CITY OF MONTEBELLO
REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 Melendez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Manager Raul Alvarez, Assistant City Manager Angelica Palmeros, Senior Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Guillen, Deputy City Clerk Nelly Ochoa, and Department Directors Michael Solorza, Joseph Palombi, Ramon Figueroa, John Soria, David Sosnowski, Cesar Roldan, Fire Chief Pelaez, and Police Chief Lopez were present.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced the 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.

None.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Attorney shall provide a briefing on the item listed for Closed Session as follows:
Mayor Melendez recessed the meeting into Closed Session at 6:02 p.m. to consider the following Closed Session items:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
   Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

Initiation of litigation in two matters

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
Government Code Section 59456.9(d)(2)
Significant exposure to litigation in one matter

3. **THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES**
Government Code Section 54957(a)
Consultation with Chief of Police

4. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Maria Virgen v. City of Montebello, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV00769

5. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**
Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Negotiators: Raul Alvarez
Employee Groups: MCEA, MMMA, MSA, MMPA, and Unrepresented Employees

REGULAR SESSION - IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Mayor Melendez reconvened the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

All five members were present to discuss all Closed Session items. City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman provided the following report to City Council: Item No. 1, a briefing was provided to City Council, no action was taken, and nothing further to report; the Mayor recused himself from one of the two matters; Item No. 2, was not discussed; Item No. 3, a briefing was provided by Chief Lopez, no action was taken and nothing further to report; Item No. 4, City Council provided direction with respect to possible settlement authority; Item No. 5, a briefing was provided to City Council, no action was taken and nothing further to report.

INVOCATION

Led by City Treasurer Matanga.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chief Lopez.

Mayor Melendez wished City Clerk Jimenez a speedy recovery following an emergency medical procedure.

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA - CITY MANAGER

City Manager Alvarez requested to add a presentation by Athens to provide an update on the residential solid waste services.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

6. PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL WELLNESS MONTH

Mayor Melendez presented the item.

7. CITY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

City Treasurer Matanga provided a presentation of the item.

7a. Athens - Residential Solid Waste Franchise Update

Jeff Camera, President of MCA Consultant, provided a presentation of the item. The presentation included the communications plan, progress, property tax roll review, and monitoring.

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) 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

City Manager Alvarez provided an update on the Humanitarian Program, reporting that the City is currently assisting forty-four families with groceries, rent, utilities, and other related needs. He also noted that the City has partnered with MAOF to offer informational workshops throughout the community.

City Attorney Alvarez provided an update regarding the joint lawsuit with the City of Los Angeles against the improper and unlawful actions of federal agents and ICE personnel. He stated that a hearing was held in which the judge initially granted a temporary restraining order in favor of the cities. Although the federal government opposed the order and the court denied their request, the matter was subsequently appealed to the Ninth Circuit. The Ninth Circuit upheld the temporary restraining order. The federal government has since appealed the decision to the United States Supreme Court. The City will participate in the amicus brief and has filed additional declarations seeking to convert the temporary restraining order into a permanent injunction.

City Manager Alvarez further reported that Councilmembers Peralta and Romero accompanied staff on a recent trip to Washington, D.C., where they met with legislators to advocate for funding related to transit, police, and fire projects.

City Manager Alvarez announced the appointment of Angelica Palmeros as the Assistant City Manager.

REGULAR BUSINESS

8. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-11 ACCEPTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 25-11 accepting the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) Agreement No. 8FG23407 in the amount of $777,500; and

2. Amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget by increasing appropriations by $777,500 in Account Nos. 249-99-4198.33 and 249-30-320-6040.10 (Miscellaneous Grants, Cal Fire Urban Forestry Management [Revenue] and Public Works, Contract Services Outside Contracts [Expenditures]); and
3. Authorize staff to complete and adopt all applicable policies pertinent to the grant recipient's requirements; and
4. Accept the signed agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this program; and
5. Approve issuance of all necessary Requests for Proposal (RFPs) required to complete the various studies, plans, tree planting and related work associated with this grant award; and,
6. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

The City Clerk's Office acknowledged one(1) member 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.

Director of Public Works Cesar Roldan provided a brief presentation of the item.

Councilmember Peralta asked City Manager Alvarez if he could provide more information regarding the removal of the trees and plans to plant additional trees.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo asked City Manager Alvarez to elaborate on the funding for the project.

Director Roldan and City Manager Alvarez provided additional information for the community.

Councilmember Alonzo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Peralta, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

9. AWARD AGREEMENT NO. 4377 TO J&A ENGINEERING CORPORATION FOR THE RIO HONDO COASTAL SPREADING GROUNDS FENCE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (CP 884)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Award Agreement No. 4377 to J&A Engineering Corporation for the Rio Hondo Coastal Spreading Grounds Fence Replacement Project (CP 884) as the most responsive, responsible bidder in the amount of $1,045,500, which includes the Base Bid and Alternate Bid Schedule A, payable from Account No. 254-30-300-6040.10 (Rio Hondo Improvement – State Parks, Public Works, Public Works Administration, Contract Services Outside Contracts) and 200-99-7116 (Gas Tax, Non-Departmental, Improvements Other Than Building); and
2. Approve a construction contingency in the amount of $189,500 payable from Account No. 200-99-7116 (Gas Tax, Non-Departmental, Improvements Other Than Building); and
3. Authorize the City Clerk's Office to release all-other bidders' bonds; and
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and all change orders in good faith; and
5. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Director Roldan provided a presentation of the item.

Councilmember Peralta asked City Manager Alvarez to explain why the specific starting and ending points were selected.

Mayor Melendez requested additional details from Director Roldan regarding project funding and the type of fence to be used.

Councilmember Alonzo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Peralta, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

10. AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT WHITTIER BOULEVARD & 6TH STREET (CP 926) AND PROCEED WITH BID ADVERTISEMENT

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve Environmental Assessment pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15301 as a Class 1 categorical exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and
2. Adopt construction plans, specifications and engineer's estimate for CP-926, Traffic Signal at Whittier Boulevard and 6th Street; and
3. Authorize staff to proceed with bid advertisement for construction; and
4. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Director Roldan provided a brief presentation of the item.

Councilmember Peralta motioned, seconded by Councilmember Alonzo, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

11. AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AGREEMENT NO. 4371 TO CEM CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR THE DOWNTOWN SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT (CP 919)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Award Agreement No. 4371 to CEM Construction Corporation for the Downtown Sewer Replacement (CP 919) as the most responsive, responsible bidder in the amount of $4,474,207 payable from Account No. 263-30-340-6040.45 (Sewer Infrastructure, Public Works, Sewer Operations, Contract Services Sewer Maintenance) and 215-99-7117 (Proposition C, Non-Departmental, Improvements Other Than Building – Paving the Way);
2. Approve a 10% construction contingency of $447,421 payable from Account No. 215-99-7117 (Proposition C, Non-Departmental, Improvements Other Than Building – Paving the Way); and
3. Amend the adopted Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget by increasing appropriations by $2,821,627 in Account No. 215-99-7117 (Proposition C, Non-Departmental, Improvements Other Than Building – Paving the Way); and
4. Authorize the City Clerk's Office to release all other bidders' bid bonds; and
5. Authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract agreement (attached hereto in substantial form) and all applicable change orders in good faith.
6. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Director Roldan provided a brief presentation of the item.

Councilmember Peralta wanted to ensure those impacted would be informed of the expected developments beforehand.

Councilmember Alonzo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

12. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-64 APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 25-10 (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO AND THE MONTEBELLO MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION (MMPA)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 25-10 approving a Memorandum of Understanding No. 25-10 (MOU) between the City of Montebello and the Montebello Management Professionals Association (MMPA); and
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Councilmember Peralta acknowledged the team's achievement in reaching a Memorandum of Understanding with three bargaining units.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

13. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-65 APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 25-11 (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO AND THE MONTEBELLO CITY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (MCEA)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 25-65 approving Memorandum of Understanding No. 25-11 (MOU) between the City of Montebello and the Montebello City Employees' Association (MCEA); and
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

14. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-66 APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 25-12 (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO AND THE MONTEBELLO SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION (MSA)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 25-66 approving Memorandum of Understanding No. 25-12 (MOU) between the City of Montebello and the Montebello Supervisors' Association (MSA); and
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

15. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-67 APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 25-13 (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO AND THE MONTEBELLO MID-MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (MMMA)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 25-67 approving Memorandum of Understanding No. 25-13 (MOU) between the City of Montebello and the Montebello Mid-Management Association (MMMA); and
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro TemTamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

16. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-68 SPECIFYING CERTAIN EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS FOR UNREPRESENTED NON-MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES AND UNREPRESENTED MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES AND RESOLUTION NO. 25-69 APPROVING THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO COMPENSATION PLAN AND TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 25-68 specifying certain employee benefits and employment conditions for unrepresented non-management employees and unrepresented management employees; and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 25-69 approving the City of Montebello Compensation Plan and Table of Organization; and,
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved 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.

City Manager Alvarez pulled Item No. 27 for further discussion.

Councilmember Peralta pulled Item No. 19 for further discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo pulled Item No. 23 for further discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve Item Nos. 17-18, 20-22, and 24-37; the motion was approved unanimously.

17. AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 4332 WITH JACOB GREEN & ASSOCIATES FOR COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTING SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 25-09

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve Agreement No. 4332 with Jacob Green & Associates in an amount not-to-exceed $75,000 for the development of the Montebello Fire Department's Strategic Plan; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; and
3. Amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget by increasing appropriations by $75,000 in Account No. 100-85-850-6040.95 (General Fund, Fire, Administration, Other Professional Services); and
4. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

18. APPROVE AGREEMENT NO. 4344 WITH FLOCK GROUP INC. (DBA FLOCK SAFETY) TO LEASE AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS (ALPR)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Award Master Services Agreement No. 4344 with Flock Safety for the lease of automated license plate readers; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; and
3. Amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget by increasing appropriations by $250,000 in Account Nos. 265-80-834-6010.10. (Grants, Police, COPS Technology Equipment Program, Machinery and Equipment [Expenditures]), and 265-99-4198.25 (Grants, Non-Departmental, Misc.Grants-COPS Technology Equipment Proram [Revenue]; and
4. Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

19. APPROVE PURCHASE OF CORDICO WELLNESS APPLICATION FOR THE MONTEBELLO POLICE DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the purchase of the Cordico Wellness Application to provide a confidential, on-demand mental health and wellness platform for Montebello Police Department personnel (Attachment B); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute any necessary documents to complete the purchase, in an amount not to exceed $28,800 for a two-year subscription term for the Police Department use of the Cordico Wellness Appication; and
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Councilmember Peralta spoke in support of the item.

Councilmember Peralta motioned, seconded by Councilmember Alonzo, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

20. AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 4337 WITH HINDERLITER DE LLAMAS AND ASSOCIATES (HDL COMPANIES NC) FOR BUSINESS LICENSE ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Award Professional Services Agreement No. 4337 with Hinderliter de Llamas and Associates (HdL Companies NC) for Business License Administration Services; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement; and
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

21. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Receive and file the Quarterly Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2025 (Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2024-25); and,
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

22. APPROVE RESOLUTION NO 25-61 APPROVING THE EXCHANGE OF "PROPOSITION A" LOCAL RETURN FUNDS WITH THE MONTEBELLO BUS LINES (MBL)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 25-61 Approving the Exchange of Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro) "Proposition A" Local Return Funds with the Montebello Bus Lines; and
2. Amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget by increasing appropriations by $2,500,000 in Account Nos. 210-99-7000.15 (Proposition A, Transfer Out to Transit Fund) and 600-99-4999.76 (Transit, Transfer In from Proposition A); and $1,750,000 in Account Nos. 600-99-7000.10 (Transit, Transfer Out to General Fund) and 100-99-4999.15 (General Fund, Transfer In from Transit Fund); and
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

23. APPROVE GATEWAY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT FIBER OPTIC NETWORK BROADBAND RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT NO. 4363

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the Right-of-Way Use Agreement with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) for the installation, maintenance, and operation of the Gateway Cities Regional Fiber Optic Network within the City's boundaries; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement, including approving finalized plans and any other actions in connection with the Agreement; and
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo spoke in favor of the item.

Councilmember Alonzo motioned, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

24. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-60 APPROVING THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO'S TITLE VI IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 25-60 adopting the City of Montebello's Title VI Implementation Plan; and
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

25. APPROVE THE RELEASE OF RFQ NO. 26-02 FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, HARDWARE, TOOLS, AND RELATED MATERIALS

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Reject the proposals that were received for Request for Qualification (RFQ) No. 25-02; and
2. Approve the release of RFQ No. 26-02 for Equipment, Hardware, Tools, and Related Materials; and

3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to make minor modifications to the RFQ documents if necessary to clarify scope, specifications, or submission requirements; and
4. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

26. ACCEPTANCE OF THE HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP-L) CYCLE 7 VARIOUS INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NO. HSIPL-5247(024) (CP 851)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 7 Various Intersection Improvements (CP 851) by Alfaro Communication Construction, Inc.; and
2. Approve the final contract amount with Alfaro Communication Construction, Inc. in the amount of $1,261,310 including change orders; and
3. Amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget by increasing appropriations by $13,261 in Account No. 215-99-7116 (Proposition C, Non-Departmental, Improvements Other Than Building); and
4. Approve the Final Total Project Budget in the amount of $1,261,310 (Attachment A); and
5. Authorize the City Clerk to execute, verify and file the Notice of Completion (Attachment B) with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder; and
6. Authorize the release of the retention payment of $63,069 due to Alfaro Communication Construction, Inc. following the mandatory waiting period from the date the Notice of Completion is recorded; and
7. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

27. AWARD AGREEMENT NO. 4372 TO VOLTAIRE ENGINEERING, INC. FOR THE RIO HONDO ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE II (CP 924-2)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Award Agreement No. 4372 to Voltaire Engineering for the Rio Hondo Access Improvement Project (Phase II, Sign) (CP 924-2) as the most responsive, responsible bidder for the amount of $380,098; and
2. Approve a construction contingency in the amount of $19,902; and
3. Amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget by increasing appropriations by $400,000 in Account No. 600-90-910-6040.10 (Transit, Transportation, Operations, Outside Contract Services); and
4. Authorize the City Clerk's Office to release all-other bidders' bonds; and
5. Authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract agreement and all change orders in good faith; and
6. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

City Manager Alvarez informed the City Council that the City has received a formal protest, which will be included in the final record.

Councilmember Romero motioned, seconded by Councilmember Alonzo, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

28. AWARD AGREEMENT NO. 4373 TO CERTIFIED ROOFING APPLICATORS, INC. THE FOR FIRE STATION #56 REMODELING PROJECT (CDBG) (CP 923)

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Award Agreement No. 4373 to Certified Roofing Applicators for the Fire Station #56 Remodeling Project (CP 923) as the most responsive, responsible bidder for the amount of $751,120 payable from Account No. 255-50-7115 (CDBG, Community Development, Building Improvements); and
2. Approve a construction contingency in the amount of $28,258 payable from Account No. 255-50-7115 (CDBG, Community Development, Building Improvements), bringing the total contract amount to $779,378; and
3. Authorize the City Clerk's Office to release all other bidders' bonds; and
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and all change orders in good faith; and

5. Reject VSI Technologies as the lowest bidder for failing to attend the Mandatory Job Walk held on July 7, 2025, at 10:00 AM, a requirement for bid eligibility for this project; and
6. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

29. ADOPT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 SB1 RUBBERIZED ASPHALT STREET ENHANCEMENT PROJECT (CP 938) AND PROCEED WITH BID ADVERTISEMENT

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve Environmental Assessment pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15301 as a Class 1 categorical exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and
2. Adopt construction plans and specifications for Fiscal Year 2024-25 SB 1 Rubberized Asphalt Street Enhancement Project (CP 938); and
3. Authorize staff to proceed with bid advertisement for construction; and
4. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

30. APPROVE LEASING OF VEHICLE PURCHASE AND PROCUREMENT OF VEHICLE UPFITTING AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT NON-EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the acquisition of three (3) vehicles for the Fire Department from Chevrolet of Montebello; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute Agreement No. 4365 with Lease Servicing Center, Inc. dba NCL Government Capital for vehicle financing (lease to own) in the amount of $160,801 plus accrued interest over the term of the agreement; and
3. Authorize one member of the Montebello City Council and the City Clerk to sign a Lessee Resolution (Exhibit E of Attachment B) to approve the lease and confirm the City Manager is an authorized individual to execute related documents; and
4. Authorize a $500 payment to Lease Service Center, Inc. dba NCL Government Capital for a one-time documentation and processing fee; and
5. Approve the purchase and installation of related vehicle equipment, including camper shells, Motorola communications equipment, K-9 transport components, and other emergency response gear for the vehicles; and
6. Amend the Fiscal Year 2025–26 Adopted Operating Budget by increasing appropriations by $45,000 in Account No. 100-85-860-6080.60 (General Fund, Fire, Fire Suppression, Vehicle Parts/Equipment) and $60,000 in Account No. 100-85-880-6010.10 (General Fund, Fire, Communications, Machinery & Equipment); and
7. Authorize a $60,000 increase to the existing Purchase Order with Motorola Solutions for the purchase of vehicle communications equipment related to the acquisition of these three (3) Fire Department vehicles; and
8. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

31. AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ) NO. 26-01 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PARAMEDIC RESCUE SQUAD

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize issuing Request for Quotations (RFQ) No. 26-01 for the purchase and delivery of one (1) fully equipped Paramedic Rescue Squad for the Montebello Fire Department; and
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

32. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-62 APPROVING JOB SPECIFICATIONS FOR "FIREFIGHTER - PARAMEDIC," "COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION COORDINATOR," AND "FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC TRAINEE"

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 25-62, approving the job classifications for "Firefighter - Paramedic," "Community Risk Reduction Coordinator," and "Firefighter/ Paramedic Trainee;" and,
2. Approve the updated Master Position Control (Attachment B) reflecting the updated job classifications; and,
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

33. INCREASE THE ANNUAL NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT FOR IVA SOLUTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize a not-to-exceed amount of $100,000 for IVA Solutions-related services during Fiscal Year 2025-26; and
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

34. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 4375 WITH UNITED RENTALS INC. TO PROVIDE RENTAL EQUIPMENT

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve Professional Services Agreement No. 4375 with United Rentals Inc.to provide Rental Equipment for a three (3) year term (through June 30, 2028), with two (2) one-year extension options for an annual not-to-exceed amount of $60,000; 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 Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

35. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 4374 WITH PARTS AUTHORITY LLC TO PROVIDE AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve Professional Services Agreement No. 4374 with Parts Authority LLC to provide Automotive Supplies for a three (3) year term (through June 30, 2028) with two (2) one-year extension options for an annual not-to-exceed amount of $50,000; 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 Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

36. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 11, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING; JUNE 25, 2025, SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING; JUNE 25, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve said Minutes as is.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was approved unanimously.

37. PAYMENT OF BILLS: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 25-63 APPROVING THE CITY WARRANT REGISTER OF DEMANDS DATED AUGUST 13, 2025

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 25-63 approving the Warrant Register dated August 13, 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo motioned, seconded by Councilmember Romero, to approve the item; the motion was 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).

Councilmember Peralta and Councilmember Romero participated in the Montebello Advocacy Trip to Washington, D.C., where they met with legislative officials to discuss potential funding opportunities.

Mayor Melendez and Mayor Pro Tem Tamayo attended the Annual International Communication Association Conference and NALEO Conference.

COUNCIL/AGENCY ORALS

Announcements and requests for future agenda items.

- **Scarlet Peralta, Councilmember**

- **Ric Alonzo, Councilmember**

- **Danielle Romero, Councilmember**

- **Georgina Tamayo, Mayor Pro Tem**

- **Salvador Melendez, Mayor**

CLOSED SESSION - CONTINUED

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Montebello will adjourn to the next **Regular Meeting on August 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.,** which can be live-streamed at https://www.montebelloca.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, August 10, 2025, no later than 6:00 p.m.**

Kimberly Guillen, Senior Deputy City Clerk

Councilmember Romero adjourned the meeting in memory of Jerry Hernandez. Mayor Melendez adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2025, ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2025.

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

CITY OF MONTEBELLO INCORPORATED OCT. 16, 1920 CALIFORNIA

SPEAKER CARD

Please Note:

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

Opposed ☐ In Support ☐ Neutral ☐ **TOPIC:** Beautification Project

MEETING DATE: 08/13 **TIME RECEIVED:** ______

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: Juan M. Guzmân **PHONE:** [redacted]

ADDRESS: [redacted]

(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: self...

NOTES: Speak...

ACCOMMODATIONS: None

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

CITY OF MONTEBELLO INCORPORATED OCT. 16, 1920 CALIFORNIA

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

Opposed ☐ In Support ☐ Neutral ☐ **TOPIC:** SENIOR CENTER

MEETING DATE: 08-13-25 **TIME RECEIVED:** ______

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: HENRY TERRAZAS **PHONE:** [redacted] *(Optional)*

ADDRESS: HOMELESS *(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: 08-13-2025 **TIME RECEIVED:** ______

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: ROSA TAMAYO **PHONE:** [redacted] (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

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

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

MEETING DATE: 8/12/25 **TIME RECEIVED:** ____

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: Raoul Hurtado **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:** Public Comment

MEETING DATE: ______ **TIME RECEIVED:** ______

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: Will Cervera **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. 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: ______ **TIME RECEIVED:** ______

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: Linda Nickles **PHONE:** ______ (Optional)

ADDRESS: ______ (Optional)

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. 7

CITY OF MONTEBELLO · INCORPORATED OCT. 16, 1920 · CALIFORNIA

SPEAKER CARD

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

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

MEETING DATE: 8/13/25 **TIME RECEIVED:** 6:00

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: Tile Gregorian **PHONE:** On file (Optional)

ADDRESS: on file (Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: self

NOTES: ______

ACCOMMODATIONS: ______

TRANSLATION NEEDED: No ☑ Yes ☐ Language: ______

RECEIVED BY STAFF: ______

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CITY OF MONTEBELLO Request No. 1

SPEAKER CARD

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TYPE OF COMMENT: Closed Session ☐ Non-Agenda Item ☐ **AGENDA ITEM NO.** 8

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

MEETING DATE: 8/13/25 **TIME RECEIVED:** ~~8~~ 1840

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: Greg Gonzalez **PHONE:** ____________ *(Optional)*

ADDRESS: ____________ *(Optional)*

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: ____________

NOTES: ____________

ACCOMMODATIONS: ____________

TRANSLATION NEEDED: No ☐ Yes ☐ Language: ____________

RECEIVED BY STAFF: ____________

Absent

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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. 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16

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

MEETING DATE: **TIME RECEIVED:**

SPEAKER'S FULL NAME: Linda Nicklas **PHONE:**
(Optional)

ADDRESS:
(Optional)

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: MATCH 90640

NOTES:

ACCOMMODATIONS:

TRANSLATION NEEDED: No ☐ Yes ☐ Language:

RECEIVED BY STAFF:

August 13, 2025

Good Evening, Honorable Mayor Melendez and Staff, community.

I would like to wish our group MATCH90640 (Montebello Activist to Clean House 90640) a happy Anniversary.

Ten years ago today August 13, 2015 a group of concern residents decide we needed to form a group to help our Community. We each had an equal voice, we never had a president.

We were called by parents with children at Bella Vista Elementary school, asking for our help. There was a gas leak on school property, and Southern California Gas Company shut off all gas to school, which meant cold school rooms, no hot water in restrooms and no hot lunches.

We wrote letters to our Legislators, we spoke at MUSD Board meetings and complained about the abuse in spending of the School Bond money in the millions.

We were successful in causing the Audit of School board's actions and wasteful spending of Bond money. The MUSD was put under Conservatorship and not even a pencil could be purchased without permission, by School Board members.

That is when we wrote to our Legislators regarding the illegal contract and wasteful money being spent here in out city by former Council members.

On May 16, 2018 members of our group went to Sacramento and testified before the Joint Legislative Auditor Committee and made history. We won a unanimous 13-0 Full Forensic Audit, deeming our city a High Risk Municipality.

The report read 14 out of the 16 contracts awarded were in fact illegally done.

We are proud to continue to help our community, and are happy to see two groups like Montebello Voices and Montebello United also looking out for our city, they are the young guards, now protecting us.

On another note Scarlet you're pathic dog park is putting dogs in danger. Here is a picture showing the temperature of rubber ground cover in dog park at 127 degrees! The asphalt in the street was 129 degrees, so basically owners are letting their dogs burn their paws and inhale toxic fumes, being released from rubber ground cover. I dare you Scarlet to go walk bare feet around dog park for 20 minutes at 2pm and let's see the blisters on your feet. Shame on you.

Wonder if Blue beard will call KTLA and let them report on this toxic dog park now.

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