



**CITY OF MONTEBELLO
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

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

CITY COUNCIL

**Georgina Tamayo, Mayor
Danielle Romero, Mayor Pro Tem
Scarlet Peralta, Councilmember
Ric Alonzo, Councilmember
Salvador Melendez, Councilmember**

CITY MANAGER

Raul Alvarez

CITY TREASURER

David Matanga

CITY ATTORNEY

Arnold M. Alvarez-Glasman

CITY CLERK

Christopher Jimenez

DEPARTMENT HEADS

**Assistant City Manager
Fire Chief
Police Chief
Director of City Clerk Services
Director of Finance
Director of Human Resources
Director of Planning/Community Development
Director of Public Works
Director of Recreation and Community Services
Director of Transportation**

**Angelica Palmeros
Fernando Pelaez
Luis Lopez
Kimberly Guillen
Michael Solorza
Ramon Figueroa
Joseph Palombi
Cesar Roldan
David Sosnowski
John Soria**

NOTICES

This City Council Meeting ("Council") will be held in person and will meet at **City Hall – City Council Chambers, 1600 West Beverly Boulevard, Montebello, California.** The meeting will be live streamed and can be watched on the City's website and YouTube Channel via the following link: <https://www.montebelloca.gov>, and may also be viewed on Spectrum Public Access Channel 3 for all Spectrum cable subscribers.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

In-Person: For those interested in participating during the Public Comment period(s) or public testimony period for Public Hearings of the City Council meetings, you may address the City Council ***in person only the day of the meeting.*** Speakers will be required to fill out a speaker card provided at the door and submit it to City Clerk staff prior to each Public Comment announcement period. Staff will number and call each speaker card in the order received. ***Closed Session begins at 6:00 p.m. and Regular Session immediately thereafter; if there is no Closed Session, Regular Session will begin at 6:00 p.m.***

AGENDA MATERIALS: The agenda and/or agenda packet are available for public inspection at City's website at: [Agendas, Minutes, and Videos](#),

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OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

At this time, the public may submit a speaker card to the City Clerk staff for Closed Session items, prior to the beginning of this statement. Speakers will be called in the order received. Please be aware that the maximum time allotted for members of the public to speak on Closed Session items shall not exceed three (3) minutes per person. State Law prohibits the City Council from taking action or entertaining extended discussion on a topic not listed on the agenda. Please show courtesy to others and direct all of your comments to the Mayor and City Council.

CLOSED SESSION

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

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Jesus Macias v. City of Montebello
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No: 25STCV37986

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Hermes Carbajal vs. City of Montebello
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 26STCV02126

3. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**
Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Negotiators: Raul Alvarez
Employee Group: Montebello Police Management Association

4. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
Government Code Section 59456.9(d)(4)
Consideration of initiation of litigation in one matter

REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA - CITY MANAGER

CEREMONIAL ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

5. CITIZEN OF THE MONTH — LORRAINE RICHARDS
6. CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FOR MONTEBELLO BUS LINES EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATING IN THE 5-STAR, REGIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL ROADEOS
7. EASTSIDE LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION PRESENTATION
8. PROPOSED FY 2026-27 BUDGET OVERVIEW
9. CAPITAL PROJECTS FY 2026-27 PRESENTATION

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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STAFF COMMUNICATIONS ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

PUBLIC HEARING

10. **PUBLIC HEARING - RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING CHARGES ANNUAL RATE ADJUSTMENT**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Conduct a Public Hearing and approve Resolution No. 26-36 establishing the residential solid waste collection and recycling rate for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Attachment A) per Agreement No. 4279 between the City of Montebello and Arakelian Enterprises (dba Athens Services); and,
2. Direct staff to forward the Resolution to the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller to place the revised charges on the property tax rolls; and,
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

REGULAR BUSINESS

11. **APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT NO. 4454 WITH INSIGHT STRATEGIES INC., FOR ORGANIZATIONAL HEALTH AND HIGH-PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT SERVICES – PHASE II**

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 4454 with Insight Strategies, Inc. for a one-year (1-year) term, and increase the total not-to-exceed amount for an additional \$49,800, to implement Phase II – Agency Strategic Plan Development and Activation for Montbello Bus Lines (MBL); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 on behalf of the City of Montebello; and
3. Authorize the City Manager and/or his designee to approve change orders for up to fifteen percent (15%) or \$7,470, of the amended agreement amount; and
4. Amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 adopted operating budget to increase appropriations by \$57,720, in Account No. 600-90-900-6040.95 (Transit Fund, Administration, Contract Services - Other Professional Services); and
5. Take such additional, related action as may be desirable.

12. AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT NO. 4418 TO WEST COAST ARBORISTS, INC. FOR URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN GRANT IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES**RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:**

1. Rescind the prior award of the professional services Agreement No. 4419 to TreePeople, Inc. for Urban Forest Management Plan grant implementation services due to the firm's formal withdrawal from the project; and
2. Award Professional Services Agreement No. 4418 to West Coast Arborists, Inc. in the amount of \$597,500 payable from Cal Fire grant funds in Account No. 249-30-320-6040.10 (Cal Fire Urban Forestry Management, Public Works, Trees, Contract Services -outside Contracts); and
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute Professional Services Agreement No. 4418 in good faith; and
4. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

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.

13. FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 CONFIRMATION OF ANNUAL TAX RATE FOR VOTER APPROVED INDEBTEDNESS**RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:**

1. Review and adopt the attached resolution establishing property tax override rates on voter approved indebtedness for retirement expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2026-27; and,
2. Direct staff to forward the resolution to the Los Angeles County Auditor Controller within the required time limit; and
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

14. AWARD AGREEMENT NO. 4484 TO VOLTAIRE ENGINEERING, INC. FOR CHET HOLIFIELD COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT (CP 945)**RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:**

1. Award Agreement No. 4484 to Voltaire Engineering, Inc. for the Chet Holifield Community Garden Project (Sign) (CP 945) as the most responsive, responsible bidder for the amount of \$342,879 payable from Account No. 221-70-744-6040.10 (Measure A Local, Parks and Recreation, Parks and Rec Capital Projects, Contract Services-Outside Contracts) and Account No. 250-70-744-6040.10 (Park Development, Parks and Recreation, Parks and Rec Capital Projects, Contract Services-Outside Contracts); and
2. Approve a 10% construction contingency in the amount of \$34,287; and
3. Amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget by increasing appropriations by \$77,166 in Account No. 250-70-744-6040.10 (Park Development, Parks and Recreation, Parks and Rec Capital Projects, Contract Services-Outside Contracts); and
4. Authorize the City Clerk's Office to release all-other bidders' bonds; and
5. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement No. 4484 and all change orders in good faith; and
6. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

15. ACCEPTANCE OF RIO HONDO COASTAL SPREADING GROUNDS FENCE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (CP 884) – NOTICE OF COMPLETION**RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:**

1. Accept the Rio Hondo Coastal Spreading Grounds Fence Replacement Project (CP 884) as completed by J&A Engineering Corporation; and
2. Approve the final contract amount with J&A Engineering Corporation for the Project in the amount of \$1,234,400 including change orders; and
3. Approve the Final Total Project Budget (Attachment A); and

4. Authorize the City Clerk to execute, verify and file the Notice of Completion (Attachment B) with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder; and
5. Authorize the release of the retention payment of \$61,720 due to J&A Engineering Corporation following the mandatory waiting period from the date the Notice of Completion is recorded; and
6. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

16. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) – REGION 9 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON CONSENT

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to sign and execute the Administrative Order on Consent between the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Region 9 and the City of Montebello; and
2. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

17. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT NO. 4417 WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) TO ACCEPT PROPOSITION C FULFILLMENT FUNDS FOR UNPROGRAMMED SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM-LOCAL (STP-L) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$188,392

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a funding agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) to receive Proposition C fulfillment funds for unprogrammed Surface Transportation Program - Local (STP-L) in the amount of \$188,392 and execute any subsequent agreements regarding this grant award; and
2. Find that the Lincoln Street Rehabilitation (Wilcox to 18th Street) Project (CP 946) is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301; and
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

18. APPROVE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY FOR THE URBAN GREENING GRANT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize staff to submit an application to the California Natural Resources Agency for the Urban Greening Grant Program to purchase trees; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign and execute all applicable documents associated with the submittal process; and
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

19. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT NO. 3836 WITH WEST COAST ARBORIST FOR CITYWIDE TREE GRID PRUNING, TREE REMOVALS, TREE PLANTING, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 3836 between the City of Montebello and West Coast Arborists to add additional scope of work for the Part-Time Urban Forestry Program Advisor; and
2. Approve an amendment to the adopted Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget by increasing appropriations by \$79,000 in Account No. 100-30-320-6040.15 (General Fund, Public Works, Trees, Contract Services - Tree Trimming); and
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 on behalf of the City; and
4. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

20. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGREEMENT NO. 4100 WITH STAR-DUST TOURS, INC. FOR CHARTER BUS SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 4100 with Star-Dust Tours, Inc. for an additional one-year term and to increase the annual not-to-exceed amount to \$110,000; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 on behalf of the City; and
3. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

21. APPROVE ISSUING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, NO. 26-15 FOR DEMOLITION, ENVIRONMENTAL, REMEDIATION, SITE CLEARANCE AND GRADING SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve issuing Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 26-15 for Demolition, Environmental Remediation, Site Clearance, and Grading (DESG) Services; and
2. Take such additional, related, action as may be desirable.

22. APPROVE INCREASES TO THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNTS ON BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR CUMMINS PACIFIC LLC, INLAND KENWORTH INC, MUNCIE RECLAMATION AND SUPPLY COMPANY, RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF CALIFORNIA INC, AND ZUTRA WATER CORPORATION

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve increasing the total not-to-exceed (NTE) amount, from \$127,320 to \$177,320, on the Blanket Purchase Order with Cummins Pacific, LLC (Cummins Pacific), to purchase maintenance-related bus parts, for Fiscal Year 2025-26; and
2. Approve increasing the total NTE amount, from \$100,000 to \$150,000, on the Blanket Purchase Order with Inland Kenworth, Inc. (Inland Kenworth), to purchase maintenance-related bus parts, for FY 2025-26; and
3. Approve increasing the total NTE amount, from \$100,000 to \$150,000, on the Blanket Purchase Order with Muncie Reclamation and Supply Company (Muncie), to purchase maintenance-related bus parts, for FY 2025-26; and
4. Approve increasing the total NTE amount, from \$100,000 to \$150,000, on the Blanket Purchase Order with Rush Truck Centers of California, Inc. (Rush Truck), to purchase maintenance-related bus parts, for FY 2025-26; and
5. Approve increasing the total NTE amount from, \$49,000 to \$74,000, on the Blanket Purchase Order with Zutra Water Corporation (Zutra Water), to continue providing water delivery services for the City of Montebello for FY 2025-26; and
6. Amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 adopted operating budget by increasing appropriations by \$250,000 in Account No. 600-90-915-6080.50 (Transit, Corporate Shops, Vehicle Maintenance/Expenses Bus Parts) and \$25,000 in Account No. 600-90-900-6000.20 (Transit, Administration, Supplies Non-Durable).

23. APPROVE THE EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT OF GENETEC SERVER EQUIPMENT FROM R.L. CONTROLS LLC FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Confirm the emergency procurement of Genetec server equipment from R.L. Controls LLC (R.L Controls) for the Transportation Department (Transportation); and
2. Take such additional, related action as may be desirable

24. APPROVE AGREEMENT NO. 4415 WITH NEW FLYER OF AMERICA, INC. TO PURCHASE NINE, FORTY-FOOT, HEAVY DUTY COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) TRANSIT BUSES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve Agreement No. 4415 with New Flyer of America, Inc. (New Flyer), to purchase nine (9), forty-foot (40'), Heavy Duty, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Transit Buses; using the base pricing and terms established in the Basin Transit / CALACT Contract #23-01 (Cooperative Contract No. 23-01), expiring on July 31, 2026; and

2. Authorize the City Manager and/or his designee to approve change orders for up to two percent (2%) of the total agreement amount; and
3. Amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 adopted budget to increase appropriations by \$2,437,986, in Account No. 600-90-915-6082 (Transit, Corporate Shop, Vehicle Purchases); and
4. Take such additional, related action that may be desirable.

25. APPROVE AGREEMENT NO. 4419 WITH NEW FLYER OF AMERICA, INC. TO PURCHASE THREE, FORTY-FOOT, HEAVY DUTY HYDROGEN FUEL CELL ELECTRIC TRANSIT BUSES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve Agreement No. 4419 with New Flyer of America, Inc. (New Flyer), to purchase three (3), forty-foot (40'), Heavy Duty Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Buses (FCEBs); and
2. Authorize the City Manager and/or his designee to approve change orders for up to two percent (2%) of the total agreement amount; and
3. Amend the Fiscal Year 2025-26 adopted operating budget to increase appropriations by \$801,888, in Account No. 600-90-915-6082 (Transit, Corporate Shop, Vehicle Purchases) ; and
4. Take such additional, related action as may be desirable.

26. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 13, 2026, CITY COUNCIL MEETING

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve said Minutes as is.

27. PAYMENT OF BILLS: ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 26-34 APPROVING THE CITY WARRANT REGISTER OF DEMANDS DATED MAY 27, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 26-34 approving the Warrant Register dated May 27, 2026.

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).

COUNCIL/AGENCY ORALS

Announcements and requests for future agenda items.

- Ric Alonzo, Councilmember

- Danielle Romero, Mayor Pro Tem

- Scarlet Peralta, Councilmember

- Salvador Melendez, Councilmember

- Georgina Tamayo, Mayor

CLOSED SESSION - CONTINUED

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Montebello will adjourn to the next **Regular Meeting on June 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, which can be live-streamed at <https://www.montebellocal.gov> (Click on Live Stream).

I, Kimberly Guillen, Director of City Clerk Services for the City of Montebello, hereby certify that a copy of this agenda has been posted on or before **Sunday, May 24, 2026, no later than 6:00 p.m.**



Kimberly Guillen, Director of City Clerk Services

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**