

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

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

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Monday, May 19, 2025

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro Tem Medrano 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 (arrived at 5:50 p.m.)  
Mayor Pro Tem Medrano  
Councilmember Gomez  
Councilmember Lampkin

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilmember Nigsarian (excused absence)

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** City Manager Sadro  
City Attorney Collins  
Assistant City Manager Yap (participated via telephone)  
City Clerk Barone

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

#### **CLOSED SESSION:**

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator per Government Code Section 54957.6 -- Agency Representative: Jim Sadro, City Manager; Employee Organizations: La Habra Police Association Sworn and Civilian employee(s).

Human Resources Manager Melinda Rodriguez and Deputy Director of Finance Jack Ponvanit were also present for this item.

2. Conference with Labor Negotiator per Government Code Section 54957.6 -- Agency Representative: Jim Sadro, City Manager; Employee Organizations: Professional Employees Group.

Human Resources Manager Melinda Rodriguez and Deputy Director of Finance Jack Ponvanit were also present for this item.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council reconvened at 6:13 p.m. There were no Closed Session announcements. Mayor Pro Tem Medrano adjourned the Adjourned Regular Meeting at 6:13 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:** City Attorney Collins

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Lampkin

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

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

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:** None.

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

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

Mayor Espinoza, City Council, and Community Services Commissioners Denise Schmidt recognized the Lindskog Family.

2. PROCLAIM MAY 18-24, 2025, AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor Espinoza and the City Council presented a Proclamation to Director of Public Works Elias Saykali and Public Works/Engineering staff.

3. PROCLAIM MAY 2025 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor Espinoza and the City Council presented a Proclamation to Chief of Police Adam Foster and Police Department staff.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Councilmember Lampkin requested that Consent Calendar Item 4 be pulled for separate discussion; and spoke regarding Consent Calendar Item 8.

Moved by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Medrano, and CARRIED (4-0) TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 3; AND 5 THROUGH 9; WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM 4 WHICH WAS PULLED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Espinoza, Mayor Pro Tem Medrano,  
Councilmember Gomez, Councilmember Lampkin

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Councilmember Nigsarian

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 Minutes of May 5, 2025.

3. APPROVE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO COPP CONTRACTING, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE MACY STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NO. 1-R-23

That the City Council:

A. Approve the Project Plans and Specifications for the Macy Street Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. 1-R-23;

B. Award a construction contract to Copp Contracting, Inc., of Buena Park, California, for construction of the Macy Street Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. 1-R-23, in the amount of \$391,311.78 and reject all other bids;

C. Authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement with Copp Contracting, Inc., and authorize staff to issue a purchase order to COPP Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$469,575, which includes a 20 percent contingency; and,

D. Approve a budget appropriation of \$195,000 from the Measure M2 Local Fair Share Fund to provide funding for construction and other related project costs.

4. **REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION:** APPROVE SAFETY ASSESSMENT STUDY OF HACIENDA ROAD AND AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR THE ON-CALL AGREEMENT WITH AGA ENGINEERS, INC., TO PERFORM THE STUDY AND PROVIDE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES

5. APPROVE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO MIKE BUBALO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$75,889.42 FOR EMERGENCY STORM DRAIN REPAIRS AT IMPERIAL HIGHWAY

That the City Council:

- A. Authorize staff to issue a purchase order to Mike Bubalo Construction Company, Inc. in an amount not-to- exceed \$75,889.42 for emergency storm drain repairs on Imperial Highway; and,
- B. Appropriate \$75,889.42 of available unencumbered General Capital Projects fund balance to pay for the emergency storm drain repairs.

6. APPROVE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE EAST BISHOP DRIVE STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NO. 1-D-16

That the City Council:

- A. Approve the Notice of Completion for the East Bishop Drive Storm Drain Improvement Project, City Project No. 1-D-16;
- B. Authorize staff to file a Notice of Completion with the Orange County Recorder's Office; and,
- C. Approve an additional appropriation of \$206,569.77 to the East Bishop Drive Storm Drain Improvement Project, City Project No. 1-D-16.

7. APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT (WDA) WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE

That the City Council authorize the City Manager to sign the Second Amendment to the Waste Disposal Agreement (WDA) with the County of Orange, which will extend the existing agreement one additional year from July 2025 through June 2026.

8. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA HABRA AND THE LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) SERVICES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

That the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of La Habra (City) and the La Habra City School District (District) to participate in the School Resource Officer (SRO) program at Washington Middle School and Imperial Middle School for School Year 2025-2026.

9. WARRANTS: APPROVE NOS. 3905 THROUGH 4103 TOTALING \$2,249,137.66

That the City Council approve Nos. 3905 through 4103 totaling \$2,249,137.66.

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

4. APPROVE SAFETY ASSESSMENT STUDY OF HACIENDA ROAD AND AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR THE ON-CALL AGREEMENT WITH AGA ENGINEERS, INC., TO PERFORM THE STUDY AND PROVIDE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES

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

City Manager Jim Sadro and Greg Wong with AGA Engineers, Inc. answered all questions accordingly.

City Council discussion included: traffic calming zone measures; previous traffic calming strategies on Hacienda Road; and history of traffic accidents on Hacienda Road.

Mayor Espinoza invited the public to testify at 6:50 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Moved by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Medrano, and CARRIED (4-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

- A. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY'S ON-CALL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING FIRM, AGA ENGINEERS, INC. TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ASSESSMENT STUDY OF HACIENDA ROAD; AND,
- B. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO INCREASE AGA ENGINEERS, INC.'S PURCHASE ORDER IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$67,470 TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ASSESSMENT STUDY OF HACIENDA ROAD; AND,
- C. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO INCREASE AGA ENGINEERS, INC.'S PURCHASE ORDER BY AN ADDITIONAL \$35,000 TO CONTINUE PROVIDING GENERAL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None at this time.

**CONSIDERATION ITEMS:**

1. CONSIDER CITY OF LA HABRA GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

City Manager Sadro presented the staff report.

City Manager Sadro and Director of Public Works Saykali answered all questions accordingly.

City Council discussion included: solar power energy at City-owned facilities; concerns with the unhoused access to storm and sewer drains; new state laws mandating homelessness; potholes on the railroad tracks on Beach Boulevard; and storm drain and storm channel trespassing enforcement efforts.

Mayor Espinoza invited the public to testify at 7:06 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Moved by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Lampkin, and CARRIED (4-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE PROPOSED CITY OF LA HABRA GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; AS AMENDED TO INCLUDE TRACK NEW STATE LAWS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

**MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:**

Mayor Espinoza announced upcoming community events and activities.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF:** None.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Each City Councilmember commented and reported on their attendance to past community events and activities, and thanked City staff for their work and dedication to the La Habra community.

Councilmember Gomez requested that La Habra High School Dance Teacher Mrs. Teri Ross be recognized at a future City Council Meeting. He requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Reggie Martinez, Albert Mahecha, Norma Let, and Stella Garcia Gillian.

Mayor Pro Tem Medrano requested the Pumas La Habra F.C. Boys' 2011 Soccer Club team be recognized at the next Regular City Council Meeting of June 2, 2025.

Councilmember Gomez made a motion that a City tile be purchased in honor of Director of Finance Mel Shannon's retirement. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Medrano.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Espinoza adjourned the meeting in memory of Reggie Martinez, Albert Mahecha, Norma Let, and Stella Garcia Gillian at 7:36 p.m. to Monday, June 2, 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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