

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING 5:30 P.M.

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Monday, April 15, 2024

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Nigsarian called the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Habra to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Closed Session Room 112c, located at 100 East La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, California.

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Sadro
City Attorney Jones
Assistant City Manager Yap
City Clerk Barone

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR CLOSED SESSION MATTERS: None.

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Worker's Compensation Claim per Government Code Section 54956.95; Claimant: Janine Gordon EAMS No. ADJ14132366.

Deputy Director of Human Resources Coelho-LaFreniere was also present for this item. Worker's Compensation Attorney Brian T. Riley participated via telephone.

2. Conference With Real Property Negotiator Per Government Code Section 54956.8 -- Property: 216 South Euclid Street #A and #B (APN 022-174-07); City Negotiator Jim Sadro, City Manager; Negotiating Parties: Sussoev J M & D D Fam Trust, Owner; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment.

Director of Community and Economic Development Kim and Economic Development Project Manager Montenegro were also present for this item.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council reconvened at 5:52 p.m. There were no Closed Session announcements. Mayor Nigsarian adjourned the Adjourned Regular Meeting at 5:52 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M.:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Nigsarian 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 Nigsarian

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Sadro
City Attorney Jones
Assistant City Manager Yap
Management Analyst II Hurt
City Clerk Barone
Assistant City Clerk Lopez

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT: None.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

1. RECOGNITION OF THE LA HABRA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM ON ITS CIF CHAMPIONSHIP

Mayor Nigsarian and the City Council presented Certificates of Recognition the La Habra High School Boys' Basketball Team.

2. RECOGNITION OF THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Nigsarian and the City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to former Beautification Committee Members Nigsarian, Otero, Royce-Wilson, and Schmidt-Aiello. Former Beautification Committee Member Kotob was not present.

3. PROCLAIM MAY 2, 2024, AS A DAY SET APART FOR THE ANNUAL MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Mayor Nigsarian and the City Council presented a Proclamation to Brian Burgess.

4. PROCLAIM APRIL 2024 AS DONATE LIFE MONTH IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor Nigsarian and the City Council presented a Proclamation to OneLegacy Ambassador Mona Castro.

5. PROCLAIM APRIL 27, 2024, AS EARTH DAY/ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor Nigsarian and the City Council presented a Proclamation to Director of Public Works Saykali.

6. PROCLAIM APRIL 2024 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor Nigsarian and the City Council presented a Proclamation to Fair Housing Foundation representative Martha Torres.

7. PROCLAIM APRIL 2024 AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor Nigsarian and the City Council presented a Proclamation to Director of Community Services Fujio, Deputy Director of Community Services Albarian, and La Habra Woman's Club volunteers.

8. PROCLAIM APRIL 6 - 12, 2024, AS THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Mayor Nigsarian and the City Council provided a Proclamation to the Child Development Task Force and Little Learners Organization.

9. PROCLAIM APRIL 14 - 20, 2024, NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor Nigsarian and the City Council presented a Proclamation to Chief of Police Foster and La Habra Police Department staff.

10. PROCLAIM APRIL 14 - 20, 2024, AS NATIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor Nigsarian and the City Council presented a Proclamation to Chief of Police Foster and La Habra Police Department staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Amber Baker, La Habra resident, spoke.

Councilmember Gomez requested Chief of Police Foster assure that the Sonora High School School Resource Officer be vigilant about traffic impacts during peak hours near Sonora High School.

Delwin Lampkin, La Habra resident, spoke.

Maria Mahecha, La Habra resident, spoke.

City Clerk Barone announced that Consideration Items would be held prior to the Consent Calendar.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

1. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE LA HABRA CITY COUNCIL AND CHAIR OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

City Clerk Barone presented the staff report.

City Council discussion included: requesting the City Clerk to read aloud the names of all applicants; and overview of Carrie Surich's qualifications.

Mayor Nigsarian invited the public to testify at 7:17 p.m.

Michelle Bernier, La Habra resident, spoke.

Mayor Nigsarian closed public testimony at 7:19 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Medrano, second by Mayor Nigsarian, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0) TO APPOINT CARRIE SURICH TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE LA HABRA CITY COUNCIL DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF FORMER CITY COUNCILMEMBER STEVE SIMONIAN.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

City Clerk Barone conducted the Oath of Office for newly appointed Councilmember Surich; and Councilmember Surich took her seat at the dais.

Councilmember Gomez directed City Clerk Barone to contact the not selected applicants who applied for the appointment to fill the vacancy on the La Habra City Council regarding their interest in the current unscheduled vacancy on the Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Medrano.

Moved by Mayor Nigsarian, second by Mayor Pro Tem Espinoza, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPOINT COUNCILMEMBER GOMEZ TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Moved by Mayor Nigsarian, second by Councilmember Gomez, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPOINT MAYOR PRO TEM ESPINOZA TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Moved by Councilmember Medrano, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Espinoza, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

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 Regular Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2024, and Regular Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2024.

3. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF MR. ANTONIO YEPEZ

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

4. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF MR. EDUARDO GUTIERREZ

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

5. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF MS. LILIANA ALATORRE

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

6. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF MS. TATIANA FONSECA

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

7. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF MR. RIGOBERTO ARAGON AND MS. LORAINE ARAGON

That the City Council deny the claim of Mr. Rigoberto Aragon and Ms. Loraine Aragon in order to set a definite six-month Statute of Limitations date.

8. APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR ALLEY NO. 27, 45, AND 86 IMPROVEMENT, FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021, CITY PROJECT NO. 2-R-20

That the City Council approve the Notice of Completion for the Alley No. 27, 45, and 86 Improvement, Fiscal Year 2020-2021, City Project No. 2-R-20, and authorize staff to file the Notice of Completion for recordation.

9. APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL STREET REHABILITATION AND SLURRY SEAL PROJECT, FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019, CITY PROJECT NO. 8-R-18

That the City Council approve the Notice of Completion for the Annual Residential Street Rehabilitation and Slurry Seal Project, Fiscal Year 2018-2019, City Project No. 8-R-18, and authorize staff to file the Notice of Completion for recordation.

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 ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO QUINN COMPANY, CITY OF INDUSTRY, CALIFORNIA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,366.12 FOR ONE (1) NEW BACKHOE LOADER

That the City Council:

- A. Waive formal bid requirements per La Habra Municipal Code Section 4.20.070 (C) and utilize the cooperative purchase provision of a competitive bid contract awarded by the State of Minnesota, contract order #020223, for the purchase of one (1) new Caterpillar (CAT) 430 Backhoe Loader to replace existing units; and,
 - B. Authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$175,366.12 from the Fleet Replacement Fund to Quinn Company, City of Industry, California, for the purchase of one (1) new backhoe loader to replace an existing unit.
12. WARRANTS: APPROVE NOS. 00143398 THROUGH 00143553 TOTALING \$2,597,302.50; AND APPROVE WIRE TRANSFERS DATED 4/30/24, TOTALING \$632,072.76

That the City Council approve Nos. 00143398 through 00143553 totaling \$2,597,302.50; and approve Wire Transfer dated 4/30/24, totaling \$632,072.76.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Economic Development Project Manager Louie presented the staff report.

There was no City Council discussion.

Mayor Nigsarian opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. There was no public testimony.

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

- A. Receive public comments;
- B. Consider and approve the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan for the City of La Habra Community Development Block Grant Program; and,

- C. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the City of La Habra's annual application and certifications and submit the Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for its Community Development Block Grant Funding Approval/Agreement in the amount of \$595,000. Staff will proportionally increase/decrease recommended amounts for administration and public services projects based on the increased/decreased percentage of the final CDBG allocation.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Mayor Nigsarian announced upcoming community events and activities.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

City Manager Sadro congratulated newly appointed City Councilmember Surich.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Medrano

- Congratulated Councilmember Surich on her City Council appointment.
- Congratulated the La Habra High School Boys' Basketball team on its CIF championship.
- Thanked the volunteers and the La Habra Police Department for their work in the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Espinoza

- Thanked the applicants who applied for the appointment to fill the vacancy on the La Habra City Council, and encouraged them to apply for City Commissions.
- Congratulated Councilmember Surich on her City Council appointment.

Mayor Nigsarian

- Spoke regarding his process of becoming a City Councilmember.
- Congratulated Councilmember Surich on her City Council appointment.

Councilmember Gomez

- Congratulated Councilmember Surich on her City Council appointment.
- Requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Director of Public Works Saykali's father, Nayef Saikali.
- Requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Cuca Ybarra.

Councilmember Surich

- Thanked City Council for the opportunity to serve as a City Councilmember.
- Thanked her husband and family for their support.
- Encouraged all City Council applicants to continue their pursuit to serve on City Council.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Nigsarian adjourned the meeting in memory of Nayef Saikali and Cuca Ybarra at 7:51 p.m. to Monday, May 6, 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

These Minutes were approved on _____.

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