

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING 5:30 P.M.

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Tuesday, February 18, 2025

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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Espinoza 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 Espinoza
Mayor Pro Tem Medrano
Councilmember Gomez
Councilmember Lampkin
Councilmember Nigsarian

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Sadro
Assistant City Attorney Collins
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 Lucy Coelho-LaFreniere and Human Resources Manager Melinda Rodriguez were also present. Worker's Compensation Attorney Brian T. Riley with the Law Offices of Brian T. Riley participated via telephone.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council reconvened at 5:34 p.m. There were no Closed Session announcements. Mayor Espinoza adjourned the Adjourned Regular Meeting at 5:34 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M.:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Espinoza 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 Gomez

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Sadro
Assistant City Attorney Collins
Assistant City Manager Yap
City Clerk Barone
Administrative Aide Delgado

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT: None.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

1. RECOGNITION OF THE NASH FAMILY AS THE 2025 RESIDENTIAL BEAUTIFICATION AWARD RECIPIENT

Mayor Espinoza, City Council, and Community Services Commissioners Annette Limon and Denise Schmidt recognized the Nash Family.

2. RECOGNITION OF THE STEIN FAMILY AS THE 2025 RESIDENTIAL BEAUTIFICATION AWARD RECIPIENT

Mayor Espinoza, City Council, and Community Services Commissioners Annette Limon and Denise Schmidt recognized the Stein Family.

3. RECOGNITION OF CALVIN MILLER FOR DISPLAYING INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH WRITTEN APOLOGY NOTE

Councilmember Nigsarian presented a Certificate of Recognition to Calvin Miller.

4. PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT "SCHOOL COUNSELOR APPRECIATION"

Mayor Espinoza and City Council presented La Habra City School District Superintendent Dr. Mario Carlos and La Habra City School District staff with a proclamation.

5. RECOGNITION OF LADERA PALMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS A 2025 SEAL OF EXCELLENCE SCHOOL AWARD RECIPIENT BY THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION

Mayor Espinoza and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Ladera Palma Elementary School staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Maria Mahecha, La Habra resident, spoke.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Lampkin requested Consent Calendar Item 7 be pulled for separate discussion.

Moved by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Medrano, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6, AND 8; WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 7 WHICH WAS PULLED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Espinoza, Mayor Pro Tem Medrano,
Councilmember Gomez, Councilmember Lampkin, Councilmember Nigsarian
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 February 3, 2025.

3. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF WALGREENS CO.

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

4. APPROVE THE CITY'S PROPERTY INSURANCE POLICY RENEWAL FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM

That the City Council authorize the City Manager to renew the City's property insurance policy for all City owned properties with Travelers Property Casualty Company of America. If approved, the term of the policy will be from March 1, 2025, through March 1, 2026, with a \$5,000 deductible at an annual premium cost of \$158,747.

5. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT RECORDING AND BROADCASTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

That the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a service agreement with Western Audio Visual (Western AV), in the amount of \$72,229.46, for the purchase and installation of new broadcasting and recording equipment used in the City Council Chamber.

6. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH MDJ MANAGEMENT, LLC. FOR EMERGENCY CLASSROOM REPAIRS AT THE CITY OF LA HABRA CHILD DEVELOPMENT MAIN OFFICE BUILDING

That the City Council:

- A. Approve the waiver of the competitive bidding process per La Habra Municipal Code Section 4.20.070 (A) in case of an emergency as determined by the City Manager;
 - B. Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement for the Classroom Ceiling and Floor repairs at the City of La Habra Child Development Main Office with MDJ Management, LLC., and authorize staff to issue a purchase order to MDJ Management, LLC, in the amount of \$52,500; and,
 - C. Approve an appropriation of \$52,500 from the California State Preschool Program (CSPP) Contract Grant Fund to fully fund the costs of this project.
7. **REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION:** APPROVE NOTICES OF COMPLETION FOR EMERGENCY ROOF REPAIRS AT THE CITY OF LA HABRA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER MAIN OFFICE LOCATED AT 215 NORTH EUCLID STREET
 8. WARRANTS: APPROVE NOS.00145324 THROUGH 00145325 TOTALING \$206,314.37; AND APPROVE NOS. 2533 THROUGH 2732 TOTALING \$2,538,929.67; AND APPROVE WIRE TRANSFER DATED 2/13/25, TOTALING \$460,143.00

That the City Council approve warrant Nos. 00145324 through 00145325 totaling \$206,314.37; and approve warrant Nos. 2533 through 2732 totaling \$2,538,929.67; and approve Wire Transfer dated 2/13/25, totaling \$460,143.00.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

7. APPROVE NOTICES OF COMPLETION FOR EMERGENCY ROOF REPAIRS AT THE CITY OF LA HABRA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER MAIN OFFICE LOCATED AT 215 NORTH EUCLID STREET

Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mendoza presented the staff report.

City Council discussion included alternate sources sought to fund the project.

Mayor Espinoza invited the public to testify at 7:00 p.m. There was no public testimony.

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

- A. APPROVE NOTICES OF COMPLETION FOR THE EMERGENCY ROOF REPAIRS AT THE CITY OF LA HABRA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER MAIN OFFICE LOCATED AT 215 NORTH EUCLID STREET, LA HABRA, CA 90631; AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO FILE TWO NOTICES FOR RECORDATION AND RELEASE RETENTION PAYMENTS TO THE PROJECT CONTRACTORS; AND,
- B. APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION OF \$31,286 FROM UNENCUMBERED AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) STABILIZATION FUNDING; ARPA COVID-19 LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITY STABILIZATION STIPEND, TO FULLY FUND CONSTRUCTION COSTS INCURRED AFTER JUNE 30, 2024.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None at this time.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

1. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 MID-YEAR BUDGET AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Assistant City Manager Yap presented the staff report.

City Council discussion included: effective recruitment processes; staff turnovers and retention; fiscal impacts of Measure V; importance of competitive staff salaries; and concerns with significant position vacancies in the Community & Economic Development Department and the Police Department.

Mayor Espinoza invited the public to testify at 7:29 p.m. There was no public testimony.

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

- A. RECEIVE AND FILE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 MID-YEAR BUDGET UPDATE;
- B. APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$218,000 FROM AVAILABLE GENERAL FUND REVENUES TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S PROFESSIONAL SERVICES BUDGET ACCOUNT 100402-52500; AND,

- C. APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. CC 2025-01** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-18 PERTAINING TO A COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE LA HABRA MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (FIELD/MAINTENANCE SERVICES EMPLOYEES' GROUP).

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Mayor Espinoza announced upcoming community events and activities.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF: None.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:

Each City Councilmember reported on their attendance to current community events and activities.

Councilmember Lampkin made a motion that a future City Council agenda include consideration of La Habra Area Chamber of Commerce membership. Seconded by Mayor Espinoza.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Espinoza adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m. to Monday, March 3, 2025, 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 _____.