



CITY OF MONTEBELLO REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

**TELECONFERENCE
LOCATION FOR MELENDEZ:
WESTIN NEW YORK GRANT
CENTRAL
212 EAST 42ND STREET,
NEW YORK, NY 10017**

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Torres called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Mayor Torres, Mayor Pro Tem Peralta, Councilmember Jimenez was not present during roll call, Councilmember Melendez, Councilmember Tamayo, and City Clerk Jimenez. Treasurer Matanga was not present.

City Attorney Noel Tapia, Assistant City Manager Arlene Salazar, Senior Deputy City Clerk Alicia Fernandez, Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Guillen, and all Department Directors were present.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

At this time, the public may submit a speaker card to the City Clerk staff for Closed Session items, prior to the beginning of this statement. Speakers will be called in the order received. Please be aware that the maximum time allotted for members of the public to speak on Closed Session items 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 and City Council.

The City Clerk's Office acknowledged 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 cards is 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 Torres recessed the meeting into Closed Session at 6:12 p.m. to consider the following Closed Session items:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Armando Flores vs. City of Montebello
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV11854
2. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE**
Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)
3. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**
Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)
Title: City Manager
4. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
Initiation of litigation in one case

REGULAR SESSION - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Mayor Torres reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

All five members were present to discuss all Closed Session items. City Attorney Tapia provided the following report to City Council: a briefing was provided on Item No. 1, staff made a presentation, Council provided direction; no action taken and nothing to report. Item No. 3. staff made a presentation, Council provided direction; no action taken and nothing to report. Item No. 4; City Council moved forward with this item with set terms by a unanimous vote. Item No. 2, special counsel made the following report, no reportable action but will report back at the next scheduled meeting.

INVOCATION

City Clerk Jimenez led the City Council in the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Tamayo led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA - CITY MANAGER

None.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

5. **RECOGNITION OF THE MONTEBELLO INDIANS CHEER TEAM**

Presented by Mayor Torres.

Mayor Torres made a statement regarding National Denim Day and wore denim to stand in solidarity with victims of sexual

abuse by wearing denim. Mayor Pro Peralta also provided a brief statement and background. Councilmember Jimenez made a statement in support, Councilmember Melendez echoed his colleagues' statements, and Councilmember Tamayo also made a statement in support.

6. HOMELESS COUNT 2022 REPORT

Matt Bates from City Net provided a presentation to the City Council related to the 2022 City's homeless count. The presentation included; organization overview; experienced Census Provider; Census overview goals. It was noted that the data was collected in partnership with MCAP. The presentation also included an overview of the 2022 unsheltered Census results for the City of Montebello and additional unsheltered areas which covered the following: composite; age/gender breakdown; duration of homelessness; city where respondent usually sleeps; last permanent address; ties to Montebello; community ties summary; desired resources; and additional MCAP services areas. Mr. Bates was available to answer any questions.

The City Council commended the MCAP staff and Mr. Bates for their efforts and asked clarifying questions that Mr. Bates along with Deputy Director Angelica Palmeros were able to answer. Councilmember Jimenez suggested that the presentation be available on the City's website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (30 MINUTES)

At this time, the public may submit speaker card(s) to the City Clerk staff, for both agenda and non-agenda items, prior to the beginning of this statement; Public Hearing items do not require a speaker card.

The City Council will address non-agenda items during this section and speakers will be called in the order received. Those persons not accommodated during this 30-minute period will have an opportunity to speak under "Public Comments – Continued", after all scheduled matters have been considered. **Public Hearing, Regular Business and/or Consent Calendar items will be addressed at the time that matter of business is heard, in the order received.**

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The City Clerk's Office acknowledged seven (7) speakers wishing to address the City Council. Speakers were provided three minutes to address the City Council and said speaker cards are on file at the City Clerk's office.

Mayor Torres requested that staff reach out to Ms. Tamayo.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

7. **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 23-26 APPROVING THE DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND THE FY 2023-24 RECREATION YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider adopting Resolution No. 23-26 approving the draft Fiscal Year 2023-24 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Annual Action Plan and the FY 2023-24 Recreation Youth Scholarship Program; and
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Rosemary Perich, Housing Manager, was available to answer any questions.

Mayor Torres opened the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m. There were no comments made by the public and Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Peralta motioned to approve the item, seconded by Councilmember Tamayo; the motion was approved unanimously. Councilmember Jimenez was not present for this vote.

REGULAR BUSINESS

8. **ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 23-28 APPROVING A COMPREHENSIVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO AND THE MONTEBELLO POLICE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (MPMA)**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 23-28 approving a tentatively agreed to comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Montebello and the Montebello Police Management Association (MPMA); and
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Torres asked that this item be continued to the next meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Peratla motioned to table this item, seconded by Councilmember Tamayo; the motion was approved unanimously. Councilmember Jimenez was not present for this vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine. Any items a member wishes to discuss, including any items the public submitted speaker cards for, 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 polled the Council on Consent Calendar items to be discussed; Mayor Pro Tem Peralta pulled Item No's. 11, 13, Councilmember Melendez pulled Item No. 11, and Mayor Torres pulled Item No. 9, and 11. Mayor Pro Tem Peralta motioned, seconded by Councilmember Tamayo, that Item No's. 10,12,14,15, be approved; the motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Jimenez was not present for this vote.

9. **APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT NO. 3855 WITH ULTIMATE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR INCREASED CUSTODIAL SERVICES AT VARIOUS CITY FACILITIES**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 3855 with Ultimate Maintenance Services for Citywide Custodial Services increasing the scope of services and annual fee to an amount not-to-exceed \$560,000; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of the city; and
3. Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget by increasing appropriations by \$146,000 in Account No. 100-30-510-6040.35 (General Fund, Public Works, Facilities Maintenance, Custodial Services), and \$54,000 in Account No. 600-90-900-6040.35 (Transit Fund, Administration, Custodial Services); and
4. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Torres pulled this item and asked for clarification on the increase in service, and how the department is appropriately tracking these new services. He further asked if this item should go out to RFP.

Director James Enriquez clarified that staff has been tracking what has been spent in terms of increased usage. Originally, the RFP for this item was published in January 2021, during COVID, and recently has had more usage. Director Enriquez further clarified that the contract is for three years with two optional 1-year extensions and would not expire until January 2024. He suggested that the contract finish and then an RFP be issued. Mayor Torres requested, in addition to the approval of this item as stated in the recommendations, a break down of what these anticipated services would cost.

Mayor Pro Tem Peralta motioned to approve the item as is, seconded by Councilmember Tamayo; the motion was approved unanimously by the members present. Councilmember Jimenez was not present during voting.

10. APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO. 4099 WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR BEVERLY BOULEVARD TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM (TSSP)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve funding Agreement No. 4099 (Attachment A) with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (Attachment A) for the Beverly Boulevard Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (TSSP) Project; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City; and
3. Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget by allocating unprogrammed funds in Fund 215 (Proposition C) by increasing appropriations by \$575,000 (Account No. 215-99-7116, Proposition C, Improvements Other than Building); and
4. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Approved unanimously.

11. APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER, TASK ORDER NO. 7, FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES BY MARK THOMAS & COMPANY, INC. - PROPOSED MONTEBELLO DOG PARK

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Award Task Order No. 7 via an Engagement Letter under Master Retainer Agreement No. 3999 with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. for Landscape Architectural Design Services for a not-to-exceed-fee of \$37,966 for the design development of a conceptual design of a proposed dog park; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement, on behalf of the City; and
3. Amend the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget by increasing appropriations by \$37,966 from General Fund Reserves in Account No. 100-30-330-6040.96 (General Fund, Public Works, Engineer, Other Contract Services - Engineering Design Service); and
4. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

The City Clerk's Office acknowledged one (1) speaker card submitted to the City's public comment email address. Said speaker card is on file at the City Clerk's office.

Mayor Torres, Mayor Pro Tem Peralta, and Councilmember Melendez pulled this item for discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Peralta wanted to confirm with the Assistant City Manager, Arlene Salazar, that adequate community input would be received and asked whether it would be received before or after. Director Enriquez clarified that it could be done at either time, but he suggested a community meeting to receive input once they have a concept. Mayor Pro Tem Peralta suggested the dog park be away from the Armenian Monument.

Councilmember Melendez asked how this dog park would impact the Park Master Plan and whether it was the best location accessible to the community; he suggested perhaps Henry Acuna Park would be more feasible.

Mayor Torres stated that it would be appropriate to have a robust community outreach program once the concept has been brought forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Peralta motioned to approve the item as is with component that community outreach would be done prior to the rendition to then guide the execution of the different sites that were identified, seconded by Councilmember Tamayo; the motion was approved by the following vote.

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

12. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT NO. 4100 WITH STAR DUST TOURS AND AGREEMENT NO. 4101 WITH H&L CHARTER COMPANY, INC. FOR CHARTER BUS SERVICES (RFP NO. 23-7)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Award Professional Services Agreement No. 4100 to Star-Dust Tours in a total not-to-exceed annual amount of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) for Charter Bus Services; and
2. Award Professional Services Agreement No. 4101 to H&L Charter Company, Inc. in a total not-to-exceed annual amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for Charter Bus Services; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to take actions necessary to execute and finalize the agreements on behalf of the City of Montebello; and
4. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Approved unanimously.

13. AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP NO. 23-12) FOR AN ADAPTIVE PROGRAMMING EXPANSION AND ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT**RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:**

1. Authorize staff to schedule and host an Abilities Fair in March of 2024; and
2. Authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for an Accessibility Assessment for the Recreation and Community Services Department; and
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Peralta pulled this item to state her support and motioned to approve the item, seconded by Councilmember Tamayo; the motion was approved unanimously.

14. PAYMENT OF BILLS: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 23-27 APPROVING THE CITY WARRANT REGISTER OF DEMANDS DATED APRIL 26, 2023**RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:**

1. Adopt Resolution No. 23-27 approving the Warrant Register dated April 26, 2023

Approved unanimously.

15. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 8, 2023 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING; FEBRUARY 8, 2023 CITY COUNCIL AND PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY JOINT MEETING; FEBRUARY 13, 2023 ADJOURNED SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING; FEBRUARY 13 2023 ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL AND PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY JOINT MEETING; FEBRUARY 22, 2023 CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY JOINT MEETING; MARCH 8, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING; AND MARCH 22, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:**

1. Approve said minutes as written.

Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - CONTINUED**AB 1234 TRAVEL REPORTS**

Members will provide a brief report on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency as required by Government Code Section 53232.3(d).

Mayor Torres, Mayor Pro Tem Peralta, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Melendez, and Councilmember Tamayo reported on the California League of Cities conference that they attended.

COUNCIL/AGENCY ORALS

Announcements and requests for future agenda items.

- Georgina Tamayo, Councilmember

- Angie M. Jimenez, Councilmember
 1. Reinstatement of Cannabis Ad Hoc.
 2. Stride for Pride 5K.

Councilmember Jimenez asked to confirm the date set for Stride for Pride and Director Sosnowski confirmed that the date is set for June 24, 2023. In addition, she suggested reinstating the Cannabis Ad Hoc. Mayor Pro Tem Peralta stated that cannabis issues are extremely sensitive and suggested a special meeting to further discuss this topic. Councilmember Melendez stated that he also received many calls and supports Councilmember Jimenez' suggestion. Mayor Torres expressed his opposition to reinstating an Ad Hoc to address cannabis-related issues and offered another suggestion, to include a special meeting. No further discussion or decisions were made.

- David N. Torres, Mayor

- Scarlet Peralta, Mayor Pro Tem

- Salvador Melendez, Councilmember

CLOSED SESSION - CONTINUED

ADJOURNMENT

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

I, Alicia Fernandez, Senior Deputy City Clerk for the City of Montebello hereby certify that a copy of this agenda has been posted on or before **Sunday, April 23, 2023, no later than 6:00 p.m.**



Alicia Fernandez, Senior Deputy City Clerk

Councilmember Tamayo motioned, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peralta to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

THE MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2023 ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 24TH DAY OF MAY 2023.

EXHIBIT - CITY OF MONTEBELLO FORECASTED AGENDA

Please note, the attached exhibit is a draft version that is to be used for reference purposes only; agenda items, information, and dates are subject to change. The exhibit will be placed at the end of the Agenda Packet.

- **City of Montebello Forecasted Agenda**

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CITY OF MONTEBELLO

Request No. _____



SPEAKER CARD

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

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

MEETING DATE: 4/26/23 **TIME RECEIVED:** 5:32

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: Roger Jimenez **PHONE:** (323) 683563

ADDRESS: 1133 Beach St 1

(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: _____

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

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

RECEIVED BY STAFF: _____

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CITY OF MONTEBELLO

Request No. 2



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

MEETING DATE: 4/26/23 **TIME RECEIVED:** 5:49pm

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: A Sister Amy Bayley **PHONE:** 415-652-0271
(Optional)

ADDRESS: 141 North Ellsworth, San Mateo, CA 94401
(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: Mercy Housing

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

TRANSLATION NEEDED: No ☐ Yes ☐ Language: _____

RECEIVED BY STAFF: _____

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CITY OF MONTEBELLO

Request No. 3



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TYPE OF COMMENT:

Closed Session ☐

Non-Agenda Item ☒

AGENDA ITEM NO. _____

Opposed ☐

In Support ☐

Neutral ☐

TOPIC: _____

MEETING DATE: 04-26-2023

TIME RECEIVED: 5:55

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: ROSA TAMAYO

PHONE: _____

(Optional)

ADDRESS: _____

(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: _____

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

TRANSLATION NEEDED: No ☐ Yes ☒ Language: _____

RECEIVED BY STAFF: _____

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CITY OF MONTEBELLO

Request No. 4



SPEAKER CARD

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TYPE OF COMMENT: Closed Session ☐ Non-Agenda Item ☒ AGENDA ITEM NO. _____

Opposed ☐ In Support ☐ Neutral ☐ TOPIC: _____

MEETING DATE: 4-26-23 **TIME RECEIVED:** 5:58

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

ADDRESS: _____
(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: _____

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

TRANSLATION NEEDED: No ☒ Yes ☐ Language: _____

RECEIVED BY STAFF: _____

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CITY OF MONTEBELLO

Request No. 5



SPEAKER CARD

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

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

MEETING DATE: April 26 2023 **TIME RECEIVED:** 6:00 pm

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: MARGOT EISER **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: Via San Delano District 2
(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: _____

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

TRANSLATION NEEDED: No ☒ Yes ☐ Language: _____

RECEIVED BY STAFF: _____

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CITY OF MONTEBELLO

Request No. 6 ✓



SPEAKER CARD

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TYPE OF COMMENT:

Closed Session ☐

Non-Agenda Item ☒

AGENDA ITEM NO. _____

Opposed ☐

In Support ☐

Neutral ☐

TOPIC: _____

MEETING DATE: 4/26/23

TIME RECEIVED: 6:53

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: Tila Gregorian

PHONE: _____

(Optional)

ADDRESS: on file

(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: _____

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

TRANSLATION NEEDED: No ☒

Yes ☐

Language: English

RECEIVED BY STAFF: _____

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CITY OF MONTEBELLO

Request No. 7



SPEAKER CARD

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TYPE OF COMMENT:

Closed Session ☐

Non-Agenda Item ☒

AGENDA ITEM NO. _____

Opposed ☐

In Support ☐

Neutral ☐

TOPIC: _____

MEETING DATE:

4/26

TIME RECEIVED:

6:54

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME:

MATCH

90640

PHONE: _____

(Optional)

ADDRESS: _____

(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: _____

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

TRANSLATION NEEDED: No ☐ Yes ☐ Language: _____

RECEIVED BY STAFF: _____

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CITY OF MONTEBELLO

Request No. _____



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TYPE OF COMMENT:

Closed Session ☐

Non-Agenda Item ☒

AGENDA ITEM NO. _____

Opposed ☐

In Support ☐

Neutral ☐

TOPIC: _____

MEETING DATE:

4/26

TIME RECEIVED:

6:55

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME:

José Nicolas

PHONE: _____

(Optional)

ADDRESS: _____

(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: _____

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

TRANSLATION NEEDED: No ☐ Yes ☐ Language: _____

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CITY OF MONTEBELLO

Request No.

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SPEAKER CARD

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

Opposed ☐ In Support ☐ Neutral ☐ **TOPIC:** Item #3

MEETING DATE: 4-26-23 **TIME RECEIVED:** 5:58

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

ADDRESS: _____
(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: _____

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

TRANSLATION NEEDED: No ☒ Yes ☐ Language: _____

RECEIVED BY STAFF: _____

Rodarte, Alejandro

From: William Cervera <wcervera82@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 2:20 PM
To: Comment, ccpublic
Subject: [External Email] Agenda item 3

Good evening everyone,

Today, I would like to address agenda item number three, which is the current absence of a city manager. While some sources suggest that the absence is due to personal leave or a medical surgery, it is important to remember that the city manager is responsible for running the city and answering to the council, who in turn answer to the residents.

Under the guidance of the city manager, we have seen a lack of oversight, resulting in a decrease in the number of police officers and firefighters. In fact, we went from being ranked 10th at risk to 5th at risk. Meanwhile, the city manager is currently making roughly \$25,000 a month, which is over \$300,000 a year, not including benefits. This alone calls for more oversight on the city manager and directors.

Moreover, why is the city hiring an assistant fire chief and assistant police chief, especially after the council has already voted to freeze those two positions? This seems like a clear act of insubordination. How are we able to have these new hires, and does the assistant city manager have that in her contract? It is also concerning that the city is erasing history and removing contracts from public record.

Hiring additional supervisors when we are already at an all-time low of employees does not make sense. The chiefs already make over \$20,000 a month, and we need to consider the financial ramifications that residents will have to bear. It appears that there have been some bad business decisions made, and we need to hold those responsible accountable. And yes, there is an option to fire him despite what some of the residence that are cheerleading for him say more residents want him to be removed from his position.

Thank you for your time.

Sent from my iPhone

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