



CITY OF MONTEBELLO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M.

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1600 WEST BEVERLY BOULEVARD
MONTEBELLO, CALIFORNIA 90640**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne called the meeting to order at 5:12 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 ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (30 MINUTES)

The City Clerk's office called six (6) members of the public wishing to address the City Council. The speakers were provided three minutes to address the City Council and said speaker cards are on file at the City Clerk's office.

The City Clerk's office acknowledged six (6) public comments submitted to the City's public comment email address. Said comments are on file at the City Clerk's office.

OPEN SESSION

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. CONSIDERATION OF REORGANIZATION FOR THE POSITION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

Councilmember Melendez, Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne, and Councilmember Jimenez were in support of the reorganization for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Pro Tem Torres and Councilmember Peralta were not in support of the reorganization for the position of Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Melendez made a motion to remove Mayor Pro Tem Torres from his current position, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez. A roll call vote was taken and motion passed by 3-2.

MOVED: Melendez **SECONDED:** Jimenez **APPROVED:** 3-2-0-0

AYES: Cobos-Cawthorne, Jimenez, Melendez

NOES: Torres, Peralta

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Councilmember Melendez made a motion to nominate Councilmember Jimenez for the position of Major Pro tem, a second was not needed. No further nominations were received and nominations were closed. Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne asked for a motion to confirm Councilmember Jimenez' appointment as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Melendez made a motion to confirm the appointment, motion seconded by Councilmember Jimenez. A roll call vote was taken and motion passed by 3-2.

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AYES: Cobos-Cawthorne, Jimenez, Melendez

NOES: Torres, Peralta

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne adjourned to the Regular Meeting at 6:24 p.m.

THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 27, 2021 ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022.



Alicia Fernandez, Deputy City Clerk

ITEM NO. 1 - CONSIDERATION OF REORGANIZATION

Angelina Padilla

From: Adriana Tachiquin <adriee97@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:24 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Today's Special Meeting

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I have been a resident of Montebello for 42 years and I am voicing my disagreement with Mayor Kimberly Cobo's attempting to remove Mayor Pro Tem David Torres. As a citizen of this community I am asking that David is allowed to finish his role. I think it's extremely important that he continues to voice his opinion and calling out certain issues and/or council members for their lack of putting the city first.

I am also asking for our voices as residents to be continued to be heard. Our voices our votes are what matters. Why is there urgency to take our voices away? What is the Mayor scared of that she no longer wants to be transparent? We need to know what is going on and we as citizens need to be able to oppose any procedures that council is attempting to change.

I also urge Mayor Cobo's to start thinking for herself as opposed to her mother making and influencing decisions made. I didn't vote for your mother. I voted for you because I trusted you would do right for our city. You lost all future votes in my household and I am positive that I am not the only resident that feels this way.

Sincerely,

Adriana Tachiquin

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Angelina Padilla

From: Catherine Salaiz <salaizcate@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:48 AM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: 10/27

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I would like to voice my concern over the possible removal of David Torres as Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. Torres has done an exemplary job serving our community, I believe he is the Council Member that addresses our concerns and is always available to our community members.

~~The newly imposed time limitations on public and council comment is also a concern, this is a step backwards for our city. Limiting public comment sends a message that our voices are only worth a timed response. When we are addressing issues that directly concern us, time should not be constrained to the first 30 minutes of a meeting, we should address our concerns with a Consent or Agenda Item at the time they are brought to our attention. In order to further the suppression of the community's voice, written comments are not addressed at the time of the meeting. These policies seem to curtail any momentum that community members may gain.~~

Thank you for your time.

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Angelina Padilla

From: Elias Rangel <rangel538@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 9:14 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Disagree with Notice of Special Meeting Scheduled for 10/27

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The topic of a reorganization specifically with the intent to change current Mayor Pro Tem seems hasty and unsubstantiated.

From my knowledge and experience current Mayor Pro Tem, David Torres, is an amazing and caring individual with the approach and perspective to have a positive and lasting affect on the City of Montebello. As someone who has lived in Montebello for 20+ years his opinion and forward thinking is something we need more of. Please consider this my opposition to any sort of early reorganization of said position.

Best,

Elias Rangel
Proud Montebello Resident

Sent from my iPhone

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Angelina Padilla

From: Pat Duran <pduran4321@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 3:23 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Citizen comments and concerns of today's meeting

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I completely disagree with the removal of

David Torres for Montebello's Mayor for 2022.

David is an amazing person, and his skills are far
the best for the job.

If this is for personal reasons, then this should be dismissed.

If this is for political reasons, or for political gain,
then David Torres should remain as Mayor Pro Term.

Marta Perez

Citizen of Montebello

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Angelina Padilla

From: dede <ddd1way@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 2:55 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: special meeting

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Good evening,

I would like to comment the special meeting of reorganization of Mayor.

Why the rush to a special meeting for the re-organization of Mayor, Is it because you do not agree on everything, This Council has made some questionable decisions that are not the will of the people, I am sure you have been told that rushing into decisions that will affect our city is not wise.

You each have been voted in to make decisions and bring forth the wishes of the people of this City. Not your own wishes!

Figure it out like grown ups and please stop the back biting!!!

Delia & Danny Delgado

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Angelina Padilla

From: Julian Cepeda <j.cepeda1296@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 1:33 PM
To: comment, ccpublic
Subject: Public Comment Regarding Reorganization of Mayor Pro Tem

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Good afternoon,

I am writing today in support for Mayor Pro Tem David Torres. He has been an excellent leader in the community and has always put his responsibility as an elected representative first. I hope the council chooses to keep David Torres in his position as Mayor Pro Tem and elects him as Mayor at the scheduled reorganization later this year.

Thank you for your time,

Julian Cepeda

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Rec'd 10/27
@ 9:59
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Name Erika Cabrera Moriyama

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (323) 680 - 0528

Organization represented (if any) _____

Topic Item # 1

(Please be specific)

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REC'D 10/27/21
@10:12am
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Name Veronica Rodriguez Cabrera

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (323) 697-0256

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Topic Item #2

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@ 12:14pm

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Name Mayra Jimenez

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (323) 683-4687

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Topic item #1

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@ 11:07am
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Name Arlene Andrade

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (323) 810-3915

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Topic special meeting item #1

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Rec'd 10/27

@ 3:30 PM

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Name Marlene Ramirez

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (024) 370-5673

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Topic item 1

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Rec'd 10/27
@ 4:02 p.m.
K.G.

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Name Margita Uyere

Address (optional) _____

Phone (optional) (323) 304-0661

Organization represented (if any) _____

Topic - Special Meeting: Talking in support of Keeping Mayor Pro Tem
Torres
(Please be specific)

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