

## MINUTES

### LA HABRA UTILITY AUTHORITY

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

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#### REGULAR JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, AND LA HABRA CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

Monday, April 20, 2026

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

**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 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  
Senior Management Analyst Hurt

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

Deputy Director of Finance Jack Ponvanit and Human Resources Manager Melinda Rodriguez were present for both items.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council reconvened at 5:48 p.m. There were no Closed Session announcements. Mayor Medrano adjourned the Adjourned Regular Meeting at 5:48 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING & REGULAR JOINT MEETING 6:30 P.M.:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor/Chair Medrano called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Habra and Regular Joint Meeting with the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of La Habra, La Habra Civic Improvement Authority, City of La Habra Housing Authority, and La Habra Utility Authority 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/Legal Counsel Collins

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember/Director Espinoza

**COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Mayor/Chair Medrano  
Mayor Pro Tem/ Vice Chair Gomez  
Councilmember/Director Espinoza  
Councilmember/Director Nigsarian  
Councilmember/Director Lampkin

**COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS ABSENT:** NONE

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** City Manager/Executive Director Sadro  
City Attorney/Legal Counsel Collins  
Assistant City Manager Yap  
Senior Management Analyst Hurt  
Administrative Clerk Martinez

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:** None.

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

1. PRESENTATION BY THE LA HABRA HOST LIONS CLUB TO THE LA HABRA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

The La Habra Host Lions Club presented City Council with a \$5,000 donation check for the La Habra's Children's Museum.

Recreation Manager Katie Elmore thanked the La Habra Host Lions Club for the donation.

2. PROCLAIM APRIL 2026 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor/Chair Medrano and City Council/Directors presented a Proclamation to Alicia Nguyen, Outreach Coordinator to the Fair Housing Foundation.

3. PROCLAIM APRIL 19-25, 2026, AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor/Chair Medrano and City Council/Directors presented a proclamation to La Habra Youth Committee Member Carlos Orozco Ochoa.

4. PROCLAIM APRIL 11-17, 2026, AS THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Mayor/Chair Medrano and City Council/Directors presented a proclamation to La Habra Lil Learners representatives.

5. PROCLAIM APRIL 2026 AS AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor/Chair Medrano and City Council/Directors presented a proclamation to La Habra resident Kandace Gutierrez.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Senior Management Analyst Hurt indicated an email public comment was received by Jennifer O'Brien-Chavez with copies provided at the dais for each City Councilmember/Director.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Moved by Councilmember/Director Nigsarian, seconded by Councilmember/Director Espinoza, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12; UTILITY AUTHORITY ITEMS 1 AND 2; AND CITY COUNCIL, AGENCY & AUTHORITIES ITEM 1; MAYOR PRO TEM/VICE CHAIR GOMEZ ABSTAINED FROM CITY COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM NUMBER 5.

Said motion CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor/Chair Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Gomez,  
Councilmember/Director Espinoza, Councilmember/Director Nigsarian,  
Councilmember/Director Lampkin

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Gomez (Item No. 5 only)

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 April 6, 2026.

3. APPROVE THE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF **ORDINANCE NO. CC 2026-02** ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.40 ("TOWING SERVICES") OF TITLE 5 ("BUSINESS TAXES, LICENSE AND REGULATIONS") OF THE LA HABRA MUNICIPAL CODE AND MAKING DETERMINATION THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

That the City Council approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No.

CC 2026-02.

4. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF RUBY MEZA

That the City Council deny the claim of Ruby Meza and set a definite six-months Statute of Limitations date.

5. APPROVE AN UPDATED LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE LA HABRA OLD SETTLERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

That the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute an updated lease agreement with the La Habra Old Settlers Historical Society.

6. APPROVE A NEW LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN LEGIONS POST 267

That the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a new lease agreement with the American Legions Post 267.

7. APPROVE THE THIRD AMENDMENT FOR THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION OPPORTUNITY ACT AGREEMENT FOR YOUTH PROGRAM SERVICES WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, CONTRACT NO.: MA-012-24010395 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

That the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the Third Amendment to the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Agreement for Youth Program Services with the County of Orange for grant funding in the amount of \$3,105,000 for fiscal year 2026-2027.

8. APPROVE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TITANS GROUP CORPORATION FOR CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT ROOF REPLACEMENT AT 1440 WHITTIER BOULEVARD, CITY PROJECT NO. 1-B-26

That the City Council:

- A. Approve the Project Plans and Specifications for the Children's Development Roof Replacement at 1440 Whittier Boulevard, City Project No. 1-B-26;
- B. Award a construction contract to Titans Group Corporation, of Escondido, California, for construction of the Children's Development Roof Replacement at 1440 Whittier Boulevard, City Project No. 1-B-26, in the amount of \$96,200 and reject all other bids;
- C. Authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement with Titans Group Corporation, and authorize staff to issue a purchase order to Titans Group Corporation in the amount of \$96,200; and authorize a 20% contingency of \$19,240; for a grand total of \$115,440;
- D. Authorize staff to retain Willdan Engineering for construction management services funded from the City of La Habra Engineering Division's existing On-Call Consultant Agreement to oversee construction of the project, in the amount not to exceed \$13,104;

- E. Approve an appropriation of \$96,200 from the California State Preschool Contract Grant Fund to fully fund the cost of this project; and
- F. Approve an appropriation of \$19,240 of General Capital Project Funds to Fund the Cost of Construction Contingency for this Project.

9. APPROVE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO HEAVY & SOLID METAL FABRICATION, LLC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A CHAIN LINK FENCE AT VIN SCULLY CENTENNIAL PARK, CITY PROJECT NO. 2-P-26

That the City Council:

- A. Waive the formal bidding requirements per La Habra Municipal Code Chapter 4.20.120 (A);
- B. Award a construction contract to Heavy & Solid Metal Fabrication, LLC of Riverside, California, for the installation of a chain link fence at Vin Scully Centennial Park, City Project No. 2-P-26, in the amount of \$49,200, and reject all other bids;
- C. Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Heavy & Solid Metal Fabrication, LLC and authorize staff to issue a purchase order to Heavy & Solid Metal Fabrication, LLC in the amount of \$54,120, which includes a ten percent (10%) contingency, for the installation of a chain link fence at Vin Scully Centennial Park; and
- D. Approve an appropriation of \$54,120 from unencumbered Refuse Fund monies to fully fund the cost of this project.

10. APPROVE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF FULLERTON FOR THE LAS PALMAS DRIVE STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

That the City Council:

- A. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the Cooperative Agreement with the City of Fullerton for the Las Palmas Drive Street Improvements Project, and;
- B. Approve a budget appropriation of \$80,000 from available Gas Tax funding.

11. APPROVE AMENDED AND RESTATED NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) STORMWATER PERMIT IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT

That the City Council:

- A. Approve the Amended and Restated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Permit Implementation Agreement ("Agreement") between the County of Orange, Orange County Flood Control District (District), and participating Orange County cities (collectively called Permittees); and,
- B. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and any related documents necessary to implement the terms of the Agreement.

12. WARRANTS: APPROVE NOS. APPROVE NOS.8647 THROUGH 8852 TOTALING \$3,599,279.14; AND APPROVE WIRE TRANSFERS DATED 4/24/26, TOTALING \$964,165.00

That the City Council approve Nos. 8647 through 8852 totaling \$3,599,279.14; and approve Wire Transfer dated 4/24/26, totaling \$964,165.00.

**UTILITY AUTHORITY:**

1. APPROVE CITY OF LA HABRA UTILITY AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

That the City of La Habra Utility Authority approve the Utility Authority Meeting Minutes of:

- December 1, 2025
- December 15, 2025
- January 5, 2026
- January 20, 2026
- February 2, 2026
- February 17, 2026
- March 2, 2026
- March 16, 2026
- April 6, 2026

2. APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH EEC ENVIRONMENTAL FOR FATS, OILS, AND GREASE (FOG) CONTROL PROGRAM SERVICES

That the Utility Authority:

- A. Approve and authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with EEC Environmental of Orange, California, in the amount of \$39,425 to provide Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) control program services; and,
- B. Authorize staff to issue a purchase order to EEC Environmental in the amount of \$39,425 for FOG control program services.

**CITY COUNCIL, AGENCY & AUTHORITIES:**

1. FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

That the City Council, Agency, and Authorities receive and file the audited Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the City of La Habra.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**CITY COUNCIL:**

1. DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER TERMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. 22-03 WITH JP420, LLC, FOR A NON-STOREFRONT RETAIL CANNABIS BUSINESS THAT NEVER COMMENCED OPERATIONS AT 536 WEST MOUNTAIN VIEW AVENUE, SUITE B.

Management Analyst II Ivey presented the staff report.

There was no City Council discussion.

Mayor Medrano opened the public hearing at 6:52 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Mayor Medrano closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez seconded by Councilmember Lampkin, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF **ORDINANCE NO. CC 2026-03** ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM REVIEW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND TERMINATING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 22-03 BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA HABRA AND JP420, LLC FOR A NON-STOREFRONT RETAIL CANNABIS BUSINESS THAT NEVER COMMENCED OPERATIONS AT 536 WEST MOUNTAIN VIEW AVENUE, SUITE B.

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. DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER TERMINATION OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 22-04 WITH SHRYNE LA HABRA, LLC (DBA BLAZE) FOR A NON-STOREFRONT RETAIL CANNABIS BUSINESS THAT NEVER COMMENCED OPERATIONS AT 1721 EAST LAMBERT ROAD, SUITE A

Management Analyst II Ivey presented the staff report.

City Council discussion included inquiries about the remaining cannabis businesses within the City of La Habra.

Mayor Medrano opened the public hearing at 6:57 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Mayor Medrano closed the public hearing at 6:58 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Nigsarian, seconded by Councilmember Lampkin, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF **ORDINANCE NO. CC 2026-04** ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM REVIEW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND TERMINATING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 22-04 BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA HABRA AND SHRYNE LA HABRA, LLC (DBA BLAZE) FOR A NON-STOREFRONT RETAIL CANNABIS BUSINESS THAT NEVER COMMENCED OPERATIONS AT 1721 EAST LAMBERT ROAD, SUITE A.

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

3. DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

Management Analyst II Carbajal presented the staff report.

City Council discussion included annual funding comparison; carryover fund allocations; and new program initiatives.

Mayor Medrano opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Mayor Medrano closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

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

- A. RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS;
- B. CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 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 \$549,702 AND \$161,197 IN ESTIMATED CARRYOVER FUNDS.

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

**CONSIDERATION ITEMS:**

**CITY COUNCIL:**

1. NORTH ORANGE COUNTY CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Senior Management Analyst Hurt presented the staff report.

City Council discussion included: past partnerships; efficiency of the North Orange County Chamber website and promotional resources; membership options; use of the City logo; and financial commitments and funding allocations.

Mayor Medrano invited the public to testify at 7:38 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Nigsarian made a motion THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE STAFF REPORT AND THAT THE CITY OF LA HABRA JOIN THE NORTH ORANGE COUNTY CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP WITH OPTION #2: BASIC MUNICIPAL ENTITY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM - \$5,500 PER YEAR MEMBERSHIP DUES.

Councilmember Lampkin made a substitute motion THAT THE CITY COUNCIL RECEIVE AND FILE THE STAFF REPORT AS PROVIDED. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Motion made by Councilmember Nigsarian was seconded by Mayor Medrano, and CARRIED (3-2) by the following roll call vote:

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

Moved by Councilmember Nigsarian, seconded by Mayor Medrano, and CARRIED (4-1) THAT THE CITY OF LA HABRA BUDGET FOR IN FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 THE NORTH ORANGE COUNTY CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP WITH OPTION #2: BASIC MUNICIPAL ENTITY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM - \$5,500 PER YEAR MEMBERSHIP DUES.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

**MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:**

Mayor/Chair Medrano announced upcoming community events and activities.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF:**

City Manager/Executive Director Sadro spoke regarding the National Pet Day Celebration held in partnership with the Inland Valley Humane Society.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor/Chair Medrano adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m. to Monday, May 4, 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 \_\_\_\_\_.