



CITY OF MONTEBELLO CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M.

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

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

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 FOR CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None.

CLOSED SESSION – 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne recessed the meeting into Closed Session at 5:38 p.m. to consider the following closed session items:

1. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES

Government Code Section 54957

Consultation with City Manager, Police Chief, City Attorney and other related City officials.

2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Government Code Section 54957

Title: City Manager René Bobadilla

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)

One matter (facts need not be disclosed pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(1))

4. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 310 West Whittier Boulevard

Agency's Negotiator: René Bobadilla, City Manager

Negotiating Party: Chevrolet of Montebello

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

4a. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne reconvened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. The City Attorney's report is as follows: Item No. 1, City Council (Council) received a briefing, there was no action, and it will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda; Item No. 4, Council received a briefing, direction was provided to Agency's Negotiator but no final action was taken; and Item No. 4a, Council received a briefing and no final action was taken. For Item No. 2, the City Attorney requested that Old Business Item No. 11 be moved forward to be discussed, as it related to Closed Session No. 2. Council provided direction and Amendment No. 2 to the City Manager, René Bobadilla's, employment agreement was prepared. Councilmember Jimenez motioned, seconded by Melendez, that Item No. 4a be added to the agenda; motion was carried unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION – 6:30 P.M.**INVOCATION** – Arnold Alvarez-Glasman**FLAG SALUTE** – Ulysses Garibay-Urquizo**CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA – CITY MANAGER** – NONE**PRESENTATIONS****5. RECOGNITION OF LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH** – Presented by Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne**6. RECOGNITION OF JUNETEENTH – FREEDOM DAY** – Presented by Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne**7. RECOGNITION OF PTSD AWARENESS MONTH** – Presented by Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne

8. **NATIONAL SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH** – Presented by Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne
9. **RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN OF THE MONTH – PAUL PARZIK, YMCA** – Presented by Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne
10. **INITIAL FY 21-22 BUDGET OVERVIEW** – Presented by Director of Finance, Michael Solorza

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (30 MINUTES)

The City Clerk Office called one (1) member of the public wishing to address the City Council. Speaker was provided three minutes to address the City Council and said speaker card is on file at the City Clerk's office.

The City Clerk Office acknowledged three (3) written public comments submitted to the City's public comment email address. Said comments are on file at the City Clerk's office.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

OLD BUSINESS

11. **APPROVE CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT OR CHANGES TO CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman provided a report, stating that City retained Mr. René Bobadilla to serve in the capacity of City Manager on July 29, 2019. The City approved Amendment No. 1 of his employment agreement in 2020. The City Council received a draft agreement from the City attorney's office of proposed changes to Mr. Bobadilla's employment agreement which were presented to Council in Amendment No. 2.

Mayor Pro Tem was not in support of approving Amendment No. 2. Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne and Councilmembers Jimenez, and Melendez were in support. It was motioned by Councilmember Melendez, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez to approve Amendment No 2 of Mr. Bobadilla's employment agreement.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item No. 12 was pulled by one member of the public to address a public comment. Councilmember Jimenez made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Melendez to approve Items No. 13-19; motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Peralta was absent for Consent Calendar portion of the meeting.

Motion to approve Items No's. 13-19 as recommended.

MOVED: Jimenez

SECONDED: Melendez

APPROVED: 3-1-0-1

AYES: Cobos-Cawthorne, Jimenez, Melendez

NOES: Torres

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Peralta

12. APPROVE EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO. 2883 WITH SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman called one (1) member of the public wishing to address the City Council. The speaker was provided three minutes to address the City Council and said speaker card is on file at the City Clerk's office. City Manager Bobadilla requested that Staff reach out to her to address her concerns.

Director of Public Works, James Enriquez, presented this item to the City Council.

Councilmember Melendez motioned to approve, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez that the City Council:

- 1) Approve an Eighth Amendment to Agreement No. 2883 with San Gabriel Valley Water Company for the operation of the City's Water System; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute the Amendment on behalf of the City; and
- 3) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

MOVED: Melendez

SECONDED: Jimenez

APPROVED: 4-0-0-1

AYES: Cobos-Cawthorne, Jimenez, Melendez, Torres

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Peralta

13. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT NO. 3419 – ON-CALL ELECTRICAL SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 3419 with Leed Electric for On-Call Electrical Services; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 on behalf of the City; and
- 3) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

14. AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM PROVIDER (RFQ 21-53)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Award a Professional Services Agreement to School Nutrition Plus in an amount not-to-exceed Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) annually for Summer Food Service Program Provider; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement on behalf of the City; and
- 3) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

15. AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSALS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Authorize issuing a Request for Qualifications/Proposals for the items and services required to upgrade the City's Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure, backbone network, storage and related software and hardware purchases, including procurement of installation and related services.

16. APPROVE THE APPROPRIATION OF SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (AQMD) FUNDS TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE FOR THE MONTEBELLO COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MCAP)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Approve the appropriation of AQMD funds in an amount not-to-exceed \$60,000 to purchase a vehicle for the MCAP by amending the Fiscal Year 2020-21 budget, Account No. 245-99-6082, Vehicle Purchases; and
- 2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

17. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 21-44 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPOINT AUTHORIZED AGENTS TO TAKE ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 21-44 authorizing the City Manager to appoint authorized agents to take any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining Low Carbon Transit Operations Program ("LCTOP") funds provided by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and

- 2) Authorize the City Manager to sign the Authorized Agent form on behalf of the City of Montebello ("City"); and
- 3) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

18. UPDATE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) FARELESS SYSTEM INITIATIVE (FSI)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) An update regarding the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Pilot Fareless System Initiative for K-12 and community college students with the potential to branch to all passengers for the next 18 months; and
- 2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

19. PAYMENT OF BILLS: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY WARRANT REGISTER OF DEMANDS DATED JUNE 9, 2021

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed Resolution approving the Warrant Register dated June 9, 2021.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED IF NECESSARY – None

COUNCIL ORALS

Council member announcements; requests for future agenda items; conference/meetings reports.

1. **Councilmember Melendez** – made the announcements below:
 - a. Regional Riverbed City Partnership – asked for City Council consensus for beginning the process of creating a Regional Board consisting of one or two councilmembers from local cities that surround the riverbed.
 - b. Naming a city facility in the memory of Lion Bill Walters - asked for City Council consensus for naming a City Facility in his honor.
2. **Councilmember Jimenez** – made the announcements below:
 - a. Jerry Griffin – asked for City Council consensus to direct Staff to look into a way to commemorate Mr. Jerry Griffin.
 - b. Sister City – asked for City Council consensus to request Staff to look into establishing a Sister City with Nayarit, Mexico.
 - c. Run Montebello Run Shoe Drive for MCAP – asked runners to donate old/new shoes to the MCAP program.
 - d. Appointment of Youth Commissioner – Councilmember Jimenez added one more oral to her list and appointed Ryan Gutierrez as a Youth Commissioner.
3. **Councilmember Peralta** – made the announcements below:
 - a. Pride Month

- 1) Gender-inclusive language options for applications and within the City (included documents)
- 2) Art from LGBTQ+ residents displayed at City Hall during Pride Month, or when City Hall re-opens.
- 3) Explore City archives to honor a significant LGBTQ+ resident
- b. Request for Presentation on End of the Year Citywide Project Updates
- c. Recognition of the Schurr High School AVID "Marcos Montes Dream Scholarship" recipients: Jonathan Sandoval, Alexis Rios, and Jennifer Lopez

Councilmember Peralta asked for City Council consensus to take action on Item 3.a.1-3. Councilmember Jimenez suggested combining a 5k run with the LGBTQ acknowledgements. City Manager suggested a meeting with Councilmember Peralta and Jimenez to plan accordingly. No report was provided on items b and c.

4. **Mayor Pro Tem Torres** – asked to clarify a comment he made earlier in the meeting. Torres stated that his parents are watching the meeting tonight and his dad does pay 100% of his own medical, dental, vision, and life insurance.

5. **Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne** – None

City Clerk Jimenez addressed the passing of Eddie Lopez, Parks and Recreation Staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Jimenez motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Melendez; motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

THE MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2021 ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022.



Alicia Fernandez, Deputy City Clerk

SPEAKER CARDS

General Comments

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City of Montebello

Rec'd
6/9/21
2:10pm

SPEAKER REQUEST CARD

PLEASE NOTE: ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ARE
OPTIONAL AND NOT REQUIRED TO SPEAK.

Name Raul Hurtado

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (323) 721-5622

Organization represented (if any) _____

Topic General : Water conservation

(Please be specific)

(The instructions on the back will assist you in expressing your views)

GENERAL COMMENTS

Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: Tracey Cortez <tlc55464@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 7:12 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Parks & recreation event planning

Since covid restrictions have lifted and will be back to normal by june 15 per federal and state government guidelines, Why does it take the city so long to plan recreational events & classes for the summer season. The city is behind the times and not creative in their planning. Other cities have the parks and rec classes in motion already and have events that draw the citizens into be part of the city. The city could plan kite day at the Whittier narrow recreational dam. A great place to fly kites and make bubbles that fly in the air all year. You could organize a city clean up day for the Whittier narrows area near Lincoln. And have guided tours in the area too. That area needs some love and is a wonderful overlooked treasure The Whittier narrow , dam area is an awesome resource you should tap into . I would be interested in bei g a tour guide for nature walks as they do for the la river. You forget that your in the city . The homeless are further north and furth Dr South and would not be a hindrance for the tours. It's a family spot. I frequent that area to fly my kite every two weeks. That would be such an awesome thing to introduce to kids once again. Also, when will the pool be open again. Exercise classes too? The people are ready to get out. Be a driving city who is with the times and keeps up with change.

I appreciate your time. You may contact me at 3235308553
Tracey Cortez

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: John Espinosa <espinosajh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 9:30 AM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Pedestrian Crossings

Why is a pedestrian light at Beverly and 20th more urgent than one that is needed in front of the Hospital at Beverly and 2nd St?

Sent from my iPhone

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Guillen, Kimberly (Admin)

From: randy beas <randyb231@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:37 AM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Please Read on record during public comments

312 west Olympic lane, Montebello – Randy Beas

Hello,

My name is Randy Beas and I am founder and president of Keeping The Culture Alive, an arts organization based in Montebello. For the past 7 years KTCA has hosted the Montebello Artwalk and Montebello Artfest. Upon recently, we decided to halt our shows due to the pandemic for the safety of the community and artists alike. Since then, we have been in the background sitting quietly and working on plans to make A safe return to our great city and bring back the Arts. Our vision has always been to Empower the Artists of Tomorrow and give A platform to anyone looking to join the Arts. Since we have been in existence, KTCA has brought people from all over the U.S to our city and given back our community and arts to share with everyone.

The reason for me speaking today is to ask humbly, Will the city of Montebello welcome us back to hosting our monthly shows in person (with the understanding of safety protocols) and be able to bring out our community to showcase the arts. Our group and artists have deep roots in Montebello and would like to return home to show that together we are Montebello Strong.

Thank you to the city council and Mayor for answering our questions day or night and being A supporter of the Arts & KTCA all these years when it was just A idea. Together we can Empower the Artists and City that we call home.

-Randy Beas
President
Keeping The Culture Alive

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SPEAKER CARDS

Item #12 -

**Amendment to Agreement
No. 2883 with San Gabriel
Valley Water Company**

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City of Montebello

SPEAKER REQUEST CARD

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Recv'd 6/9
8:53am
K.G.

Name Elizabeth Arenas

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (323) 359-5093

Organization represented (if any) _____

Topic #12- Amendment w/ San Gabriel Valley - comment + question
(Please be specific)

(The instructions on the back will assist you in expressing your views)