the goal is for the community to travel less and build high-rise parking structures with less parking lots, and Mr. Minicozzi stated that it's more about being conscious of the choices and opportunities for redevelopment. Chairperson Briseno asked Mr. Minicozzi clarifying questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Briseno adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Councilmember Melendez motioned to adjourn the City Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Peralta; motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

THE MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2021 ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022.



Alicia Fernandez, Deputy City Clerk