



CITY OF MONTEBELLO REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Melendez was absent.

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Manager Raul Alvarez, Acting Assistant City Manager Angelica Palmeros, Senior Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Guillen, Deputy City Clerk Nelly Ochoa, and Department Director, Cesar Roldan and Assistant Police Chief Cabrera were present.

City Manager Alvarez announced the resignation of Councilmember David Torres as of January 28, 2025.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman addressed concerns regarding the Council quorum, referencing a similar case from 2023. He explained that at that time, he had consulted with the law firm Strumwasser and Woocher, who provided a legal opinion on the matter. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman confirmed that he agreed with their interpretation.

He further stated that he recently reached out to the firm again, and they reaffirmed their original opinion. Based on the case precedent and the California Attorney General's guidance, he clarified that parliamentary rules require actions to be determined by the entirety of the Council, not just a majority. As a result, the quorum for the meeting is set at two councilmembers.

Councilmember Peralta expressed her disappointment with Mayor Melendez's absence from the meeting. She emphasized the importance of the full Council being present to make difficult decisions.

CLOSED SESSION - NONE

REGULAR SESSION - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION**INVOCATION****PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE**

The Public Comments were received at the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2025; no additional comments will be accepted.

REGULAR BUSINESS**1. APPOINTMENT TO FILL DISTRICT 5 CITY COUNCIL VACANCY****RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:**

1. Consideration of interviewed applicants and make an appointment to fill the existing vacant City Council Seat for the term ending in December 2026; and
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Councilmember Peralta thanked all the candidates who participated in the Council Vacancy process. Councilmember Peralta expressed why she was nominating Ricardo Alonzo.

Councilmember Peralta nominated Ricardo Alonzo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo; the motion passed by the following vote:

MOVED: Peralta	SECONDED: Tamayo	APPROVED: 2-0-0-1
AYES: Peralta, Tamayo		
NOES: None		
ABSTAIN: None		
ABSENT: Melendez		

CONSENT CALENDAR - NONE**ADJOURNMENT**

The City of Montebello will adjourn to the next **Regular Meeting on February 12, 2025, 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 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 Adjourned Meeting.



Kimberly Guillen, Senior Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 2025, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 26TH DAY OF MARCH 2025.