



CITY OF MONTEBELLO REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

**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 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

City Attorney Noel Tapia, Acting City Manager Arlene Salazar, Senior Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Guillen, Management Analyst Samantha Nevarez and all Department Directors were present.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

City Attorney Tapia announced the items for Closed Session.

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. The speaker was provided three minutes to address the City Council and said speaker card 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 6:06 p.m. to consider the following Closed Session items:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Navarro vs. City of Montebello, et al.

Case No. ADJ13310066, ADJ2613081, ADJ2548565, ADJ15539383, ADJ7472140, ADJ7964720, ADJ2654347, ADJ10708805, ADJ3507314, ADJ6779197, ADJ12495501, ADJ2613081, ADJ10708805, ADJ6773842

2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Government Code Section 54957

Position: City Manager

REGULAR SESSION - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION**CLOSED SESSION REPORT***Mayor Torres reconvened the meeting at 7:17 p.m.**All five members were present to discuss all Closed Session items. City Attorney Tapia provided the following report to City Council: Item No. 1, City staff provided a presentation, Council provided direction and no action was taken; Item No. 2, City staff provided an update, no action was taken and nothing further to report.***INVOCATION***Led by City Clerk Jimenez.***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***Led by Police Chief Espinosa.***CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA - ACTING CITY MANAGER***Acting City Manager Salazar announced two corrections to the agenda. Item No. 9 is being moved to the October 25, 2023, City Council Meeting. Attachment A of Item No. 15 was updated and provided to all members of the City Council and uploaded to the City website.***CEREMONIAL ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS****3. CITIZEN OF THE MONTH - DONALD TRAVIS***Presented by Mayor Torres.***4. BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH***Presented by Mayor Torres.***5. BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH***Presented by Mayor Torres.***6. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH***Presented by Mayor Torres.***7. DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH***Presented by Mayor Torres.***8. POLICE EFFORTS - CRIME UPDATES PER DISTRICT***Chief of Police Paul Espinosa provided a presentation of the item. The presentation included the background, methodology, technical challenges, violent crimes reported per district, property crimes, crime-fighting strategies, and community policing efforts.**Mayor Pro Tem Peralta asked how a resident could request a neighborhood watch. She also inquired about recruitment*

for the Police Academy.

Chief Espinosa informed the Council that the public could reach out to one of the Lieutenants or him.

Councilmember Jimenez was thankful for the presentation and increased police patrol.

Police Chief Espinosa stated that he was working on having a sub station on the south side of Montebello.

Councilmember Melendez inquired about the impact of the zero bail policy that was recently passed in Los Angeles County.

Mayor Torres noted that there was a significant decrease in violent crimes and asked Chief Espinosa to address the change. Chief Espinosa provided anecdotal reasons.

Mayor Torres directed staff to look into graffiti tracking technology. He also inquired about specialized units and the increase in thefts, burglary and property crimes.

Chief Espinosa stated that he would like to create specialized units by the end of the fiscal year.

Mayor Torres suggested advertising the community meetings on the Montebello App. He further requested that presentations be provided to the community with the weekly news letter or a similar outlet and a timestamp on the Council Meeting videos.

9. OATH OF OFFICE FOR MIA FLORES, YOUTH COMMISSIONER

Item was moved to the upcoming Council Meeting on October 25, 2023.

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.**

Please be aware that the maximum time allotted for members of the public to speak shall not exceed three (3) minutes per speaker. 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 four(4) 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

Acting City Manager Salazar congratulated the community for participating at the Heritage Festival over the weekend.

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.

Councilmember Melendez motioned, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peralta, that Item No's. 10 - 22, be approved; the motion passed unanimously.

10. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NOS. 2466, 2467, AND 2468 APPROVING A TEXT CODE AMENDMENT ("TCA") (CASE NO. PC-2023-0006-TCA) AMENDING CHAPTER 17.62 SIGNS OF THE MONTEBELLO MUNICIPAL CODE (MMC) TO INCLUDE REGULATIONS RELATED TO CONVERSIONS OF OFF-PREMISES SIGNS. THE APPLICANT SEEKS TO ENTER INTO TWO (2) AMENDED AND RESTATED

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO AND CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR, LLC. REPLACING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 02-22 (AGREEMENT NO. 4032) AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 03-22 (AGREEMENT NO. 4033) FOR THE RELOCATION AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING LAWFULLY PERMITTED DUAL-FACE 12' X 25' STATIC OFF-PREMISES OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGNS LOCATED AT 1633 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD AND 1720 BLUFF ROAD IN THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO WITH A NEW 12'X 25' DUAL-FACED DIGITAL OFF-PREMISES OUTDOOR ADVERTISING SIGN AT EACH RESPECTIVE LOCATION.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. HOLD SECOND READING to approve a Text Code Amendment (Case No. PC-2023-0006-TCA) as well as the related Amended and Restated Development Agreements (DA Nos. 01- 23 and 02-23) between the City of Montebello and Clear Channel Outdoor, LLC. to amend Chapter 17.62 - Signs of the MMC and allow the relocation and replacement of existing lawfully permitted dual-faced static off-premises outdoor advertising signs for the properties located at 1633 Washington Boulevard and 1720 Bluff Road within the City of Montebello; and
2. WAIVE SECOND READING AND ADOPT Ordinance No. 2466 approving a Text Code Amendment amending Chapter 17.62 Signs of the Montebello Municipal Code (MMC) to include regulations related to conversions of off-premises signs (Attachment A, Exhibit A); and
3. WAIVE SECOND READING AND ADOPT Ordinance No. 2467 approving the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (DA No. 01-23) between the City of Montebello and Clear Channel Outdoor, LLC for the property located at 1633 Washington Blvd. (Attachment B); and
4. WAIVE SECOND READING AND ADOPT Ordinance No. 2468 approving the Amended and Restated Development Agreement (DA No. 02-23) between the City of Montebello and Clear Channel Outdoor, LLC for the property located at 1720 S. Bluff Road (Attachment C); and
5. DETERMINE AND FIND that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the "Common Sense" exemption set forth under Section 15061(b)(3), which provides that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 related to construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, and the conversion of existing small structures that are consistent with the City's general plan policies and zoning regulations and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) related to CEQA only applying to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; and
6. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

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

11. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 4150 WITH DR. ANGELICA LOZA-GOMEZ, MD, FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM MEDICAL DIRECTOR SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve Professional Services Agreement No. 4150 with Dr. Angelica Loza-Gomez, MD for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program Medical Director Services; and
2. Authorize the Acting City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City; and
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

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

12. AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS)/FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) "STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE" (SAFER) PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve receipt of \$5,650,875 in Federal funding awarded to the City by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) / Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/ Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) Fiscal Year 2022 "Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response" (SAFER) program; and

2. Amend the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget by increasing appropriations by \$1,883,625 in Account Nos. 269-85-860-5000.10 (SAFER-Fire, Fire, Suppression, Regular Salaries) and 269-99-4198.22 (SAFER-Fire, SAFER Grant Revenue); and
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

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

13. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT NO. 3698 WITH PCAM, LLC DBA "PARKING COMPANY OF AMERICA" TO PROVIDE METROLINK RAIL FEEDER SHUTTLE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 3698 with PCAM, LLC dba "Parking Company of America" (PCA), for the provision of Metrolink Rail Feeder Shuttle Services for an additional one-year (1-year) term with additional compensation of an amount not-to-exceed Five Hundred Five Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$505,359); and
2. Authorize the Acting City Manager and/or her designee to execute Amendment No. 1 on behalf of the City of Montebello; and
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

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

14. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR PRINTING, GRAPHIC DESIGN, AND MAILING SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve Agreement No. 4142 with Acro Printing (Acro) in an amount that shall not exceed \$295,000; and
2. Approve Agreement No. 4143 with Arte Printing (Arte) in an amount that shall not exceed \$143,750; and
3. Approve Agreement No. 4144 with Geographics (Geographics) in an amount that shall not exceed \$295,000; and
4. Approve Agreement No. 4145 with The Sauce Creative Services (Sauce) in an amount that shall not exceed \$295,000; and
5. Approve Agreement No. 4146 with We The Creative (We The Creative) in an amount that shall not exceed \$281,250; and
6. Authorize the Acting City Manager to execute the agreements on behalf of the City of Montebello; and
7. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

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

15. AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE CARRYOVER FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Amend the adopted Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget by increasing appropriations in the various accounts as detailed on Attachment A, Capital Improvement Program; and
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

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

16. APPROVE SOFTWARE AGREEMENT WITH DARKTRACE FOR CYBERSECURITY SOFTWARE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve a software agreement with Darktrace Limited (Darktrace) in an amount that shall not exceed \$192,800 over a four (4) year term to provide cybersecurity services; and

2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

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

17. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 4148 WITH JONES AND MAYER LAW FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT LEGAL SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve Agreement No. 4148 with Jones Mayer Law in an amount that shall not exceed \$75,000; and
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

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

18. CITYWIDE CATCH BASIN CONNECTOR PIPE SCREEN (CPS) INSERTS INSTALLATION PROJECT (CP NO. 877) – NOTICE OF COMPLETION

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the Citywide Catch Basin Connector Pipe Screen (CPS) Inserts Installation Project (CP No. 877) as completed by United Storm Water, Inc.; and
2. Accept the final contract amount with United Storm Water, Inc. in the amount of \$69,375 in accordance with the approved City Council budgeted amount; and
3. Authorize the City Clerk to execute, verify and file the Notice of Completion (Attachment A) with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder; and
4. Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

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

19. AUTHORIZE INCREASING THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL PLAN CHECK SERVICES FOR THE REALIGNMENT OF LINCOLN AVENUE UNDER MASTER RETAINER AGREEMENT NO. 3999, TASK ORDER NO. 1 WITH MARK THOMAS, INC.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize increasing the not-to-exceed amount for additional Plan Check Services for the realignment of Lincoln Avenue Under Master Retainer Agreement No. 3999, Task Order No. 1 with Mark Thomas, Inc.; and
2. Authorize the Acting City Manager to execute the Task Order amendment; and
3. Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

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

20. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 4141 WITH OCEAN BLUE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC. FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Award Professional Services Agreement No. 4141 (Attachment A) to Ocean Blue Environmental Services, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000 for an initial three (3) year term; and
2. Authorize the Acting City Manager to execute the Professional Services Agreement; and
3. Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

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

21. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 20, 2023, SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING; JULY 26, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING; AUGUST 9, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING; AUGUST 23, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING; SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, CITY COUNCIL MEETING; SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve said minutes as is.

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

22. PAYMENT OF BILLS: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 23-74 APPROVING THE CITY WARRANT REGISTER OF DEMANDS DATED OCTOBER 11, 2023**RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:**

1. Adopt Resolution No. 23-74 approving the Warrant Register dated October 11, 2023.

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

None.

COUNCIL/AGENCY ORALS

Announcements and requests for future agenda items.

- Georgina Tamayo, Councilmember
- Angie M. Jimenez, Councilmember
- David N. Torres, Mayor
- Scarlet Peralta, Mayor Pro Tem
 1. Seeking Council Consensus for Arbor Day 2024 proclamation and planned activities
 2. Requesting status update: Tree People partnership with the City of Montebello
 3. Requesting Council Consensus to initiate a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Program in our city
 4. Third Annual Spooktacular Haunted Home Decorating Contest
 5. Third Annual Howl-O-Ween Pet Costume Contest: submit your pet costume photos to us@scarletperalta.com

Mayor Pro Tem Peralta requested Council consensus for a proclamation for Arbor Day and scheduled activities around the celebration. Consensus was received.

She also requested an update on the City's intention to establish a partnership with the Tree People. Public Works Director Rita Montalvo informed the City Council that she would draft a letter to request the partnership.

Mayor Pro Tem Peralta requested Council consensus to initiate a Community Emergency Response Team. She further stated that the training requires 20 hours of training that can help the members of the public respond to emergencies.

Acting City Manager Salazar stated that the Fire Department is currently training and should conclude their training before the end of the year. Once completed, they will offer training to the members of the public sometime in January or February 2024.

Lastly, she announced her annual Halloween contests to the members of the public and encouraged them to participate.

Recreation and Community Services Director David Sosnowski announced the upcoming Citywide events which included, Trunk-or-Treat and the Halloween Fest.

- **Salvador Melendez, Councilmember**

CLOSED SESSION - CONTINUED

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Montebello will adjourn to the next **Regular Meeting on October 25, 2023, 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, October 8, 2023, no later than 6:00 p.m.**



Kimberly Guillen, Senior Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Torres requested to take a moment of silence for victims of breast cancer. Mayor Pro Tem Peralta adjourned in memory of her grandmother Doña. Mayor Torres adjourned in memory of his aunt Lori Gutierrez, cousin Julie Galarze, and long-time community member Veronica Diaz.

Councilmember Melendez motioned, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peralta to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2023, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 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**

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

CITY OF MONTEBELLO

Request No. 21



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: _____

MEETING DATE: 10-11-2023

TIME RECEIVED: _____

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: Rosa Tamayo

PHONE: _____

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.

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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. _____

Opposed ☐

In Support ☐

Neutral ☐

TOPIC:

General

MEETING DATE:

10/11/2023

TIME RECEIVED:

6:00pm

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME:

MARGOT EISER

PHONE:

(Optional)

ADDRESS:

Reside D-47 2

(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. 3



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:** _____

MEETING DATE: 10/11/23 **TIME RECEIVED:** 6:06

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: Fiona Reimers **PHONE:** _____
(Optional)

ADDRESS: _____

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: Chet Holifield Library
(Optional)

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. 4



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:** General

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

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: Linda Nickles **PHONE:** _____

(Optional)

ADDRESS: _____

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: MATCH 90640

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

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:** Closed Session

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

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: Rinda Nallas **PHONE:** _____ (Optional)

ADDRESS: _____

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: MATCH# 90640 (Optional)

NOTES: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS: _____

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

RECEIVED BY STAFF: _____

Closed Session

October 11, 2023

Good evening

Before you go into closed session to choose a City Manager, I would like to bring some information to light.

It is my understanding Ben Kim who was previously fired from the City of Montebello is under consideration. Please review his past employment record. He was hired as Assistant City Manager in the City of Rosemead, left them to go to the City of Moreno Valley, was let go. He then returned to the City of Rosemead as City Manager, but if you look at their agenda he is currently under professional evaluation and City Council will be firing him soon. He also has ties to City Attorney Glasman and Avant Gard which is not what the city needs for transparency.

Also, he has no educational degrees or experience to qualify him to run our city as Manager.

The man from Huntington Park Raul Alvarez is currently assistant City Manager, was given that position by Rendon after gifting him position in Lynwood. Again, has no education degrees or experience to run our city. He has ties to the campaign manager that ran your 3 campaigns. Again, not what the city needs for transparency.

You have a very qualified Interim City Manager Arlene Salazar, she has proven she's a capable City Manager, knows departments, staff, and city. She has worked well with this City Council, please consider her as the next City Manager.

Regular Session

October 11, 2023

Good evening.

This evening I'd like to address the woman that comes up here quoting the bible in one breathe, then continues to spew hatred in another all in her "personal capacity". Ironical she's a MSUD Personnel Commissioner due to the letters of recommendation she asked former Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne and myself to write on her behalf.

Her husband also asked former Mayor Cobos-Cawthorne for a letter of recommendation for the position of Chief of Security for the Norwalk- La Miranda School District, which he was given. Which per my understanding he no longer hold that position.

Guess when she needed us back then she didn't hate us, but now she has no need for a letter.

Maybe I should send State Superintendent Tony Thurmond the video of the meeting where she criticized the City of Montebello for having Personnel Commissioners in favor of Civil Service Commissioners, yet the oxymoron is she is a personnel Commissioner dah.

I have copies here with me if anyone would like to read them.

Ironical you Torres allow certain people to use this council meeting to attack community members that speak out, which is out First Amendment rights for illegal acts you 3 stooges vote on.

State Superintendent Tony Thurmond
Department of Education
1430 N Street, Suite 5602
Sacramento, Ca 95814-5901
Superintendent@cde.ca.gov

October 20, 2020

Dear State Superintendent Thurmond,

I am honored to write this letter on behalf of Yvette Fimbres, Montebello Unified School District (MUSD) Personnel Commissioner, whom I have known for over 6 years. I would like to recommend that you re-appoint Personnel Commissioner Fimbres, she has incredible integrity, is supremely knowledgeable in the Merit System and always conducts herself professionally. She always ensures the fair and equitable treatment of all employees, as well as the protection of employees from arbitrary action, political coercion, ensures promotions are based on merit and without favoritism or prejudice.

For the years she has been on the Personnel Commission, she ensured the MUSD provided equal pay and retained those employees whose performance in the district was the best, and dismissed those whose performance was less than adequate. Yvette is forthright, fair, and discreet, furthermore I believe she will continue to devote herself to the MUSD Personnel Commission with the highest degree of diligence. I've worked first-hand with her, when she would conduct Neighborhood Watch meetings throughout the city of Montebello (pre-COVID), she continues to ensure the community receives crime alerts, resources on how to stay safe and how to cope with COVID with programs available.

I am certain that Yvette will continue to be an asset to the MUSD Personnel Commission under your leadership. I am happy to discuss her professional attributes further, as discussed in my character reference letter, please feel free to call me at your convenience (323)359-9394.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kimberly Cobos-Cawthorne
Mayor Pro Tem City of Montebello

October 19, 2020

Tony Thurmond
State Superintendent of Public Instruction
California Department of Education
1430 N Street, Suite 5602
Sacramento, Ca. 95814-5901

Linda Nicklas
Co-Founder MATCH90640
642 N Vail Ave.
Montebello, Ca.90640

Dear Honorable Tony Thurmond;

I have had the distinct pleasure of knowing Mrs. Yvette Fimbres for many years. We have served together as volunteers for both city events and community concerns. She saw a huge need in our community to renew our Neighborhood Watch program, due to the severely short handed staff of Montebello Police Officers in our City. She organized meetings and held forums to educate our neighbors on how to stay safe and be the eyes and ears to aid the Police Department. At many meetings Police Officers would come by to add their voices and to thank Mrs. Fimbres for caring.

She has the knowledge and integrity to preserve the Merit System and you may have full confidence she will insure the hiring process for Classified employees would be free from political influence and all applicants will receive fair and equitable treatment. The merit system a rules and procedures are similar to civil service, is my understanding.

Mrs. Yvette Fimbres', high moral standards and integrity would be an asset to the Montebello Unified School District Personnel Commission. For this and many reasons I would ask for your support for Mrs. Yvette Fimbres to continue as a Personnel Commissioner for Montebello Unified School District.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of support on her behalf.

Sincerely,

Linda Nicklas
Co-Founder MATCH90640
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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



Kimberly Ann Cobos-Cawthorne

July 27, 2021

Michael R. Gotto, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District

To Mr. Gotto,

It with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of recommendation for Henry Fimbres, who is applying for the position of Chief of Security for the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District.

Mr. Fimbres is an adult education teacher for the Montebello Unified School District and teaches law enforcement and security subjects to adults in the community. He has over twenty years of experience in law enforcement serving as a Park Ranger for the City of Montebello, School Police Officer, Assistant Chief and Chief of Public Safety for the State of California.

He has used his education, training and law enforcement experiences to present to various audiences on the subjects of public safety, emergency preparedness, and CPR/First Aid at City co-sponsored neighborhood watch meetings.

Mr. Fimbres has a passion for serving the community and serves as the 1st Vice-president of the National Latino Peace Officers Association, East Los Angeles Chapter; various city service organizations and serves the State as a member of the California State Guard.

I served with Mr. Fimbres on the City of Montebello Culture and Recreation Commission, where I quickly learned to appreciate his knowledge of community affairs, local government relations and his servant leadership style. I was elected as a City of Montebello Councilmember and Mayor and appointed Mr. Fimbres to serve as my Commissioner on the newly created City of Montebello Parks and Recreation Commission. During that time, I was able to get to know Henry quite well and can thoroughly vouch for his character and abilities.

It's not just his technical skills that impress me, his experience in labor and management make him an asset when difficult situations would arise within the Parks commission. He has an ability to relate to both perspectives and a solid understanding of Department and City policy. He has a very good understanding of municipal workings, making it easy for us to have conversations regarding issues the City was facing.

I am positive that Mr. Fimbres possesses the education and leadership qualities that you are seeking for your school district. It is without reservation that I recommend him for the position of Chief of Security. I know he will be an excellent fit for your organization. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further information regarding Mr. Fimbres' qualifications, (323)359-9394 or Kimberly.ann.cobos@gmail.com.

Sincerely,


Kimberly Ann Cobos-Cawthorne
Mayor, City of Montebello