MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING 5:30 P.M.

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Tuesday, February 17, 2026

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor 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
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
Assistant City Clerk Lopez

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

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Worker's Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Haichang Lu, et al. vs. City of La Habra, et al, Superior Court Case No. 24PSCV00005.

Acting City Attorney Justin F. Spearman with Bordin Semmer LLP, Interim Deputy Director of Human Resources Elvie Balderrama, and Human Resources Manager Melinda Rodriguez were also present for this item.

2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation Pursuant to (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Gov. Code section 54956.9. Workers compensation case ADJ18571531.

Interim Deputy Director of Human Resources Elvie Balderrama, and Human Resources Manager Melinda Rodriguez were also present for this item.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Council reconvened at 5:50 p.m. There were no Closed Session announcements. Mayor Medrano adjourned the Adjourned Regular Meeting at 5:50 p.m.

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REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M.:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Medrano 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: La Habra High School ASB President Eric Lopez

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

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

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

City Attorney Collins announced that City Council unanimously approved to settle the case related to Closed Session Item No. 2 in the amount of $7,500.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS: None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mark Zamora, La Habra resident, spoke.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Lampkin spoke regarding Consent Calendar Item No. 5. City Manager Sadro responded accordingly.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, seconded by Mayor Medrano, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

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

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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 February 2, 2026.

3. 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 with Travelers Property Casualty Company of America for all City-owned properties. If approved, the term of the policy will be from March 1, 2026, through March 1, 2027, with a $5,000 deductible at an annual premium cost of $162,564.

4. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS TO WESTERN SYSTEMS, ITERIS, INC., AND CT WEST FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT RELATED TO THE HARBOR BOULEVARD CORRIDOR REGIONAL TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM (RTSSP)

   That the City Council:

   A. Waive formal bid procedures per La Habra Municipal Code Section 4.20.070 (E) and utilize Cooperative Agreement for Project No. 74-46029 with the City of Fullerton for the Harbor Boulevard Corridor Project Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (RTSSP); and,

   B. Approve and authorize the City Manager to issue purchase orders for the following equipment and services to be applied as a portion of the City's required local match contribution for the Harbor Boulevard Corridor RTSSP project to:

      1. Western Systems of Everett, Washington, in the amount of $9,404.75 for the purchase of two (2) traffic cameras;
      2. Iteris, Inc., of Santa Ana, California, in the amount of $67,688.18 for the purchase of video detection equipment; and,
      3. CT West of Temecula, California, in the amount of $16,200.00 for the purchase of traffic controllers.

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5. APPROVE PAYMENT FOR EMERGENCY STORM DRAIN CHANNEL REPAIRS AT LA HABRA BOULEVARD TO MIKE BUBALO CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $54,462.64

   That the City Council:
   A. Authorize staff to issue payment in the amount of $54,462.64 for emergency storm drain channel repairs at La Habra Boulevard to Mike Bubalo Construction Co., Inc.; and,

   B. Appropriate $54,462.64 of General Capital Projects fund balance for emergency storm drain channel repairs.

6. TREASURER'S INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

   That the City Council receive and file the Treasurer's Investment Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2025.

7. WARRANTS: APPROVE NOS. 7719 THROUGH 7940 TOTALING $1,267,328.36; AND APPROVE WIRE TRANSFER DATED 02/18/26, TOTALING $5,000,000.00

   That the City Council approve Nos. 7719 through 7940 totaling $1,267,328.36; and approve Wire Transfer dated 02/18/26, totaling $5,000,000.00.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None at this time.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

1. CONSIDER A REQUEST BY THE CITY'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SUBCOMMITTEE FOR A BUDGET APPROPRIATION TO SUPPORT A COLLABORATIVE MEXICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE EVENT ON MARCH 28, 2026

Acting Director of Community Services Albarian presented the staff report.

City Council discussion included: admissions costs; La Habra history learning opportunities, and future opportunities for similar events.

Mayor Medrano invited the public to testify at 6:44 p.m. There was no public testimony.

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

A. CONSIDER A REQUEST BY THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE CITY TO SUPPORT AND HOST A PROPOSED MEXICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE EVENT; AND,

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B. APPROVE A BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF $8,016 FROM AVAILABLE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FUNDING FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROPOSED EVENT.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

2. CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 267 FOR A FACILITY RENTAL FEE WAIVER FOR ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Acting Director of Community Services Albarian presented the staff report.

City Council discussion included: alcohol served at the event; security guard requirements; staff and security guard costs; and potential reallocation of Centennial Celebration funds.

Doug Guimond, American Legion Post 267 Commander, answered questions.

Mayor Medrano invited the public to testify at 6:55 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Moved by Councilmember Lampkin, seconded by Councilmember Nigsarian, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL WAIVE THE FACILITY ATTENDANTS (STAFF) FEE OF $520 FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 267 100TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER TO BE HELD ON APRIL 11, 2026, AT THE LA HABRA COMMUNITY CENTER.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Mayor/Chair Medrano 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.

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City Council thanked Congresswoman Linda Sánchez for securing $1.09 million of funding for improvements to the City's water infrastructure; congratulated Sonora High School Cheer and Song for their accomplishments during their national competitions; and wished the La Habra community a Happy Lunar New Year.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Medrano adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m. to Monday, March 2, 2026, 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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