MEETING JOINTLY AND REGULARLY WITH THE EL MONTE HOUSING AUTHORITY; EL MONTE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY; EL MONTE WATER AUTHORITY; EL MONTE PARKING AUTHORITY; SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER EL MONTE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY; HOUSING SUCCESSOR AGENCY; AND, FROM TIME TO TIME, SUCH OTHER BODIES OF THE CITY WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IS COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL FOR CITY COUNCIL AND AUTHORITY BODIES:

   Andre Quintero, Mayor/Chair – present
   Maria Morales, Mayor Pro Tem/Authority Member – present
   Jessica Ancona, Councilmember/Authority Member – present
   Victoria Martinez Muela, Councilmember/Authority Member – present
   Jerry Velasco, Councilmember/Authority Member – present

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

   WITH THE FOLLOWING EDITS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

   SPECIALLY ADDED AGENDA ITEM:

   4.4 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – Anticipated Litigation – One (1) Potential Case.

   m) Mayor Quintero
   s) Mayor Pro Tem Morales      5-0

4. CLOSED SESSION (6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.): None

The City Council and the various Authority Bodies whose membership is composed exclusively of the membership of the City Council (collectively, the “Council”) will attempt to address and complete all Closed Session business between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. If the Council completes all Closed Session business prior to 7:00 p.m., the Council will take a short recess and commence all Open Session proceedings promptly at 7:00 p.m. In the event the City Council is unable to address or complete all agendized Closed Session items by 7:00 p.m., the Council will hear all such remaining items toward the end of the meeting, immediately following Council Communications. Should any member of the public wish to address the Council on any agendized Closed Session matter, the Council shall allow such person to address the Council on such matter prior to going into Closed Session, provided that all persons wishing to address the Council on an agendized Closed Session matter shall fill out a speaker card and be subject to a
speaker’s time limit of 3 minutes per speaker and further provided that the Council shall be under no obligation to respond to or deliberate upon any specific questions or comments posed by a speaker or take action on any issue raised by a speaker beyond such action as the City Council may be lawfully authorized to take on an agendized Closed Session matter pursuant to the Brown Act (Govt. Code Section 54950 et seq.).

Mayor Quintero invited members of the public to address the City Council on Closed Session Items 4.1 through 4.4.

Mayor Quintero and the City Council recessed into Closed Session at approximately 6:06 p.m. Mayor Quintero and the City Council reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 7:21 pm.

Assistant City Attorney Richard Padilla reported out of Closed Session with respect to Items 4.1 through 4.4.

4.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Regarding the Following Matter: El Rovia vs. City of El Monte, Court Appeal, Second Appellate District Case No. B288134, El Rovia vs. City of El Monte, District Court Central District Case No. 2:19-CV-7506 CAS AFMx, and El Rovia vs. City of El Monte, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCP05151.

General update, no final action

4.2 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiator

Property Location:
Lands located to the north of the Interstate 10 Freeway lying East of Peck Road and abutting Federal Drive in the City of El Monte.

Name of Party City is Negotiating with:
Outfront Media.

City’s Designated Negotiators:
Alma K. Martinez, City Manager; Betty Donavanik, Community and Economic Development Director; and Dave Gondek, Senior Deputy City Attorney.

Under Discussion:
Discussion of modifications of sublease payment terms.

General update, no final action

4.3 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiator

Property Location:
3637 and 3649 Tyler Avenue.
Name of Party City is Negotiating with:
George Lopez, Cesar Chavez Foundation.

City’s Designated Negotiators:
Alma K. Martinez, City Manager; Betty Donavanik, Community and Economic Development Director; and Dave Gondek, Senior Deputy City Attorney.

Under Discussion:
Discussion of both terms cost.

General update, no final action

4.4 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – Anticipated Litigation – One (1) Potential Case.

General update, no final action

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Morales 5-0

OPEN SESSION PROCEEDINGS

(Commencing at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the City Council reconvene from Closed Session/Short Recess)

5. INVOCATION: Mayor Quintero.

6. FLAG SALUTE: Chief of Police, David Reynoso. Present

7. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING NON-AGENDIZED MATTERS: None

This time has been set aside for persons in the audience to make comments or inquiries on matters within the general subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, the Housing Authority, the Financing Authority and/or the Water Authority (collectively, the “Council”) that are not listed on this agenda. Although no person is required to provide their name and address as a condition to attending a Council meeting, persons who wish to address the Council are asked to state their name and address. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) continuous minutes. Speakers may not lend any portion of their speaking time to other persons or borrow additional time from other persons.

Except as otherwise provided under the Brown Act (Gov. Code Section 54950 et seq.), the Council may not deliberate or take action upon any matter not listed on this posted agenda but may order that any such matter be placed on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. The Council may also direct staff to investigate certain matters for consideration at a future meeting.
All comments or queries presented by a speaker shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any specific member thereof. No questions shall be posed to any member of the Council except through the presiding official of the meeting, the Mayor and/or Chair. Members of the Council are under no obligation to respond to questions posed by speakers but may provide brief clarifying responses to any comment made or questions posed. The Council may not engage in any sort of prolonged discussion or deliberation with any speaker or group of speakers on matters that are not listed on this agenda.

Enforcement of Decorum: The Chief of Police, or such member, or members of the Police Department as the Chief of Police may designate, shall serve as the Sergeant-at-Arms of any Council meeting. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the presiding official for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the meeting. While members of the public are free to level criticism of City policies and the action(s) or proposed action(s) of the Council or its members, members of the public may not engage in behavior that is disruptive to the orderly conduct of the proceedings, including, but not limited to, conduct that prevents other members of the public from being heard when it is their opportunity to speak or which prevents members of the audience from hearing or seeing the proceedings. Members of the public may not threaten any person with physical harm or act in a manner that may reasonably be interpreted as an imminent threat of physical harm. All persons attending the meeting must adhere to the City's policy barring harassment based upon a person's race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, gender, sexual orientation or age.

Antonio Perez - I'm very concerned about Jerry Velasco's workers comp case and the two sexual harassment compliments that are on file. As an advocate of me too movement and for women against abuse I urge the city to open Jerry Velasco's sexual harassment complaint that is on file. The newest members of the council deserve to be made aware if those allegations are true. I'm very disappointed in you Jerry Velasco you need to step down as council member. Andre Quintero do the right thing, let the public know, your newest colleagues and open an investigation if you claim to be for women rights and women against abuse.

Victor Barragan – I am very concerned that the Mayor of El Monte Andre Quintero if it is true that you are a friend of Los Angeles Councilman Jose Huizar who was arrested by FBI agents. The community of El Monte wants to know if you are a friend of Jose Huizar and if you have something to do? Please if you can of course I appreciate it.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR:

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine in nature and may be enacted by one motion approving the recommendation listed on the Agenda. One or more items may be removed from the Consent Calendar so that they may be discussed, considered and voted upon individually by the Council. A matter may be removed from the Consent Calendar and taken up separately by way of a seconded
motion of any member of the Council with the approval of a majority of the Council quorum.

8.1 Waiver of Full Reading of Ordinance(s).

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approval to waive full reading (except title) of all ordinances appearing on the City Council agenda as authorized under Government Code Section 36934, unless otherwise directed by the City Council.

Total Cost: N/A    Account No:   N/A
Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

8.2 Second Reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of El Monte, California Amending Chapter 8.10 (Retail Sales of Tobacco Products) of Title 8 (Health and Safety) of the El Monte Municipal Code to Prohibit the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products, Effective as of January 1, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Ratify the proposed Ordinance for second reading by no less than three votes.

Total Cost: N/A    Account No:   N/A
Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Ordinance No. 2980

Annie Tegen - The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids would like to thank El Monte City Council for their strong leadership last week on this life-saving ordinance. I’d like to thank you for standing up for kids, and fighting back against the decades of targeting by the tobacco industry. We strongly support the ordinance to end the sale of flavored tobacco products in all retailers, including menthol cigarettes and all flavored cigars. This is a critical step that will help protect children living in El Monte from the unrelenting efforts by the tobacco industry to hook them to a deadly addiction. The flavors lure kids in, and the nicotine hooks them. Flavored tobacco products are designed to alter the taste and reduce the harshness of tobacco products so they are more appealing and easy for beginners, who are almost always kids. These products are pervasive and are marketed and sold in a variety of kid-friendly flavors. With their colorful packaging and sweet flavors, flavored tobacco products are often hard to distinguish from the candy displays near which they are frequently placed in retail outlets and often at eye level for kids. Menthol is the most popular tobacco flavor among youth. Most insidious among the flavors preferred by youth, are mint and menthol. Tobacco companies have a long history of targeting and marketing
flavored tobacco products to African Americas and youth. As a result of this targeting, 85 percent of African American smokers smoke menthol cigarettes, compared to 29 percent of white smokers. Use of menthol cigarettes leads to a disproportionate health burden for African Americans. The tobacco industry’s “investment” in the African American community has had a destructive impact. The scientific evidence leaves no doubt that menthol cigarettes and other flavored tobacco products increase the number of people, particularly kids, who try the product, become addicted and die a premature death as a result. Ending the all flavored tobacco products is an important step toward protecting our children from the tobacco industry’s aggressive efforts to hook children to a deadly, addictive product.

Tony Kuo - The County of Los Angeles is committed to protecting the health and well-being of youth and the general public. Both the FDA and the U.S. Surgeon General have warned that flavored tobacco products, such as electronic smoking devices and little cigars and cigarillos, help new users establish habits that can lead to long-term addiction. Flavored e-cigarettes are not tested nor are approved smoking cessation devices and may expose users to high levels of nicotine. Prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco products will help prevent tobacco-related disease and death. Menthol cigarettes have been shown to increase youth initiation, inhibit cessation, and promote relapse. Scientific studies have shown that because of its sensory effects and flavor (minty taste and cooling sensation) menthol may enhance the addictiveness of cigarettes. Although the use of cigarettes is declining in the U.S., sales of menthol cigarettes have steadily increased in recent years, especially among young people and new smokers. For these reasons, on September 24, 2019, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance creating restrictions on retail sales of tobacco products. The new restrictions and requirements apply to tobacco retailers in the unincorporated area of the County. The law does not apply to personal possession or use of tobacco products. Beginning May 1, 2020, retailers are no longer able to sell any flavored tobacco or flavored tobacco products, including, but not limited to, menthol cigarettes, hookah tobacco, and flavored products meant for use in electronic smoking devices. Tobacco flavored tobacco products may continue to be sold.

Arabi Hassan - BREATHE CA of Los Angeles County strong urges you to pass a full flavor ban in the City of El Monte, including all flavored tobacco products such as menthol, spearmint, and mint products. Any exemptions will weaken the ordinance and create loopholes for young people to access flavored tobacco products that lure them into using addictive, nicotine products. Please make the health of your constituents a priority. Over 80% of youth who start using tobacco for the first time, start with a flavored product like menthol cigarettes. These products are designed to mask the harsh taste of tobacco and lure children as young as 10 into using products that taste like cotton candy, bubble gum, strawberry, among many others. These products, which contain nicotine, cause long-term damage to adolescent brain and have been driving tobacco-related deaths and diseases across the country. Your actions will prevent a new generation of young smokers from becoming addicted to these addictive products.
Yaneth Rodriguez – I would like to commend you for your leadership in considering a comprehensive policy that will restrict the sale of flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and hookah, with no exemptions. As you consider the health of the community, in particular during this unprecedented time with COVID-19, you are also thinking of the health of future generations. Attached is an information sheet which contains research findings from the University of Southern California’s Tobacco Center of Regulatory Science (USC TCORS). I hope this information is useful in your consideration of this policy. A main research point I would like to highlight is that an ordinance to regulate e-cigarettes, flavored, and menthol tobacco products has tremendous potential to substantially reduce youth-use of tobacco products including e-cigarettes. A Southern California research study showed that strong enforcement preventing sales to minors was associated with lower rates of youth and adult initiation of combustible and e-cigarette use. Current research suggests that it is important to consider the overall impact of e-cigarette and tobacco use on all segments of the population; however, the weight of the evidence points to a far more detrimental effect on youth.

Christy Zamani – I would like to thank you for your leadership in supporting a ban on flavored tobacco products in the City of El Monte. In passing this important and effective safeguard you will be joining a number of neighboring cities in protecting youth from a lifetime of tobacco use and addiction. Hopefully, after passing this public health victory you can explore further restrictions on smoking/vaping in outdoor public spaces. As a mother of a three year old, who likes to frequently dine outdoors I believe all people should have a right to safe, smokefree areas. Thank you for protecting the health of the El Monte Community.

Primo Castro – Thank you, Mayor Quintero and Council members, for discussing this important issue. We encourage the council to support this ordinance that ends the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including menthol flavored cigarettes in the city. Tobacco companies have a long history of marketing to vulnerable populations, and target youth with imagery and by marketing appealing flavors. Actions taken now at the local level can help to encourage a generation of tobacco-free kids—potentially saving them from a lifetime of addiction and the deadly consequences of tobacco use. We ask the City of El Monte to join local neighbors in the name of Public Health enacting policies without any menthol exemption. Our communities of color and low-income communities have been targeted for far too long and eliminating the sale of flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes, is the way to address the targeting of our youth. These are the same communities who already bear a greater burden of health disparities, such as cancer, heart disease and many other chronic diseases associated with tobacco use.

Amanda Staples – The American Heart Association is in proud support of Item #8.2 – ending the sale of flavored tobacco. There is no price for health - And ending the sale of all flavored tobacco will reduce access to the products that target and addict new smokers, particularly youth. We are so grateful to our STEM Go Red youth that came to speak in support of this effort in early March. This is a leading concern for our cohort of young women and will welcome the news of this important measure. Thank you for championing health in El Monte.
We ask the City Council to continue to make the health of El Monte youth and all its residents a priority and join our neighbors in the many communities throughout California who have adopted strong policies to end the sale of flavored tobacco products. We urge you to end the sale of all flavored tobacco products citywide, including menthol cigarettes, flavored e-cigarettes, and all other flavored tobacco products.

Tomas Torices – The American Academy of Pediatrics California Chapter we are in full support of a ban on the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including electronic flavored devices, in the City of El Monte. We are in the midst of an increasing teenage vaping epidemic. Reducing access to flavored tobacco products is crucial. MENTHOL: The tobacco industry has purposely lobbied to keep this flavor in the market. Menthol makes it easier to start smoking and harder to quit. The evidence is clear - decades of predatory marketing practices have led to over 50% of Latino smokers using menthol flavored tobacco. We also know that the CDC reports that 67% of Latinos want to quit, but fail due to the addictive effects of nicotine. Of young people (12-17 years old) who smoke, 57% smoke menthols. Pediatricians in Los Angeles now have to refer nicotine-addicted children to substance abuse specialists. VAPING: In December 2018, the US Surgeon General of the United States declared youth e-cigarette use an “epidemic. As high as 40% of middle and high school students currently use a liquid flavored tobacco in conjunction with an electronic device. With this in mind, on behalf of the local Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the El Monte Families Fighting Flavored Tobacco coalition, we respectfully urge you to protect the health of El Monte youth and families and approve a comprehensive ordinance that ends the sale of all flavored tobacco products, including electronic flavored devices, with no exemptions. We thank you for your leadership.

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Morales 5-0

8.3 Consideration and Authorization to Accept Funding from the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging Community and Senior Services for the Elderly Nutrition Program for Contract Years 2020-2024.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City of El Monte Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department to accept funding from the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging Community and Senior Services for the Elderly Nutrition Program for Contract Years 2020-2024 in the amount of $115,000; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to designate the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director and/or Deputy Director for Community Services to sign all necessary documents to execute grant documentation.

Total Cost: N/A Account No: N/A
Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A
8.4 Consider and Authorize a Contract Extension with Trio Community Meals to Provide Meals for the Elderly Nutrition Program for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve a one (1) year contract extension with Trio Community Meals, to continue to provide meals for the Elderly Nutrition Program. The value of the contract is approximately $103,000 and is dependent on the number of actual meals served; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee to execute the Food Service Agreement extension.

Total Cost: $103,000 Account No: 256-55-551-6111
Is the cost of this item budgeted? Yes

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

9.1 A Public Hearing for Consideration and Approval of 53 Dwelling Unit Affordable Rental Housing Development Project to be Constructed and Developed by the Cesar Chavez Foundation or its Affiliate(s) at the Corner of Valley Boulevard and Tyler Avenue Pursuant to a Disposition, Development and Affordable Rental Housing Loan Agreement Between the City and the Developer.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the public hearing on the approval of the sale of City land and certain City financial assistance for 53 dwelling unit affordable rental housing development to be developed by the Cesar Chavez Foundation (“CCF”) and the affiliates of CCF;
2. Receive brief presentation by City staff and pose questions to City staff;
3. Receive public comment, if any;
4. Move to close the public hearing; and
5. Adopt the proposed Resolution approving the Disposition, Development and Affordable Rental Housing Loan Agreement and associated documents.

Total Cost: N/A Account No: N/A
Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10149
10. REGULAR AGENDA:

10.1 Consideration and Adoption of a Resolution to Approve a Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of El Monte and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for a Rapid Re-Housing Program for Homeless Programs Implementation Funding from the SGVCOG.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt the proposed Resolution approving a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of El Monte and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) authorizing the submittal of an application for Homeless Programs Implementation funding from the SGVCOG;
2. Approve a Rapid Re-housing Program;
3. Authorize the allocation of $265,000 from the General Fund to implement the Programs;
4. Authorize the SGVCOG to reimburse $265,000 to the General Fund for the Programs; and
5. Authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute the Memorandum of Agreement.

Total Cost: $265,000 (Reimbursable) Account No: 299-65-667-6352

Is the cost of this item budgeted? No

Resolution No. 10150

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Morales 4-0 (Councilmember Martinez Muela absent)
Providing for the Conduct of a Special Election in the Event of a Tie Vote for Candidates for Office.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the attached Resolution.

Total Cost: N/A Account No: N/A
Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10151

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Morales 4-0 (Councilmember Martinez Muela absent)

10.3 Consideration and Approval of a Housing Authority Resolution and a Corresponding City Council Resolution Acknowledging Approval of an Amended and Restated Housing Authority Loan Subordination Agreement in Favor of the New Permanent Lender for the Mercy Housing Baldwin Rose Project.

This staff report has been prepared for the joint consideration and action of the City Council and the El Monte Housing Authority.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE EL MONTE HOUSING AUTHORITY:

1. Consider and adopt an El Monte Housing Authority resolution approving the execution of the “Amended and Restated Subordination Agreement” for the Baldwin Rose Project in favor of the California County Reinvestment Cooperation; and

IT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY OF EL MONTE CITY COUNCIL:

1. Consider and adopt a City Council resolution which ratifies the action by the El Monte Housing Authority with respect to the execution and delivery of the Amended and Restated Subordination Agreement.

Total Cost: N/A Account No: N/A
Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Housing Authority Resolution No. 22
City Council Resolution No. 10152

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Morales 4-0 (Councilmember Martinez Muela absent)
10.4 Consideration and Adoption of a Resolution Approving Year-End Budget Adjustments for the General Fund and Other Funds for Fiscal Year 2019/20.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Consider and adopt a Resolution amending the City of El Monte’s Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/20 by increasing appropriations in the General Fund by $5.3 million; Special Revenue Funds by $656,868; Enterprise Fund by $46,200 and the Internal Service Fund by $636,800.

Total Cost: N/A Account No: N/A
Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 10153

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Morales 4-0 (Councilmember Martinez Muela absent)

11. CITY ATTORNEY’S AGENDA:

12. CITY MANAGER’S AGENDA:

12.1 COVID-19 UPDATE

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Councilmember Velasco 4-0 (Councilmember Martinez Muela absent)
Receive and File Report

12.2 Update Regarding the Sale of Pension Obligation Bonds: PERS and PARS.

14. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

14A. Mayor Quintero

14A.1 Discussion and Action Regarding Deferral of Council Car Allowance.

Defer this discussion as part of our budget conversations.

14A.2 Discussion Regarding Campaign Financing.

14A.3 Request to Submit Question to the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) and the State Attorney General Regarding the Campaign Finance Practices of the City Council.
14A.4 Discussion and Direction Regarding Charter City Initiative.

I have had a chance to take a look at a model charter city extensively. We don’t have the time to consider it for this particular ballot but because the timeline does work.

14A.5 Discussion Regarding Renaming the Historical Museum.

I would like to see if staff would be willing to take a look at what policies we do have if we have any regarding the naming of buildings.

14A.6 Discussion and Action to Support SB1399.

Strengthen current law to ensure protections of garment workers’ rights in three ways: it will expend liability ensuring that retailers cannot use layers of contracting to avoid liability; prohibit the use of paying garment workers by the piece thereby eliminating a significant obstacle for the workers being paid minimum wage and protecting their health and safety; and explicitly authorize the Labor Commissioner’s Bureau of Field Enforcement to investigate inside guarantors of wage theft.

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Morales 4-0 (Councilmember Martinez Muela absent)

14B. Mayor Pro Tem Morales

Thank you Alma and staff for proving us with a COVID-19 update.

14B.1 Discussion and Action Regarding the El Monte Union High School District Graduation Flag Program.

I am looking forward to the flags being posted. Do we have a sense of when that is going to occur? I think would be super amazing to do some sort of media release so that we can let the community know that these flags are up.

Last weekend I participated in the Dads and Grads parade and it was an amazing moment a very touching moment. I think it is very important to see the community out on the street and we get to see the condition of the streets. This gave us a vantage view of what was going on in our community and make a special note of what is needed out there.

Thank you staff again for all the work that you have been doing through these last four months.
14C. Councilwoman Ancona

14C.1 Discussion Regarding Covid-19 Testing for El Monte Residents.

I want to know for those residents who may not be technology savvy what other facilities do we have in the City of El Monte who will provide testing. Where are we with creating partnerships with some of our facilities here in El Monte to ensure that there is testing for El Monte residents.

14C.2 Discussion Regarding Altamed Services to the Community of El Monte.

Between March 20 and May 19, 602 City of El Monte residents and El Monte business employees who have lost their job and are uninsured have been tested. Altamed is providing an essential service. Altamed and other health providers have not received Federal, State or County financial support. I would like to request that our City staff look into finding funding to support our most vulnerable populations.

14D. Councilwoman Martinez Muela

14E. Councilman Velasco

Farmers Market is going to begin on July 9th and it is going to be every Thursday from 5:00 pm to 9:00 am. We will be bringing sponsors and entertainment. Fourth of July, we will be having a contest.

14E.1 Update Regarding all the Resources Available to the Community During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

I am very happy to say that we have a lot of vendors, a lot of donors, contributors who have come through from the beginning there are about 28.

14E.2 Update Regarding Census 2020.

There has been an extension and we need to make sure that everyone get counted because this will affect us for the next 10 years.

14E.3 Update Regarding Al Fresco Outside Dinning.
19. ADJOURNMENT:

Without an objection the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:06 pm.

The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held on July 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. This Agenda will be posted on the City’s website, www.ci.el-monte.ca.us, and physically posted no less than 72 hours prior to the start of the subject regular meeting. Although it is the City’s practice and desire to electronically post a copy of this Agenda along with supporting material as part of its website posting, the size or formatting of certain supporting materials may render their website posting infeasible. Nevertheless, all supporting materials related to any item on this Agenda, that is made available to the members of the council may be inspected by members of the public at the City Clerk’s Office located at 11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am – 5:30 pm. For more information, please call the City Clerk’s Office at 626-580-2016.

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Catherine A. Eredia, City Clerk
City of El Monte

APPROVED:

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Andre Quintero, Mayor
City of El Monte