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CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE

CALL AND NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

CALLED BY MAYOR GLORIA OLMOS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of South El Monte will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

AGENDA

February 15, 2023, 6:00 PM
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

*****SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING COVID-19*****

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361, which modified the Brown Act to allow for teleconferencing participation at local legislative body public meetings during a proclaimed state of emergency. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) as amended by AB 361, City Council is authorized to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically available to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body. Public participation will be allowed via the information below.

PUBLIC COMMENT

To participate during public comment via teleconference, see below:

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86581711880>

Webinar ID: 865 8171 1880

Or Call In: 1 669 900 6833, when prompted, enter 86581711880#

For both open and closed session each speaker will be limited to five minutes. Time limits may not be shared with other speakers and may not accumulate from one period of public comment to another or from one meeting to another. This is the only opportunity for public input except for scheduled public hearing items. All comments or queries shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any specific member thereof. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(2), the Ralph M. Brown Act, no action or discussion by the City Council shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except to briefly provide information, ask for clarification, provide direction to staff, or schedule a matter for a future meeting.

LIVE STREAMING OF MEETINGS

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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please call the City Clerk's office at (626) 579-6540 ext. 3280 or ext. 3220 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

GENERAL COMMENT

Members of the public wishing to submit a general comment or a comment on an agenda item, can email dschwartz@soelmonte.org or call (626) 579-6540 ext. 3280 to leave a voicemail message. All comments received an hour before the scheduled meeting will be read during public comment and made part of the record.

MEETINGS

The City Council holds regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Regular meetings start at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, California. Special and Adjourned Regular meetings start time are to be determined.

POSTING LOCATIONS OF AGENDA AND/OR CANCELLATION NOTICES

Regular meeting agendas will be posted at least 72 hours before the meeting (GC 54954(a)(1)).

Agenda and Cancellation Notices can be viewed online and are also posted at the following three (3) locations: City Hall located at 1415 Santa Anita Avenue, Senior Center located at 1556 Central Avenue and the Community Center located at 1530 Central Avenue, South El Monte, California.

VIEWING OF AGENDA PACKETS

Full agenda packet can be viewed either at www.cityofsouthelmonte.org/129/City-Council-Agendas-Minutes or in the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed on Fridays and major holidays.

ISSUES RELATED TO AGENDA

For issues related to the agenda, including a disability-related accommodation necessary to participate in this meeting, please contact:

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AGENDA BEGINS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

1. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers: Acosta, Bojorquez, Delgado, Mayor Pro Tem Angel, and Mayor Olmos

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Hector Delgado

3. INVOCATION

Brianna Badar, Public Works Administrative Clerk, City of South El Monte

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.a. Presentation by Vazquez & Company LLP on the Audit of the City's Financial Statement for Fiscal Year End June 30, 2022

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND WAIVER OF FULL READING OF ORDINANCES

By motion of the City Council, this is the time to notify the public of any changes to the agenda, remove items from the consent calendar for individual consideration and/or rearrange the order of the agenda.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers may provide public comments on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, including items on the agenda. Each speaker will be limited to five minutes. Unless a majority of the Council objects, the Mayor may provide speakers more or less time to speak. All comments or queries shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any specific member thereof. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(2), the Ralph M. Brown Act, no action or discussion by the City Council shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except to briefly provide information, ask for clarification, provide direction to staff, or schedule a matter for a future meeting.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the consent calendar are considered to be routine and customary and are enacted by a single motion with the exception of items previously removed by a member of the City Council during "Approval of the Agenda" for individual consideration. Any items removed shall be individually considered immediately after taking action on the Consent Calendar.

7.a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2023

Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the January 24, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 24, 2023.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

7.b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-15, APPROVING WARRANTS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 25, 2023 THROUGH FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Authorizing payment of City expenditures for the period of January 25, 2023 through February 15, 2023, totaling \$1,413,181.48.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-15, authorizing payment of City expenditures.

7.c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-16, PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSISTS AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETING PROCEDURES BY THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE BODIES AS AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e) ET SEQ. FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 15, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 16, 2023

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 into law. AB 361 was made effective October 1, 2021. Pursuant to AB 361, staff recommends consideration of Resolution No. 23-11 proclaiming a local emergency persists and authorizing the use of remote meeting procedures by the City's legislative bodies, which can include meetings held via a virtual platform (e.g. Zoom), for the period of February 15, 2023 through March 16, 2023.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-16, proclaiming a local emergency persists and authorizing the use of alternative meeting procedures by the City's legislative bodies, such as utilizing a virtual platform (e.g. Zoom) for the period from February 15, 2023 through March 16, 2023.

7.d. COUNCIL TO RECEIVE AND FILE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE SOUTH EL MONTE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT'S RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULES FOR THE ANNUAL PERIODS JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023 ("ROPS 22-23") AND JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 ("ROPS 23-24")

On January 24, 2022, the County Oversight Board approved SA's ROPS 22-23 by adopting Resolution No. OB 22-1. On January 18, 2023, the County Oversight Board approved SA's ROPS 23-24 by adopting Resolution No. OB 23-1. Staff requests City Council to receive and file ROPS 22-23 and ROPS 23-24.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council receive and file ROPS 22-23 and ROPS 23-24.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.a. **Continued from the February 14, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting - CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1264-U, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1263-U, EXTENDING THE CAR WASH USE AND EXPANSION MORATORIUM**

Staff is requesting City Council adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1264-U amending Urgency Ordinance No 1263-U extending the current 45-day moratorium for additional time of ten (10) months and fifteen (15) days per Government Code Section 65858, for a total of a one-year moratorium. The Urgency Ordinance must be adopted by a four-fifths vote of the legislative body, and notice of public hearing shall be given at least 10 days prior to the hearing per Government Code Section 65858.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing;
2. Take public testimony; and
3. Adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1264-U amending Urgency Ordinance No. 1263-U, extending the 45-day moratorium by ten (10) months and fifteen (15) days prohibiting the establishment or expansion of car washes within City limits during the pendency of the City's review and adoption of permanent zoning regulations for such uses.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.a. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON A HOMELESS ACTION PLAN**

Previously, the City Council requested that staff and the City Attorney provide guidance and information regarding additional programming, steps, or action plans to address homelessness/houselessness in South El Monte. Staff and the City Attorney have prepared a presentation on the different possibilities available to the City, including further collaboration with LA County and surrounding cities, declaring a state of emergency, obtaining state funding to provide housing for homeless and at-risk populations, and establishing a task force.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council discuss and provide direction regarding additional steps or programming to pursue in order to address homelessness/houselessness in South El Monte.

9.b – 9.d next page.

GENERAL BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

9.b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-17, APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH VASQUEZ & COMPANY LLP FOR AUDITING SERVICES

On January 11, 2022, the City adopted Resolution No. 22-03, awarding a three-year contract to Vasquez & Company LLP for auditing services with two one-year extension options. On September 6, 2022, Vasquez informed the City that due to a significant increase in cost, Vasquez would like to adjust its fees, or possibly terminate the contract early.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 23-17, approving first amendment to the agreement with Vasquez & Company LLP and if approved:
2. Authorize City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute agreement.

9.c. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFPs) FOR NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SERVICES

Staff seeks City Council approval of an RFP for Newsletter Publishing Services.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council authorize the solicitation of proposals for Newsletter Publishing Services for the City and direct staff to issue an RFP.

9.d. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-18, APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH EL MONTE/SOUTH EL MONTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) provides services to the business community and to the City of South El Monte. The proposed new contract will continue promoting economic development, performing business outreach, and assisting existing businesses and new businesses to establish themselves in the community. Currently, the City pays \$2,500 quarterly to the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 23-18, approving an agreement with the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce; and
2. Authorize City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute agreement.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

AB 1234, section 53232.3(d) requires Members of a legislative body to provide brief reports on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency (i.e., League of California Cities Conferences, ICSC conferences, etc.) at the next regular meeting of the legislative body.

11. CORRESPONDENCE - None

12. COUNCILMEMBERS' AGENDA

12.a. MAYOR GLORIA OLMOS

1. Consideration of displaying a Lazer Drone Firework spectacular as a firework show for the Fourth of July Extravangaza. Aerial entertainment can be seen throughout the entire city, and is environmentally eco-friendly.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion and/or action.

12.b. MAYOR PRO TEM RICHARD ANGEL

1. In response to the devastating 7.8 earthquake in Turkey, discuss and consider hosting a community stakeholders meeting to include Valle Lindo School District, LA County Fire, LA County Sheriffs, South El Monte High School, and Epiphany School.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion and/or action.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13.a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) – (one case)

13.b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – (four cases)

14. ADJOURNMENT

Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

I Donna G. Schwartz, hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted not less than 72 hours at the following locations: City of South El Monte City Hall, Senior Center and Community Center and made available at www.cityofsouthelmonte.org on this 9th day of February 2023.



City Clerk, CMC