

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING 5:30 P.M.

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REGULAR JOINT MEETING WITH THE
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA,
LA HABRA CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY,
CITY OF LA HABRA HOUSING AUTHORITY,
AND LA HABRA UTILITY AUTHORITY

Monday, December 18, 2023

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

REGULAR MEETING & REGULAR JOINT MEETING 6:30 P.M.:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor/Director Gomez called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Habra and Regular Joint Meeting with the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of La Habra, La Habra Civic Improvement Authority, City of La Habra Housing Authority, and La Habra Utility Authority 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/Assistant Legal Counsel Collins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor/Director Gomez

COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS PRESENT: Mayor/Director Gomez
Mayor Pro Tem/Director Nigsarian
Councilmember/Director Espinoza
Councilmember/Director Medrano
Councilmember/Director Simonian

COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS ABSENT: NONE

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager/Executive Director Sadro
Assistant City Attorney/Assistant Legal Counsel Collins
City Clerk/Secretary Barone
Management Analyst II Hurt
Assistant City Clerk Lopez
Administrative Aide I Delgado

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT: None.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

1. RECOGNITION THE 2023 HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING "LIGHT UP THE SEASON" AWARD RECIPIENTS

Mayor Gomez and City Council invited Deputy Director of Community Services Albarian and Beautification Committee Members Nikki Aiello, Carol Nigsarian, and Lavenia Wilson to the front of the dais to present the Martinez Family, Bono Family, Ordonez Family, Viramontes Family, and Miramontes Family with Certificates of Recognition.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING MAYOR GOMEZ FOR HIS SERVICES FROM DECEMBER 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Nigsarian invited outgoing Mayor Gomez's family to the front of the dais and recognized him for his services from December 2022 through December 2023, and presented him with a gavel plaque.

The following presented outgoing Mayor Gomez with a Certificate of Recognition:

- Doug Chaffee, District Four Orange County Supervisor
- Fidel Vazquez, representing Senator Tom Umberg's Office
- Scott Do, representing Senator Josh Newman's Office
- Kayla Teraza, representing District 64 Assembly member Blanca Pacheco's Office
- Lora Young, representing the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District
- La Fonda Riggins, representing the Los Angeles County Fire Department
- John Lewis, City of La Mirada Councilmember
- Carmen Miller, Carrie Zurich, and Gil Signs, representing the La Habra Meals on Wheels Program

Mayor Gomez spoke regarding his work as Mayor and thanked the City Council, City staff, his family, and the La Habra community for their support during his service as Mayor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

1. CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, AUTHORITIES, AND OUTSIDE BOARDS

That the City Council consider and elect/appoint:

- A. Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem for one-year terms (December 2023-December 2024);

City Clerk Barone opened nominations for the position of MAYOR. Mayor Gomez nominated Mayor Pro Tem Nigsarian. There were no other nominations presented. MOVED by Mayor Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Medrano, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.

A roll call vote was taken to elect DAREN NIGSARIAN as MAYOR FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM (DECEMBER 2023- DECEMBER 2024):

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

City Clerk Barone opened nominations for the position of MAYOR PRO TEM. Councilmember Gomez nominated Councilmember Espinoza. There were no other nominations presented. MOVED by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Medrano, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.

A roll call vote was taken to elect ROSE ESPINOZA as MAYOR PRO TEM FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM (DECEMBER 2023- DECEMBER 2024):

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

Mayor Nigsarian suggested one motion be made for reappointment of those currently serving as Chair and Vice Chair for the Successor Agency to the La Habra Redevelopment Agency, Chair and Vice Chair for the Civic Improvement Authority, Delegate and Alternate Representatives to the Orange County Sanitation District, and Delegate and Alternate Representative to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

The following appointments were made under same motion and vote:

B. Chair and Vice Chair for the Successor Agency to the La Habra Redevelopment Agency for one-year terms (December 2023-December 2024);

Councilmember/Director Gomez nominated STEVE SIMONIAN for reappointment as CHAIR and JAMES GOMEZ for reappointment as VICE CHAIR FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM (DECEMBER 2023- DECEMBER 2024). There were no other nominations presented.

C. Chair and Vice Chair for the Civic Improvement Authority for one-year terms (December 2023- December 2024);

Councilmember/Director Gomez nominated DAREN NIGSARIAN for reappointment as CHAIR and ROSE ESPINOZA for reappointment as VICE CHAIR FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM (DECEMBER 2023- DECEMBER 2024). There were no other nominations presented.

- D. Delegate and Alternate representatives to the Orange County Sanitation District for one-year terms (December 2023-December 2024);

Councilmember/Director Gomez nominated ROSE ESPINOZA for reappointment as DELEGATE REPRESENTATIVE and JOSE MEDRANO for reappointment as ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM (DECEMBER 2023- DECEMBER 2024). There were no other nominations presented.

- E. Delegate and Alternate Representative to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for the purposes of voting at SCAG General Assembly meetings held in 2024;

Councilmember/Director Gomez nominated ROSE ESPINOZA for reappointment as DELEGATE REPRESENTATIVE and DAREN NIGSARIAN for reappointment as ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE for the purposes of voting at SCAG General Assembly meetings held in 2024.

There were no other nominations presented.

MOVED by Councilmember/Director Gomez, seconded by Councilmember/Director Medrano, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) with a roll call vote TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT.

AYES: Mayor/Director Nigsarian, Mayor ProTem/Director Espinoza,
Councilmember/Director Gomez, Councilmember/Director Medrano,
Councilmember/Director Simonian

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

The following appointments were considered separately:

- F. Two Councilmembers to serve on the City's Internal Audit Committee for one-year terms (December 2023 - December 2024); and,

City Clerk Barone opened nominations for two Councilmembers to serve on the City's Internal Audit Committee for one-year terms (December 2023 – December 2024). Mayor Nigsarian nominated DAREN NIGSARIAN FOR THE POSITION OF DELEGATE and ROSE ESPINOZA as ALTERNATE for ONE-YEAR TERMS (DECEMBER 2023- DECEMBER 2024). There were no other nominations presented. MOVED by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Medrano, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.

A roll call vote was taken to elect DAREN NIGSARIAN as DELEGATE and ROSE ESPINOZA as ALTERNATE for ONE-YEAR TERMS (DECEMBER 2023- DECEMBER 2024):

AYES: Mayor Nigsarian, Mayor ProTem Espinoza, Councilmember Gomez,
Councilmember Medrano, Councilmember Simonian

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

- G. Appointment by the Mayor of one Councilmember to serve on the City's Emergency Preparedness Council as Vice Chair for a one-year term (December 2023-December 2024).

Mayor Nigsarian appointed Councilmember Medrano to serve on the Emergency Preparedness Council as Vice Chair for a one-year term (December 2023 – December 2024).

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Moved by Councilmember/Director Medrano, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Director Espinoza, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10; SUCCESSORY AGENCY ITEM 1, CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY ITEM 1, HOUSING AUTHORITY ITEM 1, AND UTILITY AUTHORITY ITEM 1.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

CITY COUNCIL:

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:

- November 20, 2023
- December 4, 2023

3. APPROVE THE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES:
 - A. **ORDINANCE NO. 1853** ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 23-03 TO AMEND CHAPTERS 18.04 (DEFINITIONS), 18.06 (ZONES ESTABLISHED), 18.10 (REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS IN HOUSING TO DISABLED INDIVIDUALS), 18.14 (OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS), 18.26 (R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5, R-6 AND R-7 MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING ZONES), 18.30 (SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING), 18.80 (AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVES), AND 18.82 (INCLUSIONARY HOUSING UNITS) OF TITLE 18 (ZONING) OF THE LA HABRA MUNICIPAL CODE FOR CONFORMANCE WITH STATE LAW AND AS REQUIRED BY THE CITY'S 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT AND MAKING A DETERMINATION THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) UNDER SECTION 15061(B)(3) (COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES;

- B. **ORDINANCE NO. 1854** ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 23-04 TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 18.09 (OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL AND MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT) AND AMEND CHAPTER 18.68 (DESIGN REVIEW) OF TITLE 18 (ZONING) OF THE LA HABRA MUNICIPAL CODE AND MAKING A DETERMINATION THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) UNDER SECTION 15061(B)(3) (COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES; and,
- C. **ORDINANCE NO. 1855** ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 23-05 TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 18.84 (MULTI-UNIT RESIDENTIAL AND MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT MINISTERIAL REVIEW PROCESS) TO TITLE 18 (ZONING) OF THE LA HABRA MUNICIPAL CODE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SENATE BILL 35 AND MAKING A DETERMINATION THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) UNDER SECTION 15061(B)(3) (COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES.

That the City Council approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance Nos. 1853, 1854, and 1855.

4. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF MR. PATRICK BRODY

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

5. APPROVE A WORKFORCE INNOVATION OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,372.50 TO THE HEALTHSTAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, AS A COMPONENT OF THE READY S.E.T. OC GRANT FUNDED PROGRAM

That the City Council approve a Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) payment in the amount of \$100,372.50 to the HealthStaff Training Institute, as part of the READY S.E.T. OC (Employment & Training) grant funded program.

6. APPROVE GENERAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM CONTINUED FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

That the City Council:

- A. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the Continued Funding Application for the General Child Care Grant Program (CCTR) for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 with the California Department of Social Services; and,
- B. APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 6130** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, CERTIFYING THE APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GENERAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM (CCTR) CONTINUED FUNDING APPLICATION WITH THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

7. APPROVE A FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY OF LA HABRA STATE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL SCHOOL YEAR

That the City Council:

A. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute and submit Contract CSPP-3337 with the California Department of Education Early Learning and Care Division for the 2024-2025 Fiscal School Year; and,

B. APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 6131** 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 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ANNUAL MEASURE M2 EXPENDITURE REPORT

That the City Council APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 6132** ENTITLED A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, CONCERNING THE MEASURE M2 (M2) EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR THE CITY OF LA HABRA.

9. TREASURER'S INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

That the City Council receive and file the Treasurer's Investment Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2023.

10. WARRANTS: APPROVE NOS.00141836 THROUGH 00142090 TOTALING \$1,871,149.03

That the City Council approve Nos. 00141836 through 00142090 totaling \$1,871,149.03.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY:

1. APPROVE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA MEETING MINUTES

That the Successor Agency approve the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of La Habra Meeting Minutes of:

- November 20, 2023
- December 4, 2023

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY:

1. APPROVE LA HABRA CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

That the Civic Improvement Authority approve the La Habra Civic Improvement Authority Meeting Minutes of:

- December 19, 2022
- January 2, 2023
- January 17, 2023
- February 6, 2023
- February 21, 2023
- March 6, 2023
- March 20, 2023
- April 3, 2023
- April 17, 2023
- May 1, 2023
- May 15, 2023
- June 5, 2023
- June 19, 2023
- July 3, 2023
- July 17, 2023
- August 7, 2023
- August 21, 2023
- September 5, 2023
- September 18, 2023
- October 2, 2023
- October 16, 2023
- November 6, 2023
- November 20, 2023
- December 4, 2023

HOUSING AUTHORITY:

1. APPROVE CITY OF LA HABRA UTILITY AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

That the City of La Habra Utility Authority approve the Utility Authority Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2023.

UTILITY AUTHORITY:

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That the City of La Habra Utility Authority approve the Utility Authority Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2023.

CITY COUNCIL, AGENCY & AUTHORITIES:

1. APPROVE AND ADOPT THE ANNUAL INVESTMENT POLICY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

That the City Council, Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of La Habra, La Habra Civic Improvement Authority, City of La Habra Housing Authority, and La Habra Utility Authority review, approve and adopt the City's Annual Investment Policy for implementation beginning January 1, 2024.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE VOTES:

CITY COUNCIL:

1. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2.8-ACRE PARCEL IN LA HABRA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS A PORTION OF THE LA HABRA MARKETPLACE PARKING LOT, APN 018-381-64, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS AND TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF LA HABRA (CITY) TO THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA (SUCCESSOR AGENCY) TO COMPLETE THIS PURCHASE

City Council discussion included: questions regarding legal guidelines of the bidding process, and the appraisal value of the property.

City Manager Sadro and City Attorney Jones responded to all questions accordingly.

Mayor Nigsarian invited the public to testify at 7:22 p.m.

Bob Wheatley, La Habra Businessman, spoke.

Sue Prichard, La Habra resident, spoke.

Mayor Nigsarian closed public testimony at 7:28 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Medrano, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

- A. Authorize the City Manager to submit an offer to the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of La Habra (Successor Agency) for the purchase of a 2.8-acre parcel owned by the Agency in La Habra, commonly known as a portion of the La Habra Marketplace Parking Lot, APN 018-381-64 (Property), in the amount of \$60,375 which includes the purchase price of \$57,500, plus broker fees of \$2,875;
- B. Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for the transfer of the Property from the Successor Agency to the City of La Habra (City);
- C. Approve an appropriation of \$60,375 from the City's land acquisition fund for the purchase and transfer of the Property to the City; and,

- D. APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO.6133** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF THE 2.8 ACRE PARCEL IN LA HABRA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS A PORTION OF THE LA HABRA MARKETPLACE PARKING LOT, APN 018-381-64 AND DETERMINING THAT THE PURCHASE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA).

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

SUCCESSOR AGENCY:

1. A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA (SUCCESSOR AGENCY) APPROVING A QUITCLAIM DEED CONVEYING THE 2.8 ACRE PARCEL IN LA HABRA COMMONLY KNOWN AS A PORTION OF THE LA HABRA MARKETPLACE PARKING LOT (APN 018-381-64) FROM THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CITY OF LA HABRA AND FORWARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSFER TO THE ORANGE COUNTY OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR APPROVAL

There was no Successor Agency discussion.

Successor Agency Chair Simonian invited the public to testify at 7:29 p.m.

Sue Pritchard, La Habra resident, spoke.

Bob Wheatly, La Habra businessowner, spoke and provided a handout to the Successor Agency.

Successor Agency Chair Simonian closed public testimony at 7:35 p.m.

Moved by Director Nigsarian, seconded by Director Espinoza, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) THAT THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY:

- A. Authorize the Executive Director to accept an offer from the City of La Habra to purchase and transfer title of the 2.8-acre Agency owned parcel in La Habra, commonly known as a portion of the La Habra Marketplace Parking Lot, APN 018-381-64 (the "Property"), in the amount of \$57,500;
- B. Authorize the Executive Director to execute all documents necessary to transfer the Property to the City of La Habra, including the quitclaim deed;
- C. Approve the transfer of \$57,500 to the Orange County Auditor-Controller Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund, as required by state law; and,

- D. APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA (SUCCESSOR AGENCY) APPROVING A QUITCLAIM DEED CONVEYING THE 2.8 ACRE PARCEL IN LA HABRA COMMONLY KNOWN AS A PORTION OF THE LA HABRA MARKETPLACE PARKING LOT (APN 018-381-64) FROM THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CITY OF LA HABRA AND FORWARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSFER TO THE ORANGE COUNTYWIDE OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Chair Simonian, Vice Chair Gomez,
Director Espinoza, Councilmember Medrano, Director Nigsarian
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None at this time.

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Mayor/Director Nigsarian did not present the Mayor's Community Calendar in consideration of time.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

City Manager Sadro wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. He congratulated outgoing Mayor Gomez for his achievements as Mayor in 2023, and wished newly elected Mayor Nigsarian the best in 2024.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS:

Councilmember/Director Gomez thanked everyone for their support. He congratulated newly elected Mayor Nigsarian and wished him good luck during his term as Mayor.

Mayor Pro Tem/Director Espinoza thanked outgoing Mayor Gomez for his leadership and work during his term as Mayor. She congratulated newly elected Mayor Nigsarian and stated she looks forward to working with him.

Councilmember/Director Medrano congratulated and thanked outgoing Mayor Gomez for all his hard work. He thanked the audience members for attending tonight's meeting. He congratulated newly elected Mayor Nigsarian and Mayor Pro Tem Espinoza. He thanked City staff and City Manager Sadro for all their work during 2023, and wished the La Habra community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember/Director Simonian congratulated outgoing Mayor Gomez for his service as Mayor during 2023. He stated he looks forward to working with newly elected Mayor Nigsarian. He thanked the audience members for attending tonight's meeting, and invited everyone to the reception following the City Council meeting.

Mayor/Director Nigsarian spoke about his role as Mayor and gave special thanks to his wife, Carol, and introduced some of his family members. He congratulated and thanked newly elected Mayor Pro Tem Espinoza, Councilmember Medrano, and Councilmember Simonian for all their work. He assured residents of his service to the City of La Habra, and spoke about the diversity and strength of the community.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor/Director Nigsarian adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. to Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 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/Secretary

These Minutes were approved on _____.

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