



CITY OF MONTEBELLO REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M.

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

ROLL CALL

Members present were Mayor Peralta, Mayor Pro Tem Melendez, Councilmember Jimenez, Councilmember Torres, and Councilmember Tamayo. Treasurer Matanga was also present. City Clerk Jimenez was absent.

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Manager Raul Alvarez, Assistant City Manager Arlene Salazar, Senior Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Guillen, Deputy City Clerk Nelly Ochoa and Department Directors Michael Solorza, Cesar Roldan, Ramon Figueroa, David Sosnowski, and Acting Transit Director John Soria were present.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced the closed session items and stated that Item No. 3 was being pulled as there was no update.

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.

None.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Mayor Peralta recessed the meeting into Closed Session at 6:05 p.m. to consider Item No. 1 and Item No. 2 in Closed Session items:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Negotiators: Raul Alvarez, City Manager, and Ramon Figueroa, Human Resources Director

Employee Groups: SMART-TD

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) subject to (e)(1)

One matter

3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: Topgolf Site

City's Negotiators: Raul Alvarez, City Manager

Negotiating Party: Topgolf Montebello

Under negotiation: Terms of Lease

REGULAR SESSION - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

All five members were present to discuss all Closed Session items. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman provided the following report to City Council: Item No. 1, a briefing was provided to City Council, no action was taken, and is on the regular agenda for consideration of final action; Item No. 2, a briefing was provided to City Council, no action was taken and nothing further to report; Item No. 3 was not discussed.

INVOCATION

Led by Monica from the Local American Legion.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Jenny from the Local American Legion.

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA - CITY MANAGER

City Manager Alvarez pulled Item No. 16 from the agenda; the item will be discussed at a future meeting.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

4. CITIZEN OF THE MONTH - RICHARD SANCHEZ

Presented by Mayor Peralta.

5. ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH

Presented by Mayor Peralta.

6. NATIONAL PET MONTH

Presented by Mayor Peralta.

7. NATIONAL BIKE MONTH

Mayor Peralta announced that the item would be moved to the next meeting.

8. MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Presented by Mayor Peralta.

9. MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

Presented by Mayor Peralta.

10. NATIONAL POPPY DAY

Presented by Mayor Peralta.

11. NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

Presented by Mayor Peralta.

12. NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Presented by Mayor Peralta.

13. MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK PROCLAMATION

Presented by Mayor Peralta.

14. FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 PROPOSED BUDGET OVERVIEW

Presented by Director of Finance, Michael Solorza. Director Solorza presented a proposed budget overview that highlighted where the City currently is at with the budget season for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. He stated that he hoped to have the budget adopted at the City Council meeting on June 12th.

Councilmember Tamayo had a question about whether the insurance in fixed costs would continue to rise. Director Solorza explained that the insurance broker sends premium estimates, and he budgets with the highest range, which includes all the extensive mark-ups.

Councilmember Torres was curious about how the City ensures that they are receiving services for the contracts they have and asked if contracts were audited or reassessed to find savings in those places. Director Solorza explained that every department was responsible for their contracts and there is invoice review at the department level. Director Solorza further stated that the savings had been used to expand services for the community and to increase salaries to be closer to market level. He also asked staff to provide a more in depth overview about the positions the departments were asking to be added. He also wanted staff to speak about how certain initiatives such as the tree study and GIS mapping fit into this upcoming budget. City Manager Alvarez clarified that they are not captured in this budget as they are grants they were projected to apply for and would be projected in the next budget cycle. Councilmember Torres also requested to get clarification on the variance in the proposed budget for transit. Director Solorza and City Manager Alvarez stated they would come back with an answer in the next meeting. Lastly, Councilmember Torres stated that it was great to see that Hilton Garden Inn was bringing in revenue to the City and asked about when payments would fall off. Director Solorza stated he would come back with information about the debt service and the additional revenue it would bring.

Mayor Pro Tem Melendez had a question about Home2Suites and what the City would be looking at once the debt service ended. Director Solorza clarified that the proposed budget for 2024-2025 included the debt service and stated that a portion of the surplus would go to the General Fund. Mayor Pro Tem Melendez also inquired about when we would see the first revenue projections for TopGolf and Director Solorza said it would take at least six (6) months. Mayor Pro Tem Melendez lastly asked about the projection for capital improvement projects for the Public Works Department. Director Solorza stated that the Public Works Director was currently working on it and he hoped to provide that information in the next two weeks.

Councilmember Jimenez asked about the Police Department sub-station being built in the South side and Director Solorza clarified that it was not included in this budget as there was no supplemental request provided. City Manager Alvarez stated he would circle back with more information once he spoke to Chief Espinosa.

Mayor Peralta asked if the \$900,000 funding from the Marketplace in Monterey Park projected the tax measure that Monterey Park had recently enacted. Director Solorza stated that the \$900,000 did not reflect anything extra with the tax sharing, but that he would follow-up.

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 five (5) members of the public 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.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

None.

REGULAR BUSINESS

15. RECEIVE AND FILE THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO FINAL DRAFT OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) TRANSITION PLAN AND SELF-EVALUATION REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Receive and File the City of Montebello Final Draft of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan and Self-Evaluation Report prepared by Sally Swanson Architects, Inc.; and,
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Sally Swanson, Principal-in-Charge Project Manager from Sally Swanson Architects, Inc. provided a presentation that included a brief description of a ADA Transition Plan, facilities and public right-of-way, and survey samples.

Councilmember Torres had a question about how long the plans are applicable before regulations are changed. Ms. Swanson stated that the codes are set with minor changes that occur.

Mayor Pro Tem motioned, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to receive and file the item; the motion passed unanimously.

16. AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 4195 WITH CITIBOT FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) CUSTOMER SUPPORT SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Award Professional Services Agreement No. 4195 to Citibot in an amount not-to -exceed Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000) in year one, Twenty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$25,300) in year two, and Twenty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$28,600) the year three;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City; and
3. Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Item was pulled.

17. FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2476 TO ADD CHAPTER 2.91 FOR ELECTRONIC AND PAPERLESS FILING OF FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION (FPPC) CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Conduct a First Reading and Introduction of Ordinance No. 2476 (Attachment A) to add Chapter 2.91 for electronic and paperless filing of Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Campaign Disclosure

- Statements for all City of Montebello elected and appointed officials, City Council candidates, campaign committee, and designated City staff; and
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Melendez motioned, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to approve the item; the motion passed unanimously.

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.

Item No. 28 was pulled by members of the public wishing to comment. Mayor Pro Tem Melendez motioned, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, that Item No's. 18-27 and Item No's. 29-30, be approved; the motion passed unanimously.

18. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT NO. 3848 WITH ADS ON THE MOVE, LLC TO PROVIDE TURNKEY ADVERTISING SERVICES FOR THE MONTEBELLO BUS LINES ADVERTISING PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 3848 with Ads On The Move, LLC, a subsidiary corporation under Media Management Consultant Services, for an additional one-year (1) term, to provide the City of Montebello with turnkey advertising services for Montebello Bus Lines' (MBL) advertising program; and
2. Authorize the City Manager and/or his designee to execute Amendment No. 1 on behalf of the City; and
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Melendez motioned, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to approve the item; the motion passed unanimously.

19. APPROVE INCREASING THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF THE BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS WITH WAYNE ELECTRIC COMPANY AND RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF CALIFORNIA, INC. TO PURCHASE VARIOUS BUS PARTS/EQUIPMENT

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve a change order to increase the total not-to-exceed amount, from \$49,000 to \$59,000, for a blanket purchase order established with Wayne Electric Company (Wayne Electric) to purchase maintenance-related bus parts, for Fiscal Year 2023-24; and
2. Approve a change order to increase the total not-to-exceed-amount, from \$49,500 to \$59,500, for a blanket established with Rush Truck Centers of California, Inc. (Rush Trucking), to purchase maintenance-related bus parts, for FY 2023-24; and
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Melendez motioned, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to approve the item; the motion passed unanimously.

20. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, NO. 4191, WITH "72 HOUR, LLC" (DBA NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP) TO PURCHASE TWO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SUPPORT VEHICLES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve Professional Services Agreement, No. 4191 with "72 Hour LLC" (dba National Auto Fleet Group), for a total not-to-exceed amount of two hundred forty-eight thousand, four hundred and ninety-two dollar (\$248,492), to purchase two (2), Transportation Department – Corporate Shop support vehicles; and
2. Authorize the City Manager and/or their designee to approve change orders for up to ten percent (10%) of the total agreement amount; and
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Melendez motioned, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to approve the item; the motion passed unanimously.

21. NOTICE OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH A QUIET ZONE AT RAILROAD CROSSINGS**RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:**

1. Approve the Notice of Intent to establish a Quiet Zone at railroad crossings at South Vail Avenue, Maple Avenue, South Greenwood Avenue and South Montebello Boulevard; and,
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Melendez motioned, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to approve the item; the motion passed unanimously.

22. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT NO. 1268 BETWEEN THE CITY AND SPRINTCOM, LLC FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT 901 VIA SAN CLEMENTE**RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:**

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 1268 to extend lease term between the City and SprintCom LLC; and,
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Melendez motioned, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to approve the item; the motion passed unanimously.

23. ADOPT RESOLUTION 24-28 APPOINTING A MEMBER AND ALTERNATE(S) TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE LOS ANGELES GATEWAY REGION INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:**

1. Approve Resolution No. 24-28 appointing one primary board member and an alternate board member representing the City of Montebello to the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority; and,
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Melendez motioned, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to approve the item; the motion passed unanimously.

24. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 4193 TO AMTECH ELEVATOR SERVICES TO PROVIDE ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES**RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:**

1. Award Professional Services Agreement No. 4193 to Amtech Elevator Services to provide elevator maintenance and repair services for a three (3) year term in a total not-to-exceed amount of \$200,694; and,
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City; and,
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Melendez motioned, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to approve the item; the motion passed unanimously.

25. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO.1 TO AGREEMENT NO. 3869 WITH PMC PLUMBING, INC.**RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:**

1. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 3869 between the City of Montebello and PMC Plumbing for a One (1) Year Extension; 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Melendez motioned, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to approve the item; the motion passed unanimously.

26. APPROVE PUBLICATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 24-17 FOR STORM AND SEWER LIFT STATION MAINTENANCE SERVICES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve publication of Request for Proposals No. 24-17 for storm and sewer lift station maintenance services and related equipment; and,
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Melendez motioned, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to approve the item; the motion passed unanimously.

27. APPROVE PUBLICATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 24-18 TO OBTAIN SERVICES FROM A QUALIFIED CONSULTANT FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize staff to publish Request for Proposal (RFP No. 24-18) to obtain Solid Waste Management Services; and,
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Melendez motioned, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to approve the item; the motion passed unanimously.

28. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 24-30 APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SHEET METAL, AIR, RAIL, AND TRANSPORTATION WORKERS – TRANSPORTATION DIVISION (SMART-TD)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 24-30 approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Montebello and the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers – Transportation Division (SMART-TD); and,
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

The City Clerk's Office acknowledged two (2) members of the public 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.

Council commended everyone who worked on this item.

Councilmember Jimenez expressed her concerns about compliance issues and wanted clarification as to the one-year term of the contract. City Manager Alvarez clarified that the terms of the agreement were made by the negotiation team, and it was their prerogative to choose the length of the term.

Mayor Peralta motioned, seconded by Councilmember Torres, to approve the item; the motion passed unanimously.

29. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 10, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING; APRIL 24, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING; MAY 1, 2024, SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve said Minutes as is.

Mayor Pro Tem Melendez motioned, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to approve the item; the motion passed unanimously.

30. PAYMENT OF BILLS: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 24-31 APPROVING THE CITY WARRANT REGISTER OF DEMANDS DATED MAY 8, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 24-31 approving the Warrant Register dated May 8, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Melendez motioned, seconded by Councilmember Jimenez, to approve the item; the motion passed 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).

Councilmember Jimenez stated that she attended the League of Cities Conference in Sacramento a month ago.

COUNCIL/AGENCY ORALS

Announcements and requests for future agenda items.

None.

- **Georgina Tamayo, Councilmember**

- **David N. Torres, Councilmember**

- **Salvador Melendez, Mayor Pro Tem**

- **Angie M. Jimenez, Councilmember**

- **Scarlet Peralta, Mayor**

CLOSED SESSION - CONTINUED

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Montebello will adjourn to the next **Regular Meeting on May 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**, which can be live-streamed at <https://www.montebellocal.gov> (Click on Live Stream).

I, Kimberly Guillen, Senior Deputy City Clerk for the City of Montebello, hereby certify that a copy of this agenda has been posted on or before **Sunday, May 5, 2024, no later than 6:00 p.m.**



Kimberly Guillen, Senior Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Peralta adjourned in the memory of Lilian Cortez.

Mayor Pro Tem Melendez motioned, seconded by Mayor Peralta, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

THE MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2024 ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 22TH DAY OF MAY 2024.

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**

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

CITY OF MONTEBELLO

Request No.

1



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. _____

Opposed ☐

In Support ☐

Neutral ☐

TOPIC: SEAACA CONTRACT

MEETING DATE:

5-8

TIME RECEIVED:

1750

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME:

ANGELA LLERENAS

PHONE:

ADDRESS: _____

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: _____

SEIU 721

(Optional)

NOTES: _____

SEAACA CONTRACT

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

TRANSLATION NEEDED: ☒ No ☐ Yes

Language: _____

RECEIVED BY STAFF: _____

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

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:** _____

MEETING DATE: 05-08-2024 **TIME RECEIVED:** _____

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: ROSA TAMAYO **PHO** _____

(Optional)

ADDRESS: _____

(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: _____

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

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

RECEIVED BY STAFF: _____

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CITY OF MONTEBELLO

Request No. 3



SPEAKER CARD

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TYPE OF COMMENT:

Closed Session ☐

Non-Agenda Item ☒

AGENDA ITEM NO. _____

Opposed ☐

In Support ☐

Neutral ☐

TOPIC: _____

MEETING DATE: 5/8/2024 TIME RECEIVED: _____

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: RAUL HUBARDO

PHONE: [REDACTED]
(Optional)

ADDRESS: _____

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: N/A (Optional)

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

TRANSLATION NEEDED: No ☐ Yes ☐ Language: _____

RECEIVED BY STAFF: _____

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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:** _____

MEETING DATE: _____ **TIME RECEIVED:** _____

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: Gracia Velasco **PHONE:** _____
(Optional)

ADDRESS: _____

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: MATCH 90640
(Optional)

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

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

RECEIVED BY STAFF: _____

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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:** _____

MEETING DATE: _____ **TIME RECEIVED:** _____

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: Tila Gregorian **PHONE:** _____
(Optional)

ADDRESS: _____
(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: _____

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

TRANSLATION NEEDED: No ☐ Yes ☐ Language: _____

RECEIVED BY STAFF: _____

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

CITY OF MONTEBELLO

Request No. 1



SPEAKER CARD

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TYPE OF COMMENT:

Closed Session ☐

Non-Agenda Item ☐

AGENDA ITEM NO.

28

Opposed ☐

In Support ☐

Neutral ☐

TOPIC:

MEETING DATE:

5/08

TIME RECEIVED:

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME:

Antonio Herrera

PHONE:

(Optional)

ADDRESS:

(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED:

NOTES:

MOU Adoption

ACCOMMODATIONS:

TRANSLATION NEEDED:

No ☐

Yes ☐

Language:

RECEIVED BY STAFF:

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

CITY OF MONTEBELLO

Request No.

2



SPEAKER CARD

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TYPE OF COMMENT:

Closed Session ☐

Non-Agenda Item ☐

AGENDA ITEM NO.

28

Opposed ☐

In Support ☐

Neutral ☐

TOPIC:

MOV ADOPTION

MEETING DATE:

TIME RECEIVED:

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME:

CECILIA LOPEZ

PHONE:

(Optional)

ADDRESS:

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED:

(Optional)
SMART-TD LOCAL 1701

NOTES:

MOV ADOPTION

ACCOMMODATIONS:

TRANSLATION NEEDED: No ☐ Yes ☐ Language:

RECEIVED BY STAFF:

May 8, 2024

Good evening,

Linda Nicklas Co-Founder MATCH 90640, address on file.

Scarlet, I read your comment regarding Top Golf and maybe you don't know because you were not involved back in 2018.

You forgot to thank our group MATCH90640, because we spoke before the Joint Legislative Auditor Committee and won a unanimous 13-0 full forensic audit for the City of Montebello. It was quoted in the Whittier Daily Newspaper "The Renovation comes in the heels of years of financial strains for the golf course costing the city over \$5 Million dollars."

The issues were highlighted in a 2018 California State Auditor's Office report, which deemed Montebello a High-Risk city. Other risks costing the city money were the water company and two hotels.

The Audit sparked a change in course operators with the city council replacing the former golf course manager.

The State Auditor felt Top Golf would be a good fit to aid the city revenues.

I would ask who was the genius that decided to rebrand our Montebello Gold Course with the name "Bella Verde"?

I asked and the joke is it will be call Montebello's Chile verde course.

If you do your research Bellissimo(beautiful) Green in Italian is Verdi.

When was the name changed approved and by who?
Guess our group MATCH 90640 will need to take action to reclaim our Montebello Golf Course name.

And Bella Verde Resorts and Golf course, wait when did our city become a resort?

Also, in your orals at the last meeting you Scarlet made a comment on how you were trying to do something nice. Then do not use city facilities, for your functions it against the law, and why should our taxpayer's money pay for your party costing \$13, 588.00? I'm sure you don't even know how much the property taxes are on the condo Bought for you. But residents that do pay taxes are not happy.



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May 8, 2024

Honorable Mayor Scarlet Peralta &
Members of the Montebello City Council
1600 W. Beverly Blvd.
Montebello, CA 90640

**RE: Our Concerns with SEAACA (Southeast Area Animal Control Authority
Management**

Dear Honorable Mayor Scarlet Peralta & Members of the Montebello City Council,

The City of Montebello is a member city of SEAACA, whose members are represented by SEIU 721, and we write to you with serious concerns regarding the treatment and behavior by SEAACA Management towards our membership and our ongoing MOU Negotiations. Over a year ago, some of you may remember employees of SEAACA came to speak about the working conditions at SEAACA, specifically underfunding and low pay which caused high turnover at the agency. Staff reductions and vacant positions were commonplace, and we hoped by better funding SEAACA more staff could be attracted to these jobs and stay. We are thankful that many member cities heard our concerns and authorized more funding for SEAACA. However, since then none of that funding has reached the employees at SEAACA. In fact, they didn't even bother to provide a proposal to increase their employees' pay until a couple of weeks ago, and it is far below what inflation is in a normal given year, to say nothing of the record inflation we all just experienced.

SEAACA employees, without any change in pay in an area whose costs of living are skyrocketing, and other comparable positions are raising their compensation, are flailing just trying to survive, both personally and professionally. We have been at the bargaining table negotiating for seven months now trying to impress upon the seriousness of this to SEAACA. Yet despite this, SEAACA seems content to remain comfortably stagnant, both with their employees having to continuously work understaffed, and for member cities to not get the quality services for which they pay SEAACA. Our members are telling us that they are so short-staffed scores of calls go unanswered, with no way to follow up with even serious service calls in a matter of hours, let alone days. It's been reported some calls go unanswered for weeks or longer. Some residents have gotten so fed up after so many unanswered calls they capture the animals and bring them in to SEAACA themselves.

As one of the member cities, we ask you to intervene in this matter for these SEAACA employees who provide vital services to your community, and the number of other member and contract cities, to help champion a robust MOU negotiations in good faith for a successor MOU, so that SEAACA can attract and retain the dedicated staff needed to provide quality services for your community, to protect both residents and animals, and to ensure adoptable animals can find a forever home. If you have any questions, I can be reached at [REDACTED] and charles.leone@seiu721.org. We thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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