

AMENDED AGENDA



CITY OF MONTEBELLO SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

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

**TELECONFERENCE LOCATION FOR MAYOR TORRES:
1102 MEADOWLARK CR.
GARDNERVILLE, NV 89460**

OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Peralta called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Councilmember Melendez, Councilmember Tamayo, Mayor Pro Tem Peralta, Mayor Torres and Councilmember Jimenez arrived during Closed Session.

City Treasurer Matanga was also present and City Clerk Jimenez was absent.

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, Assistant City Manager Arlene Salazar, 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). (This includes Closed and Regular Business items). 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 two (2) member(s) of the public wishing to address the City Council. Speaker(s) were provided three minutes to address the City Council and said speaker card(s) are on file at the City Clerk's office.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Mayor Pro Tem Peralta recessed the meeting into Closed Session at 6:09 p.m. to consider the following Closed Session items:

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 901 Via San Clemente, Montebello CA

Agency's Negotiator: René Bobadilla, City Manager, and Arlene Salazar, Assistant City Manager

Negotiating Party: Topgolf

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

REGULAR SESSION – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Peralta reconvened the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

All five members were present to discuss the Closed Session item. 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.

INVOCATION

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman led the City Council in the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Treasurer Matanga led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA - CITY MANAGER

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. FY 2023-2024 BUDGET PROCESS

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Receive and file.
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Councilmember Tamayo asked clarifying questions related to the state audit and asked what factors are affecting the City's current status. Director Solorza provided clarification. Councilmember Tamayo also asked about the survey that was implemented and if it reflected the communities' priorities. Assistant City Manager Salazar provided clarification on what the survey would incorporate and the launch date.

Mayor Pro Tem Peralta recognized Assistant City Manager Salazar and Director Solorza for their efforts on the community budget survey. She inquired about the fee study and the timeline of when the changes would take effect. Director Solorza stated that the City was working with a third-party consultant to study the City's current fees. Mayor Pro Tem Peralta stated that she has received complaints from residents in regards to City trees. She asked if the City could create a budget or perhaps partner with other organizations for funding opportunities. Director Solorza stated that there was a plan to budget for a tree program in the upcoming budget. She further inquired about the reserve funds that are set aside for emergency situations. She asked if those funds could be allocated for other projects or if they agree locked in for emergency situations only. Director Solorza provided clarification. Lastly, Mayor Pro Tem Peralta asked about receiving community budget sessions throughout the City to give them an opportunity to provide feedback and also learn about the process. Assistant City Manager Salazar stated that this year they would gather community input through the survey, and if the Council decides that they would like to implement the community budget process, the Council could set aside a community engagement fund to accommodate those types of events.

Mayor Torres reiterated Mayor Pro Tem Peralta's comments in regards to the community survey. Furthermore, he inquired about minimum services and if Director Solorza could explain how the Department prioritizes. He also asked for a copy of the Department requests to better understand what they are requesting or if the Directors could provide a presentation for the Council and the Community to have a better understanding. He further inquired about the vacancies in the departments and if the departments anticipated when they would be filled. Director Solorza provided clarification. Mayor Torres asked if the budget included Chief Espinoza's request to fill the public safety needs; Director Solorza noted that it is a part of the supplemental budget. Mayor Torres stated that at the recent quarterly budget they saw proposed changes in terms of new positions and asked if staff could provide more details as to why they are being added or removed. He further inquired about opening City Hall to residents to allow them to speak with staff if they had any questions and also supporting City Clerk's Office to allow them to work. Torres also asked about general reserves and American Rescue Plan funds, Director Solorza provided clarification.

Councilmember Melendez motioned to receive and file this item, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peralta; motion passed unanimously by Councilmembers present. Councilmember Jimenez was absent during this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Montebello will adjourn to the next **Regular Meeting on April 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** which can be live-streamed at <https://www.montebellocal.gov> (Click on Live Stream).

Date and Posted: March 30, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

I, Alicia Fernandez, Sr. Deputy City Clerk for the City of Montebello hereby certify that the foregoing Notice of the Special Meeting was posted at City Hall and the City's website and delivered to each member of the City of Montebello City Council no less than 24-hours before the start of the Special Meeting.



Alicia Fernandez, Sr. Deputy City Clerk

Councilmember Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Peralta to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

THE MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2023, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 24TH DAY OF MAY 2023.

PLEASE NOTE: A SEPARATE CARD MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH ITEM

CITY OF MONTEBELLO

Request No.

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SPEAKER CARD

Please Note:

Public Comment/Speaker Card must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office prior to the statement of oral communications being read and/or 6:00 p.m., whichever is later.

TYPE OF COMMENT:

Closed Session ☐

Non-Agenda Item ☐

AGENDA ITEM NO.

2

Opposed ☐

In Support ☐

Neutral ☐

TOPIC:

Budget Process

MEETING DATE:

4/5/23

TIME RECEIVED:

5:59

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME:

Alexandra Briseno

PHONE:

(Optional)

ADDRESS:

(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED:

NOTES:

ACCOMMODATIONS:

TRANSLATION NEEDED: No ☐ Yes ☐ Language:

RECEIVED BY STAFF:

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Request No. 2



SPEAKER CARD

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TYPE OF COMMENT: Closed Session ☐ Non-Agenda Item ☐ **AGENDA ITEM NO.** 2

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

MEETING DATE: 4/5 **TIME RECEIVED:** 5:59

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: Edward Franco **PHONE:** _____
(Optional)

ADDRESS: _____
(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: _____

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

TRANSLATION NEEDED: No ☒ Yes ☐ **Language:** _____

RECEIVED BY STAFF: _____