

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING 5:30 P.M.

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Monday, March 20, 2023

PRELIMINARY: These Minutes to be considered for approval on April 17, 2023.

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

REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M.:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gomez 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: Mayor Pro Tem Nigsarian

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Gomez
Mayor Pro Tem Nigsarian
Councilmember Espinoza
Councilmember Simonian
COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Medrano (excused absence)

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Sadro
City Attorney Jones
City Clerk Barone
Management Analyst II Hurt
Administrative Clerk De Santos

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT: None.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

1. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSIONER MARIE LAVEAGA

Mayor Gomez presented outgoing Community Services Commissioner Marie Laveaga with a Certificate of Appreciation.

2. PROCLAIM APRIL 9-15, 2023 NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor Gomez presented Chief of Police Foster, Bureau Manager Letictia Elder, and Communications Operator Dayna Douglas with the 2023 National Public Safety Telecommunications Week proclamation.

3. PROCLAIM APRIL 9 - 15, 2023 AS NATIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor Gomez presented Chief of Police Foster, Bureau Manager Leticia Elder, and Animal Control Officer Dennis Coyle with the 2023 National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week proclamation.

4. PROCLAIM APRIL 2023 AS DONATE LIFE MONTH IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor Gomez presented Donate Life representative Mona Castro with the 2023 Donate Life Month proclamation.

Donate Life representative Mona Castro thanked City Council for the recognition. She spoke regarding registration for organ and tissue donation, and the upcoming Donate Life Run/Walk to be held on Sunday, June 4, 2023, in Azusa, California.

5. PROCLAIM APRIL 2023 AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor Gomez presented Director of Community Services Kelly Fujio with the 2023 National Volunteer Month proclamation.

Director of Community Services Kelly Fujio spoke regarding the importance of volunteerism, and the Donor & Volunteer Recognition Reception to be held on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at the La Habra Community Center.

6. PROCLAIM APRIL 22, 2023, AS EARTH DAY/ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor Gomez presented Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer Albert Mendoza with the 2023 Earth Day/Arbor Day proclamation.

Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer Albert Mendoza spoke regarding the distribution of free compost and tree seedlings to be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at the Public Works facility.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Moved by Councilmember Simonian, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Nigsarian, and CARRIED (4-0) TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

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 March 20, 2023.

3. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF MS. JANET ORTIZ

That the City Council deny the claim of Ms. Janet Ortiz in order to set a definite six-month Statute of Limitations date.

4. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF MR. MAGED FAYEZ

That the City Council deny the claim of Mr. Maged Fayez in order to set a definite six-month Statute of Limitations date.

5. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF MS. CHERISE WIESSNER

That the City Council deny the claim of Ms. Cherise Wiessner in order to set a definite six-month Statute of Limitations date.

6. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF MR. ART ACOSTA

That the City Council deny the claim of Mr. Art Acosta in order to set a definite six-month Statute of Limitations date.

7. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF MS. ELIZABETH STEVES

That the City Council deny the claim of Ms. Elizabeth Steves in order to set a definite six-month Statute of Limitations date.

8. APPROVE A COMMUNICATIONS SITE LEASE AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH SBA 2012 TC ASSETS FOR 1400 WEST WHITTIER BOULEVARD/LA BONITA PARK CLOCK TOWER

That the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a communications site lease agreement renewal with SBA 2012 TC Assets for a wireless telecommunications facility located at 1400 West Whittier Boulevard at the La Bonita Park Clock Tower.

9. APPROVE THE CITY'S EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE POLICY RENEWAL FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM FROM APRIL 19, 2023, THROUGH APRIL 19, 2024

That the City Council authorize the City Manager to place the City's primary earthquake policy with Landmark American Insurance Company at a policy limit of \$5 million and assign excess coverage of \$73.95 million to Landmark America Insurance, General Security Insurance, Palomar Excess and Surplus Insurance, Trisura Specialty Insurance, and Transverse Specialty Insurance for a one-year term from April 19, 2023, through April 19, 2024.

10. APPROVE TEMPORARY SIGNS FOR THE LA HABRA CITRUS FAIR

That the City Council approve temporary signs for the La Habra Citrus Fair, to be displayed at the southeast corner of La Habra Boulevard and Euclid Street and at the northwest corner of La Habra Boulevard and Harbor Boulevard, subject to the final designs and specifications meeting parameters established by the Director of Community and Economic Development.

11. APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 (FY2023-24) CITY OF LA HABRA LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

That the City Council adopt the proposed FY2023-24 City of La Habra Legislative Platform and authorize staff to prepare letters of support or opposition to legislative bills for the Mayor's signature, as needed and in accordance with the approved Legislative Platform.

12. WARRANTS: APPROVE NOS. 00138330 THROUGH 00138429 TOTALING \$1,612,965.15

That the City Council approve Nos. 00138330 through 00138429 totaling \$1,612,965.15

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None at this time.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

1. FIRE SERVICES CONTRACT REVIEW AND DIRECTION

City Manager Sadro presented the staff report.

There was no City Council discussion.

Mayor Gomez invited the public to testify at 6:52 p.m.

Jeff Bernier, La Habra resident, spoke regarding this item.

C. Michelle Bernier, La Habra resident, spoke regarding this item.

Mayor Gomez closed public testimony at 6:54 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Nigsarian, Seconded by Councilmember Simonian, AND CARRIED (4-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT (LACFD) TO RENEW THE EXPIRING AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND RETURN TO CITY COUNCIL WITH THE RESULTS OF NEGOTIATIONS.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Councilmember Medrano

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Mayor Gomez made the following announcements:

- Egg Night to be held on Friday, April 7, 2023, at La Bonita Park from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Spring Family Eggstravaganza to be held on Saturday, April 8, 2023, at La Bonita Park from 8:00 a.m. – Noon.
- Kids Night Out – Lucky Charms to be held on Friday, April 21, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the La Habra Community Center.
- Teen Movie Night to be held on Friday, April 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Portola Park.
- Earth Day/Arbor Day distributing of free compost and tree seedlings on Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.
- Senior Dances to be held on Sunday, April 23, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the La Habra Community Center.
- Planning Commission and Community Services Commission meetings held.
- Current job openings with the City of La Habra.
- Water conservation efforts are still in effect with lawn irrigation limited to three times per week with washing of hard surfaces such as sidewalks and driveways prohibited.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF: None.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:

Mayor Pro Tem Nigsarian spoke regarding his attendance to the Woman of the Year Celebration held on Saturday, March 25, 2023, hosted by Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco in recognition of La Habra resident Kathleen Pineda-Hernandez. He indicated he attended the Tecnica Arte & Folklore Dance Studio ribbon cutting held on Sunday, March 26, 2023.

Councilmember Simonian indicated he attended the Woman of the Year Celebration held on Saturday, March 25, 2023, hosted by Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco in recognition of La Habra resident Kathleen Pineda-Hernandez. He also attended the Tecnica Arte & Folklore Dance Studio ribbon cutting held on Sunday, March 26, 2023.

Mayor Gomez requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Care Ambulance employee Noah Rodriguez.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting in memory of Noah Rodriguez at 7:04 p.m. to Monday, April 17, 2023, 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
City Clerk