

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING 5:30 P.M.
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REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M.

Monday, October 6, 2025

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING 5:30 P.M.:

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 Nigsarian
Councilmember Lampkin

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Sadro
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: Jennifer Southern EAMS/WCAB Case No. ADJ12099969.

Deputy Director of Human Resources Lucy Coelho-LaFreniere, and Human Resources Manager Melinda Rodriguez were also present for this item. Acting City Attorney Brian T. Riley with the Law Offices of Brian T. Riley participated via telephone.

2. Conference with Legal Counsel -- Existing Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Francisco Ramirez vs. City of La Habra, et al, Superior Court Case No. 30-2024-01372918-CU-PA-CJC.

Deputy Director of Human Resources Lucy Coelho-LaFreniere, and Human Resources Manager Melinda Rodriguez were also present for this item. Acting City Attorney Justin F. Spearman with Bordin Semmer LLP participated via telephone.

3. **URGENCY ITEM: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION;** Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (one case).

This Closed Session Item was added by unanimous (5/0) vote of the City Council.

4. Conference with Legal Counsel Pending Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1); Lennar Homes of California, Inc., et al. v. City of La Habra; Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2021-01179515- CU- WM-WJC.

Lennar Homes of California, Inc., et al. v. City of La Habra; Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2021- 01221710-CU-BC-WJC.

Californians for Homeownership v. City of La Habra; Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2023-01325471- CU-WM-NJC.

City Attorney Collins and Councilmember Gomez recused themselves from this item and left the Closed Session Room at 5:53 p.m.

Director of Community and Economic Development Susan Kim was also present for this item. Acting City Attorneys Craig Steele and Ginetta Giovinco with Richards Watson Gershon participated via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council reconvened at 6:22 p.m. There were no Closed Session announcements. Mayor Espinoza adjourned the Adjourned Regular Meeting at 6:22 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: Mayor Espinoza

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Sadro
City Attorney Collins
Assistant City Manager Yap
Management Analyst II Hurt
City Clerk Barone
Part-Time Clerk Martinez

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT: None.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

1. PROCLAIM RECOGNITION OF LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT JIM COOMBS UPON HIS RETIREMENT

Mayor Espinoza and City Council presented a Proclamation to Lowell Joint School District Superintendent Jim Coombs upon his retirement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Andrew Gregson, North Orange County Chamber, spoke.

Johny Hong, businessowner, spoke.

Lauren Sweeney, businessowner, spoke.

Janeth Manjarrez, North Orange County Chamber, spoke.

Karla Vargas, North Orange County Chamber, spoke.

Ruben Amaya, La Habra resident, spoke.

Ben Shen, La Habra businessowner, spoke.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Medrano, seconded by Councilmember Lampkin, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

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 Minutes of September 15, 2025.

3. APPROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

That the City Council receive and file the Community Services Commission of the City of La Habra meeting minutes of May 14, 2025.

4. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF MR. DIEGO MARTINEZ

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

5. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF MR. BROCK O'KENNARD

That the City Council deny the claim of Mr. Brock O'Kennard in order to set a definite six-month Statute of Limitations date.

6. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF MS. FRANCIA FLOREZ-ZEA

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

7. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF MS. VICTORIA KOLAKOWSKI

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

8. AWARD CONTRACT TO ELECNOR BELCO ELECTRIC, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LAMBERT ROAD CORRIDOR REGIONAL TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NO. 7-TC-20

That the City Council:

- A. Approve Plans and Specifications for Lambert Road Corridor Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Project, City Project No. 7-TC-20; and
- B. Award a construction contract for the Lambert Road Corridor Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Project to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. of Chino, California in the amount of \$1,442,693 and reject all other bids; and
- C. Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$1,442,693 and authorize staff to issue a purchase order to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$1,731,232, which includes a twenty percent (20%) contingency.
- D. Authorize an additional appropriation of available Gax Tax funds in the amount of \$77,475 to fully fund the project.

9. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH FLOCK GROUP INC. FOR THE LEASE OF PAN, TILT AND ZOOM (PTZ) CAMERAS

That the City Council:

- A. Approve the waiving of the formal bidding process per La Habra Municipal Code 4.20.070 (B) sole source vendor exception;
- B. Approve an appropriation of \$107,500 from the Asset Forfeiture Fund for payment to Flock Group Inc. for the lease of the "Flock Safety" Pan, Tilt and Zoom (PTZ) cameras for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; and,
- C. Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Flock Group Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia, for the lease of PTZ cameras.

10. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH DATA TICKET INC. FOR ONLINE VIRTUAL OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMITS AND AN AGREEMENT WITH EYEP SOLUTIONS INC. FOR MOBILE LICENSE PLATE READERS FOR PARKING CITATIONS

That the City Council:

- A. Approve an appropriation of \$10,000 from the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Asset Forfeiture Fund for payment to Data Ticket Inc. for the implementation of virtual overnight parking permits; and,
- B. Approve an appropriation of \$81,230.55 from the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Asset Forfeiture Fund for payment to EYEP Solutions Inc. for the purchase of two Mobile License Plate Readers.

11. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF DELL COMPUTERS NETWORK VIRTUALIZATION EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT NETWORK SYSTEM

That the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a purchase order in the amount of \$284,968.27 with Dell Computers for the purchase of one Dell EMC PowerStore 500T storage unit, one Dell PowerEdge R660 server and one Dell PowerSwitch s5248.

12. APPROVE A WORKFORCE INNOVATION OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) GRANT PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,370 TO HEALTHSTAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE

That the City Council approve a Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) grant payment in the amount of \$56,370 to the HealthStaff Training Institute, a component of the READY S.E.T. OC (Employment & Training) Grant funded program for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

13. WARRANTS: APPROVE NOS. 5863 THROUGH 6189 TOTALING \$5,159,755.97; AND APPROVE WIRE TRANSFERS DATED 9/11/25, TOTALING \$834,590.63

That the City Council approve Nos. 5863 through 6189 totaling \$5,159,755.97; and approve Wire Transfer dated 9/11/25, totaling \$834,590.63.

CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ZONE CHANGE 25-0004 (ZCA 25-0004) TO ADD A NEW SECTION 17.12.070 (PARCEL MAPS FOR URBAN LOT SPLITS) TO CHAPTER 17.12 (PARCEL MAPS) OF TITLE 17 (SUBDIVISIONS) AND A NEW SECTION 18.24.060 (TWO-UNIT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT) TO CHAPTER 18.24 (R-1A, R-1B AND R-1C SINGLE-UNIT DWELLING ZONES) OF TITLE 18 (ZONING) OF THE LA HABRA MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF SENATE BILL 9 (2021) AND SENATE BILL 450 (2024) RELATING TO TWO- LOT SUBDIVISIONS AND TWO-UNIT HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW

Planning Manager Lui presented the staff report.

City Council discussion included: confirming owner residency; funding of ordinance enforcement; defining the ministerial approval process; reviewing setback provisions; and compliance with state law requirements.

Mayor Espinoza opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Mayor Espinoza closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Nigsarian, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Medrano and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF **ORDINANCE NO. CC 2025-11** ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 25-0004 (ZCA 25-0004), ADDING A NEW SECTION 17.12.070 (PARCEL MAPS FOR URBAN LOT SPLITS) TO CHAPTER 17.12 (PARCEL MAPS) OF TITLE 17 (SUBDIVISIONS) AND A NEW SECTION 18.24.060 (TWO-UNIT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT) TO CHAPTER 18.24 (R-1A, R-1B AND R-1C SINGLE-UNIT DWELLING ZONES) OF TITLE 18 (ZONING) OF THE LA HABRA MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF SENATE BILL 9 (2021) AND SENATE BILL 450 (2024) RELATING TO TWO-LOT SUBDIVISIONS AND TWO-UNIT HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AND MAKING A DETERMINATION THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 65852.21(k) AND 66411.7(n).

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

CONSIDERATION ITEMS: None at this time.

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, recognized community members, public comment speakers in attendance and thanked City staff for their work and dedication to the La Habra community.

Councilmember Nigsarian made a motion that a future City Council Meeting include consideration of partnership with the North Orange County Chamber. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Medrano.

Councilmember Gomez made a motion for the installation of monument signs in recognition of the migrant camps in the City of La Habra. Seconded by Councilmember Lampkin.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Espinoza adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m. to Monday, October 20, 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 _____.