



CITY OF MONTEBELLO SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Torres called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Mayor Pro Tem Peralta, Councilmember Melendez, Councilmember Tamayo, and Mayor Torres and two at-large seats remain vacant. Councilmember Jimenez arrived at 6:26 p.m. City Clerk Jimenez was also present. City Treasurer Matanga arrived at 6:09 p.m.

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, Assistant City Manager Arlene Salazar, Senior Deputy City Clerk Alicia Fernandez, Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Guillen, and all Department Directors were present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (30 MINUTES)

At this time, the general public may ***only*** address the City Council during this Special Meeting on items which have been described in the notice of this Special meeting in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.3(a). Please be aware that the maximum time allotted for members of the public to speak on shall not exceed three (3) minutes per person. State Law prohibits the City Council from taking action or entertaining extended discussion on a topic not listed on the agenda. Please show courtesy to others and direct all of your comments to the Mayor.

The City Clerk's Office acknowledged five (5) speaker cards and one (1) written public comment(s) submitted to the City's public comment email address. Said speaker cards and comments are on file at the City Clerk's office.

REGULAR SESSION – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA CITY MANAGER

None.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

None.

Mayor Torres proceeded with the Consent Calendar and moved the Closed Session to the end.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine. Any items a Councilmember wishes to discuss should be designated at this time. All other items may be approved in a single motion. Such approval will also waive the reading of any ordinance.

Mayor Torres pulled Item No. 5. Mayor Pro Tem Peralta motioned, seconded by Councilmember Melendez, that Item No's. 4 and 6, be approved; the motion passed unanimously; Councilmember Jimenez was absent.

4. **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 23-06 FOR THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) PROGRAM FORMULA FUNDING PLAN**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 23-06 for the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program Formula Funding Plan to collect the City's \$1,900,548 five-year allocation; and
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Motioned by Mayor Pro Tem Peralta, seconded by Councilmember Melendez; the motion was approved unanimously; Councilmember Jimenez was absent.

5. **AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP NO. 23-7) FOR CHARTER BUS SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP No. 23-7) for charter bus services for the Recreation and Community Services Department; and
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Torres requested an amendment to the Request for Proposals to change or remove the provision that the vendor has the ability to designate any material confidential. The recommended language is that the City Attorney has the ability to designate material that is confidential. He believes that the provision limits the public's ability to view the full proposal.

Mayor Torres motioned, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Perlata, that the item be approved with recommendations. The motion passed unanimously; Councilmember Jimenez was absent.

6. **PAYMENT OF BILLS: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 23-05 APPROVING THE CITY WARRANT REGISTER OF DEMANDS DATED JANUARY 25,2023.**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 23-05 approving the Warrant Register dated January 25,2023.

Motioned by Mayor Pro Tem Peralta, seconded by Councilmember Melendez; the motion was approved unanimously; Councilmember Jimenez was absent.

CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

The City Attorney shall provide a briefing on the items listed for Closed Session as follows:

Mayor Torres recessed the meeting into Closed Session at 6:20 p.m. to consider the following Closed Session items:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Negotiators: Arlene Salazar, Nicholas Razo

Employee Groups: SMART-TD

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Section Code 54956.9 (d)(1)
Neighborhood Elections Now, et al. v. City of Montebello
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV01567

3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Government Code Section 54957 (b)(1)
Title: City Manager

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Mayor Torres reconvened the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

All five members were present to discuss all Closed Session items. City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman provided the following report to City Council: a briefing was provided on Item No. 1, no action taken and nothing to report; City Council briefly discussed Item No. 2, no action taken and nothing to report; and City Council briefly discussed Item No. 3 but no action was taken; nothing further to report.

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Montebello will adjourn to the next **Regular Meeting on February 8, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.** which can be live streamed at <https://www.montebellocal.gov> (Click on Live Stream).

Date and Posted: January 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

I, Alicia Fernandez, Sr. Deputy City Clerk for the City of Montebello hereby certify that a copy of this agenda has been posted on or before **Sunday, January 29, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**



Alicia Fernandez, Sr. Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Peralta motioned, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 30, 2023, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 10TH DAY OF APRIL 2023.

To the City Council of Montebello.

We, the concerned citizens, people, public, residents, tax payers & voters trust that you, as our representatives, will do what we request and require: as soon as possible do what is necessary to keep most of the Golf Course as GREEN OPEN SPACE. This will promote public health, help fill the need for more parks and be a place for outdoor recreation which will provide contact with nature and relief from urbanization, enhance the quality of life and retention of property values of those who live near it, make the city more attractive and preserve an historically significant site in compliance with the stipulation made in the deed by the family which donated the land to the city for use in perpetuity as a PUBLIC GOLF COURSE.

We are eager, willing and able to work with you to achieve these goals as soon as possible!

Respectfully submitted,

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Date --- 25 July 2023

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Date -- 25 July 2023

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Date - 25 July 2023

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Date - 01/25/2023

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Date-- 1/25/23 Montebello 90640

Phone #--- Email---



SPEAKER CARD

Please Note: Address and phone number are optional and not required to speak.

Public Comment/Speaker Card must be submitted to City Clerk's Office prior to 5:00 p.m. for live meetings or in accordance with Assembly Bill 361 for video/audio meetings.

Type of Comment: Closed Session ☐ Non-Agenda Item ☐ **AGENDA ITEM NO.** _____

Meeting Date: _____ **Time Received:** _____ **Date Received:** _____

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: Will Cervera **PHONE:** _____ (Optional)

ADDRESS: _____ (Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: None

Opposed ☐ In Support ☐ Neutral ☐ **TOPIC:** closed session

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

Translation Needed: No ☐ Yes ☐ **Language:** _____

Received by Staff _____ **Received Via:** Email ☐ Phone ☐ In Person ☐

CITY OF MONTEBELLO

Request No. 2



SPEAKER CARD

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Type of Comment:

Closed Session ☒

Non-Agenda Item ☐

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

Meeting Date: 1/30

Time Received: 5:31 pm

Date Received: 1/30

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME:

Kimberly Cobos-Cawthorne

PHONE: -

(Optional)

ADDRESS:

ON FILE

(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: _____

Opposed ☐

In Support ☐

Neutral ☐

TOPIC: _____

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

Translation Needed:

No ☐

Yes ☐

Language: _____

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Request No. 63



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Type of Comment:

Closed Session ☒

Non-Agenda Item ☐

AGENDA ITEM NO. 243

Meeting Date: _____

Time Received: _____

Date Received: _____

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: Frank Hickman

PHONE: _____

(Optional)

ADDRESS: _____

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: MATCH 90640

(Optional)

Opposed ☐ In Support ☐ Neutral ☐ **TOPIC:** _____

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

Translation Needed: No ☐ Yes ☐ Language: _____

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Type of Comment:

Closed Session ☒

Non-Agenda Item ☐

AGENDA ITEM NO. _____

Meeting Date:

1/30/23

Time Received: _____

Date Received: _____

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME:

Manuel Franco

PHONE:

213 716 3059
(Optional)

ADDRESS:

120 Balanda Drive

(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED:

Personal

Opposed ☐

In Support ☐

Neutral ☐

TOPIC: _____

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

Translation Needed:

No ☒

Yes ☐

Language: _____

Received by Staff _____

Received Via:

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Type of Comment:Closed Session ☒Non-Agenda Item ☐**AGENDA ITEM NO.** _____**Meeting Date:** 1-30-2023**Time Received:** 6:07**Date Received:** _____**SPEAKER'S FULL NAME:** Edward Francis**PHONE:** _____

(Optional)

ADDRESS: _____

(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: _____Opposed ☐ In Support ☐ Neutral ☐ **TOPIC:** _____**NOTES:** _____**ACCOMMODATIONS:** _____**Translation Needed:** No ☐ Yes ☐ Language: _____**Received by Staff** _____ **Received Via:** Email ☐ Phone ☐ In Person ☒

1/30/2024

Good evening

Linda Nicklas address, on file, I am directing this question to the City Attorney. Would you tell me where on last meeting's agenda James and Kimberly Cawthorne, Anna Jurado and myself were listed? You allowed two vicious emails to use the Council meeting as their platform to attack residents. I know you read and allowed those to be read, yet the man that complained about Torres stalking him you did not read.

The current legal troubles the city is facing could have been avoided had you given the legal advice your Million-dollar contract pays your law firm to provide. Ironical Torres always went around saying if he had the three votes, he would Fire you. But I can bet a deal was made you cover everything illegal he's causing, and you keep your contract. Such as putting on the Agenda the City Manager's evaluation, when he is on Workers Compensation, which is a violation of his rights. That is a waste of time you had the Deputy City Clerk spend time doing for nothing, other than Torres' fat ego.

I am not a coward like the two phonies that wrote those emails, when I wanted to voice my opinions, I come up and speak in person. At the last meeting four speakers were allowed to voice their opinions, yet both Torres and City Attorney stopped us, denying our First Amendment rights given to other speakers.

Thanks to you Torres, residents are so disgusted by your disrespect, I've had residents calling to join

Montebello Activist to Clean House 90640.

Yes, MATCH90640 is back, and we've contacted the ACLU and other agencies for assistance in correcting the illegal denial of our first Amendment rights and attacks towards residents, by this Council of 3. Videos don't lie and links have been sent and let me tell you people were appalled this is being allowed at City Council meetings.

This is the fifth week in a row you've called for meeting and next week is city council meeting again proving your inconsideration for staff and residents.

In closing remember Al Capone did not go to prison because of being a mobster he went because he didn't pay his taxes, Follow the money.