

# MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING 5:30 P.M.

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Tuesday, January 18, 2022

**PRELIMINARY:** These Minutes to be considered for approval on February 7, 2022.

**ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING 5:30 P.M.:** Canceled

**REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M.:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Medrano called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Habra to order at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, located at 100 East La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, California.

**INVOCATION:** Assistant City Attorney Collins

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Espinoza

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Medrano  
Mayor Pro Tem Gomez (entered meeting telephonically  
at 6:39 p.m.)  
Councilmember Espinoza  
Councilmember Simonian

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** City Manager Sadro  
Assistant City Attorney Collins  
City Clerk Swindell  
Assistant City Clerk Barone

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:** None

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:** None at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Flora Ruan, 211-215 W. Olive Avenue, spoke regarding the required setback for her property, the lack of residential parking, and asked for assistance.

Mayor Medrano stated that Item No. 2 on the Consent Calendar was being removed, heard, and acted upon prior to voting on the remainder of the Consent Calendar.

2. APPROVE RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF REMOTE "TELEPHONIC" MEETINGS DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY

Assistant City Attorney Collins presented the staff report.

There was no City Council discussion.

Mayor Medrano invited the public to testify at 6:36 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Moved by Councilmember Simonian, seconded by Councilmember Espinoza, and CARRIED (3-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

- A. APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 6041** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, MAKING THE LEGALLY REQUIRED FINDINGS TO AUTHORIZE THE CONDUCT OF REMOTE "TELEPHONIC" MEETINGS DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY; and
- B. APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 6042** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, MAKING THE LEGALLY REQUIRED FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONDUCT OF REMOTE "TELEPHONIC" MEETINGS DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Medrano, Councilmember Espinoza, Councilmember Simonian  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Gomez

City Clerk Swindell confirmed that Mayor Pro Tem Gomez had joined the meeting telephonically at 6:39 p.m.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

City Clerk Swindell announced that updated 2022-2023 Operational Calendars for Item No. 6, Pages 14-15 and Item 7, Pages 13-14, and that the information was submitted at the dais for public review and would be posted to the agenda packet online.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez seconded, by Councilmember Simonian, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0) TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9; WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM NO. 2 WHICH HAD BEEN HEARD AND VOTED UPON SEPARATELY, AND NOTING CORRECTIONS MADE BY CITY CLERK SWINDELL.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem Gomez,  
Councilmember Espinoza, Councilmember Simonian  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

- 1. PROCEDURAL WAIVER: Waive reading in full of resolutions and ordinances and approval and adoption of same by reading title only.

2. APPROVE RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF REMOTE "TELEPHONIC" MEETINGS DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY - Removed for separate discussion after the Public Comments portion of the meeting and prior to the remainder of the Consent Calendar. Please see above.

3. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH ANAHEIM POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSFER OR PURCHASE OF TRAINING COSTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) GRANT

That the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the City of Anaheim for reimbursement of costs related to Homeland Security training as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2020 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant. The grant period covers from September 1, 2020, to May 31, 2023.

4. APPROVE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH PROVIDENCE ST. JUDE MEDICAL CENTER ACCEPTING FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$119,750

That the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a grant agreement with Providence St. Jude Medical Center accepting funding in the amount of \$119,750 to cover the cost of retaining a grant writer for additional early childhood educational opportunities, installing security lighting and an artistic mural at Montwood Park, designing additional outdoor play equipment with an Early Childhood Educational focus at Montwood Park, and designing an outdoor stem lab with an early childhood education focus at the City's Child Development Center.

5. APPROVE A QUITCLAIM DEED FOR THE VACATION OF A PUBLIC WATERLINE EASEMENT LOCATED AT 555 SOUTH HARBOR BOULEVARD

That the City Council APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 6043** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A QUITCLAIM DEED TO VACATE PORTION OF THE NORTHERLY 248 FEET OF AN EXISTING 300-FOOT CITY OF LA HABRA EASEMENT LOCATED AT 555 SOUTH HARBOR BOULEVARD, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS 298-161-03 AND 298-161-11, AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" AND EXHIBIT "B."

6. APPROVE THE GENERAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM CONTINUED FUNDING APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

That the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute and submit the General Child Care (CCTR) program Continued Funding Application (CFA) for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for the City of La Habra, with the California Department of Social Services.

7. APPROVE THE CALIFORNIA STATE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM CONTINUED FUNDING APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, EARLY EDUCATION DIVISION

That the City Council:

- A. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute and submit the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Continued Funding Application (CFA) for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 with the California Department of Education, Early Education Division; and
  - B. APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 6044** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, CERTIFYING THE APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A CONTINUED FUNDING APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA STATE PRESCHOOL SERVICES WITH THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
8. APPROVE AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE CITY COUNCIL FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET FOR TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

That the City Council consider and approve a \$10,000 adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City Council budget for training and conferences, increasing the budget line item to \$20,000 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

9. WARRANTS: APPROVE NOS. 00132697 THROUGH 00132926 TOTALING \$2,018,999.31 AND APPROVE WIRE TRANSFER DATED 12/20/2021, TOTALING \$2,229,900.96.

Approve Nos. 00132697 through 00132926 totaling \$2,018,999.31; and approve Wire Transfer dated December 20, 2021, totaling \$2,229,900.96.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None at this time.

**CONSIDERATION ITEMS:**

1. CONSIDER EXPIRING TERMS AND VACANCIES ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION, COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION, AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDE STAFF DIRECTION

City Clerk Swindell presented the staff report. She indicated the Agenda Report inadvertently indicated that Community Services Commissioner Gabriela Garcia resigned from the Commission, when in fact she expressed interest in reappointment.

There was no City Council discussion.

Mayor Medrano invited the public to testify at 6:46 p.m.

Carrie Surich, La Habra resident, spoke regarding Community Services Commission staggered terms.

Marie Laveaga, La Habra resident, spoke regarding upcoming vacancies on the Community Services Commission. She suggested the terms for Commissioners Carrie Surich and Teresa Kempker be extended, and the terms for Commissioners Denise Schmidt, Gabriela Garcia, and Richard Rojas be staggered for one to three years. She stated that her term expires next year,

and was interested in reappointment. On behalf of the La Habra Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Laveaga indicated there was one person interested in one of the upcoming Beautification Committee vacancies to replace Manuel Munoz.

Moved by Councilmember Simonian, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, AND CARRIED (4-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO ADVERTISE THE RECRUITMENT AND INTERVIEW SCHEDULE FOR EXPIRING TERMS AND SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED VACANCIES ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION; APPROVE TO REDUCE THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE FROM SEVEN MEMBERS TO FIVE MEMBERS WHICH WOULD LEAVE NO VACANCIES; AND APPROVE THE STAGGERING OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem Gomez,  
Councilmember Espinoza, Councilmember Simonian

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

2. CONSIDER THE PROPOSED ALLOCATION PLAN FOR FEDERAL FUNDS PROVIDED TO THE CITY OF LA HABRA PURSUANT TO THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Assistant to the City Manager Ferrier presented the staff report.

City Council discussion included: a recommended increase in funding from \$250,000 to \$500,000 for rental assistance, business assistance, and nonprofit assistance, with other funding decreased and reallocated per staff's recommendation; the ability to reallocate any increased funding not utilized; and existing state and federal funding available for rental assistance, business assistance, and nonprofit assistance.

City Manager Sadro suggested that \$500,000 in funding be reallocated from City facility Upgrades and \$250,000 from Stormwater Infrastructure Investment to increase funding equally in Rental Assistance, Business Assistance, and Nonprofit Assistance to a total of \$500,000 each.

Mayor Medrano invited the public to testify at 7:04 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Moved by Councilmember Simonian, Seconded by Councilmember Espinoza, AND CARRIED (4-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE TO ACCEPT THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) REPORT WITH AMENDMENTS TO THREE PORTIONS OF THE BUDGET THAT ADDRESS THE NEGATIVE ECONOMIC AFFECTS CAUSED BY COVID-19; RENTAL ASSISTANCE, BUSINESS ASSISTANCE, AND NONPROFIT ASSISTANCE BY INCREASING EACH LEVEL FROM \$250,000 TO \$500,000 BY REALLOCATING FROM OTHER AREAS OF THE BUDGET PER STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS OF \$500,000 FROM CITY FACILITY UPGRADES AND \$250,000 FROM STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem Gomez,  
Councilmember Espinoza, Councilmember Simonian  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

**MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:**

Mayor Medrano made the following announcements:

- La Habra Vaccination and Booster Clinic at the La Habra Community Center, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by appointment only.
- COVID Testing at the La Habra Community Center, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. by appointment only.
- La Habra City Hall Business Hours, Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and closed each Friday.
- La Habra Children's Museum Winter Hours, January 4, 2022 through March 18, 2022, Tuesday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; early entrance for members at 9:00 a.m.; Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Sundays 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is closed on Mondays and major holidays.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF:** None

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Councilmember Espinoza welcomed everyone back from the holiday break. She spoke regarding effects and guidelines for staying safe during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Mayor Medrano welcomed everyone back from the holiday break. He spoke regarding the current City Council vacancy and informed the public that the application deadline was Thursday, January 20, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Medrano adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m. to Monday, February 7, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Closed Session Room 112c, 100 East La Habra Boulevard, followed by the Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Swindell, CMC  
City Clerk