

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA
SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

APPROVED: These Minutes were approved on May 5, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Beamish called the Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Habra to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room 106, located at 201 E. La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, California.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Beamish
Mayor Pro Tem Blazey
Councilmember Gomez
Councilmember Shaw
Councilmember Espinoza

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Interim City Manager Sadro
City Attorney Jones (left 6:39 p.m.)
City Clerk Mason
Deputy City Clerk Swindell (arrived at 6:30 p.m.)

I. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR CLOSED SESSION MATTERS:

None

II. CLOSED SESSION:

- a. Conference with Labor Negotiator per Government Code Section 54957.6 - Agency Representative: Jim Sadro, Interim City Manager; Employee Organizations: Police Sworn Employees, Police Civilian Employees, La Habra Municipal Employees Association, General Services Employees, Professional Employees, and Management and Executive Management Groups.

Deputy City Attorney Ryan Jones, Acting Director to Finance Shannon, and Assistant to the City Manager Ferrier were also present for this item.

RECESS: Mayor Beamish called a recess at 6:00 p.m.

RECONVENE: Mayor Beamish reconvened the City Council of the City of La Habra at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 201 E. La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, California. All members were present with the exception of Councilmember Shaw, who left at 6:00 p.m. following the Closed Session.

INVOCATION: City Attorney Jones

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Gomez

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT: None

III. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS: None at this time.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mark Sturdevant President/CEO of the La Habra Chamber of Commerce spoke regarding the success of the La Habra Citrus Fair.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Gomez noted that he served on the Board of the Old Settler's Historical Museum and abstained on Consent Item V.6. He also noted he was absent for the Council Meeting of April 7 and abstained on Item V.2.a.

Moved by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Blazey, and CARRIED 4-0 TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS V.1 THROUGH V.8; WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COUNCILMEMBER GOMEZ ABSTAINING ON ITEM V.2.a AND ITEM V.6.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Beamish, Mayor Pro Tem Blazey, Councilmember Gomez,
Councilmember Espinoza

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Councilmember Shaw

A. PROPOSED ITEMS:

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 Minutes of:
 - a. April 7, 2014
 - b. April 21, 2014(Councilmember Gomez abstained on 2.a only)
3. Approve and authorize the reclassification of the position of Housing/Economic Development Manager at Range 290A to the position of Housing/Economic Development Coordinator at Range 225A in the Management Employee Group.
4. Authorize the City Manager to sign acceptance letter and issue purchase order with the Integrated Law & Justice Association of Orange County (ILJAOC) for twenty (20) hand-held electronic citation devices, and peripheral equipment, in the amount of \$109,049; with a recurring annual maintenance cost of \$12,990.

5. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the new lease agreement with Help for Brain Injured Children, Inc. (HBIC).
6. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the new lease agreement with the La Habra Old Settlers Historical Society (Historical Society).
(Councilmember Gomez abstained on this item only.)
7. Ratify La Habra Chamber of Commerce appointment of Dawn Holthouser to the Beautification Committee to fill one vacancy with an indefinite term left by the resignation of Vanessa Perkins.
8. WARRANTS: Approve Nos. 00095973 through 00096094 totaling \$1,364,156.75.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION: None

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None at this time.

VIII. CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

1. Consider the Six Month Action Plan recommended by the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee and direct the Committee to proceed with implementation of the plan.

City Attorney Jones left the meeting at 6:39 p.m. and Deputy City Attorney Ryan Jones arrived.

Community Development Director Haack presented the staff report. He reviewed the six points of the Action Plan as follows: Marketing / Strategy Plan, Business Visitation Program, Expediting the Approval of Applications, Flexibility on Administrative Decisions, Website Improvement, and Banners.

Mayor Beamish invited the public to testify. There was no public testimony.

Council discussion included: confirming that the banner project was still in development phase; suggested that staff consider what roll an Economic Development Commission could serve; expressed importance of streamlining the building permit process; and to maintain the priority of the military personnel/veteran's banners in the Banner Program.

Moved by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Mayor Beamish, and CARRIED 4-0 TO APPROVE THE SIX MONTH ACTION PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE AND DIRECT THE COMMITTEE TO PROCEED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN AND TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION MAYOR BEAMISH'S COMMENTS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, STREAMLINING THE BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS, AND TO MAINTAIN THE PRIORITY OF THE MILITARY PERSONNEL/VETERAN'S BANNERS IN THE BANNER PROGRAM.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Beamish, Mayor Pro Tem Blazey, Councilmember Gomez,
Councilmember Espinoza

NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: Councilmember Shaw

2. Consider and direct staff to enter into negotiations with Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD) regarding renewal of the expiring fire services contract and return to Council with results of negotiations.

Assistant to the City Manager Ferrier presented the staff report.

Mayor Beamish inquired as to the actual percentage of the Consumer Price Index over the past seven year period of the contract.

Mayor Beamish invited the public to testify. There was no public testimony.

Council discussion included: confirmation for the potential to negotiate a flat fee.

Moved by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Espinoza, and CARRIED 4-0 TO APPROVE DIRECTING STAFF TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT (LACFD) TO DISCUSS RENEWAL OF THE EXPIRING AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND RETURN TO COUNCIL WITH THE RESULTS OF NEGOTIATIONS.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Beamish, Mayor Pro Tem Blazey, Councilmember Gomez,
Councilmember Espinoza

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Councilmember Shaw

3. Consider a request to schedule a public hearing and to mail a Notice of Public Hearing regarding a proposed increase of commercial and residential refuse rates in Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Public Works Director Saykali presented the staff report.

Mayor Beamish invited the public to testify. There was no public testimony.

Moved by Councilmember Espinoza, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Blazey, and CARRIED 4-0 TO APPROVE SCHEDULING OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR THE REFUSE FUND, TO BE HELD ON JUNE 16, 2014; AND DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AND MAIL NOTICES TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 16, 2014, TO CONSIDER THE FY 2014-2015 PROPOSED RATE INCREASES FOR THE REFUSE ENTERPRISE FUND.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Beamish, Mayor Pro Tem Blazey, Councilmember Gomez,

Councilmember Espinoza
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: Councilmember Shaw

IX. MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Mayor Beamish made the following announcements:

- Mayor's Office hours are available by appointment.
- The most recent edition of Life in La Habra Magazine is now available to learn about community events, classes, and fun activities.
- La Habra Children's Museum "Healthy You, Health Me" exhibit is now on display through August 25.
- The Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee will meet again on Thursday, April 24 at the La Habra Chamber of Commerce located at 321 East La Habra Boulevard.
- There is an Emergency Preparedness Meeting on Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the La Habra Community Center.
- "National Prescription Drug Take Back Day" will take place Saturday, April 26 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the La Habra Police Station.
- The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast – Thursday, May 1, at the La Habra Community Center. Breakfast is served at 6:15 a.m. with the program following at 7:00 a.m.
- La Habra Children's Museum "Target Free Sunday" - Sunday, May 4. The theme is "The Art of the Escape."
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes - May 10, 17, and 24 at the Vista Grande Scout Hut located at 1100 West Lambert Road. The CERT program is designed to teach residents what to do in the event of an emergency. Classes are led by instructors from the Los Angeles County Fire Department and this set of classes will be conducted in Spanish.
- Upcoming City Council Meetings - Monday, May 5 and Monday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.
- Visit the City's website at www.lahabraca.gov for more information about what is happening in La Habra, the Children's Museum, and the La Habra Chamber of Commerce,

X. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Espinoza commented regarding her attendance at the La Habra Citrus Fair, La Habra Hosts Lions Club pancake breakfast, and the 13th Annual Spring Family EGGstravaganza. She stated that she also attended the La Habra Children's Museum "Chipping in for Kids" Golf Classic fund raising event and spoke regarding Director of Community Services Failla's windfall of raffle prizes.

Councilmember Gomez noted that he attended all the events also with the exception of the Children's Museum Golf Classic event. He commended Mayor Beamish, Police Chief Price, and Interim City Manager Sadro on their leadership during the earthquake response on March 28, 2014. He expressed his appreciation to Public Works Director Elias, Dorrie Delgado,

Community Services Director Failla, Sargent Kyle Davis, John Reese, the La Habra Police Department, and Los Angeles County Fire Department for their earthquake recovery efforts.

Mayor Pro Tem Blazey stated that he recently attended an emergency communications drill held by Southern California Edison. He expressed the importance of communications during and following an emergency event. He commended Mark Sturdevant on the La Habra Citrus Fair, the La Habra Hosts Lions Club for the pancake breakfast, and Community Services Director Failla on the success of the 13th Annual Spring Family EGGstravaganza. He stated that he attended the La Habra Children's Museum "Chipping in for Kids" Golf Classic fund raising event. He invited the community to participate the City of La Habra Earthquake/Disaster Preparedness Town Hall Meeting and asked staff to display the announcement on the City webpage.

Mayor Beamish commented regarding his enjoyment of playing in the band at the La Habra Citrus Fair and his participation at the La Habra Children's Museum "Chipping in for Kids" Golf Classic fund raising event. He spoke regarding the value of using social media as a means of communication during an emergency and assured the community that the City was evaluating all communication processes.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Beamish adjourned the meeting to Monday, May 5, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room 106, followed by the Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara D. Mason, MMC
City Clerk