

# MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING 5:30 P.M.

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Monday, October 17, 2022

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

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

**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:** City Attorney Jones

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Nigsarian

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Medrano  
Mayor Pro Tem Gomez  
Councilmember Espinoza  
Councilmember Nigsarian  
Councilmember Simonian

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** City Manager Sadro  
City Attorney Jones  
Assistant City Clerk Barone  
Executive Assistant Hurt

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:** None.

Doug Chaffee, Orange County Board of Supervisors Chairman/Fourth District Representative, spoke regarding the Gun Buyback program to be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022 in Placentia.

Los Angeles County Fire Department Assistant Chief Mayfield spoke regarding his promotion and subsequent departure from the City of La Habra; and conveyed gratitude for his service to the City of La Habra.

Los Angeles County Fire Department Assistant Chief Robertson introduced himself as the incoming representative serving the City of La Habra.

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

1. RECOGNITION OF LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021-2022 TEACHERS AND CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Mayor Medrano and City Council recognized and presented Certificates of Recognition to the La Habra City School District and Lowell Joint School District 2021-2022 Teachers and Classified Employees of the Year. Mayor Medrano also presented Certificates of Congressional Recognition on behalf of Congresswoman Young Kim.

Dr. Mario Carlos, La Habra City School District Superintendent, introduced and recognized Teacher of the Year Matthew Bridgeford and Classified Employee of the Year Jennifer Hurtado.

Jim Coombs, Lowell Joint School District Superintendent, introduced and recognized Classified Employee of the Year Veronica Martinez and Teacher of the Year Kathryn Allsman.

2. PRESENTATION BY THE ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (OCTA) REGARDING M2 STREETS AND ROADS PROGRAM MILESTONE

Mayor Medrano stated the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) requested this presentation be delayed until the next Regular City Council meeting of November 7, 2022, due to ongoing negotiations and the possibility of a strike/disruption of transit services.

3. PRESENTATION BY THE CITY OF LA HABRA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

Director of Public Works Saykali introduced Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer Albert Mendoza. Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mendoza introduced Principal Engineer Tony An and Traffic Engineer Michael Plotnik; and each spoke regarding an area of the PowerPoint presentation on the La Habra Public Works Department updates.

Mayor Medrano thanked the City of La Habra Public Works staff for their hard work.

Councilmember Nigsarian spoke regarding Public Works projects, and commented on proactivity of the City.

Councilmember Espinoza spoke in support of Public Works project, and thanked staff for their hard work.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Enriqueta Arias Aguayo, La Habra resident, spoke regarding an ongoing Code Enforcement issue since February 2017 with The Water Man business and potentially toxic water runoff onto her property.

Esther Evangelista, La Habra resident, spoke regarding her candidacy for Lowell Joint School District.

City Attorney Jones stated that Public Comments is not the proper forum for campaigning, and candidacy for Lowell Joint School District is not under the jurisdiction of the City of La Habra. He reiterated the Public Comments forum is for discussing issues within the jurisdiction of the City of La Habra, and campaign speeches from the dais are not permitted.

Susan Pritchard, La Habra resident, spoke regarding non-responsiveness from City staff to her inquiries made at the Regular City Council Meeting of October 3, 2022.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Susan Pritchard, La Habra resident, requested that Item Nos. 4 and 5 be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Simonian, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6; WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM NOS. 4 AND 5 WHICH WERE PULLED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem Gomez,  
Councilmember Espinoza, Councilmember Nigsarian, 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 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA MEETING MINUTES  
  
That the City Council approve the City Council of the City of La Habra Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2022.
3. APPROVE A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE REQUIRED FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW REMOTE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AS REQUIRED BY AB 361  
  
That the City Council:
  - A. Receive this report; and,
  - B. APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 6087** 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.
4. REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION – See below.
5. REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION – See below.

6. WARRANTS: APPROVE NOS. 00136070 THROUGH 00136253 TOTALING \$800,412.41

That the City Council approve Nos. 00136070 through 00136253 totaling \$800,412.41.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION:**

4. APPROVE CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CRANE ARCHITECTURAL GROUP FOR THE RENOVATION OF TWO MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 205-211 SOUTH EUCLID STREET AND 106 EAST FIRST AVENUE

City Council did not request a staff report.

There was no City Council discussion.

Mayor Medrano invited the public to testify at 7:23 p.m.

Susan Pritchard, La Habra resident, spoke in support of this item, and asked about the total cost of construction and estimated project timeline.

City Manager Sadro responded the total cost of the project cannot be determined until final project designs are completed by the architect and competitive bids are solicited. He stated following award of contract by the City Council, the estimated project completion date is expected to be approximately one year.

Moved by Councilmember Nigsarian, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

- A. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CRANE ARCHITECTURAL GROUP FOR THE RENOVATION OF TWO CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 205-211 SOUTH EUCLID STREET AND 106 EAST FIRST AVENUE;
- B. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,626 TO CRANE ARCHITECTURAL GROUP, WHICH INCLUDES A TEN PERCENT (10%) CONTINGENCY; AND,
- C. APPROVE THE APPROPRIATION OF \$175,626 FROM THE GENERAL FUND FACILITY IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FOR THIS PROJECT.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

5. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE (UCI) DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY, FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

City Council did not request a staff report.

There was no City Council discussion.

Mayor Medrano invited the public to testify at 7:25 p.m.

Susan Pritchard, La Habra resident, thanked City staff for the partnership with the University of California, Irvine (UCI), and spoke in support of this item.

Moved by Councilmember Nigsarian, seconded by Mayor Medrano, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE (UCI) DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY, TO PROVIDE VISION CARE FOR THE CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE CITY'S CHILD DEVELOPMENT DIVISION PROGRAMS, AND PROVIDE FURTHER ASSESSMENTS FOR THOSE WHO FAIL THE ANNUAL VISION SCREENING FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2022 EDITIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, EXISTING BUILDING, GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS AND ENERGY CODES; AND, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE CODE AND 2021 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

Director of Community and Economic Development Kim presented the staff report. She introduced Chief Building Official Rodney Sipma, and indicated he would be available to answer questions.

There was no City Council discussion.

Mayor Medrano opened the public hearing at 7:28 p.m. There was no public testimony so the public hearing was closed at 7:28 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Simonian, Seconded by Councilmember Espinoza, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL

- A. APPROVE FIRST READING OF **ORDINANCE NO. 1848** ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS T480 TITLE 15 "BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION" OF THE LA HABRA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTERS 15.04, 15.05, 15.06, 15.07, 15.08, 15.12, 15.16, 15.32, 15.46 AND 15.68, BY ADOPTING THE 2022 EDITIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, EXISTING BUILDING, GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS AND ENERGY CODES; AND, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE CODE AND 2021 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE; and
- B. APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 6088** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, SETTING FORTH FINDINGS WITH RESPECT TO LOCAL CONDITIONS WITHIN THE CITY WHICH MAKE CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS AND CHANGES NECESSARY TO THE 2022 CALIFORNIA BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, AND ELECTRICAL CODES.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

**CONSIDERATION ITEMS:** None at this time.

**MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:**

Mayor Medrano made the following announcements:

- COVID Testing, Vaccination and Boosters at the La Habra Community Center. Testing will be held Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; closed Saturday and Sunday. Vaccinations and Boosters will be held Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Fall-O-Ween Home Decorating Contest nominations accepted through October 26, 2022; winners will be announced by October 28, 2022.
- La Habra Movies in the Park on Friday, October 21, 2022, at Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- La Habra Community Open House on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- La Habra Economic Development Forum on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the La Habra Community Center.
- La Habra Host Lions Club Corn Festival on Friday, November 11 through Sunday, November 13, 2022, at El Centro-Lions Park.
- La Habra Senior Week, Monday, November 14 through Friday, November 18, 2022, at the La Habra Community Center.

- Water conservation efforts are still in effect with lawn irrigation prohibited between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., as is the washing of hard surfaces such as sidewalks and driveways.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF:**

None.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Mayor Pro Tem Gomez thanked the City of La Habra Public Works Department for hosting the Hazardous Waste Collection event held on Saturday, October 15, 2022. He requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Pat Meyers.

Councilmember Nigsarian spoke regarding his attendance to the La Habra High School Homecoming game held on Friday, October 14, 2022; and the Vista Park groundbreaking held today. He spoke regarding the recent tragic death of La Habra resident Larry Walker.

Mayor Medrano spoke regarding his attendance to the La Habra High School Homecoming game held on Friday, October 14, 2022; the Vista Park groundbreaking held today; and the Sonora High School Homecoming game held on Friday, September 30, 2022. He offered condolences on behalf of the entire City Council to the family of La Habra resident Larry Walker. He requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Larry Walker.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Medrano adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m. in memory of Pat Meyers and Larry Walker to Monday, November 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,

Rhonda J. Barone, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk