

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
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REGULAR MEETING
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REGULAR JOINT MEETING WITH THE
LA HABRA CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY, LA HABRA HOUSING AUTHORITY,
LA HABRA UTILITY AUTHORITY, AND
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE LA HABRA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

Monday, December 01, 2014

APPROVED: These Minutes were approved on December 15, 2014.

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING: CANCELLED

REGULAR MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor/Director Beamish called the Regular Meeting and the Regular Joint Meeting with the La Habra Civic Improvement Authority, La Habra Housing Authority, La Habra Utility Authority, and the Successor Agency to the La Habra Redevelopment Agency to order at 6:38 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 201 East La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, California.

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

COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager/Executive Director Sadro
City Attorney/Legal Counsel Jones
City Clerk/Secretary Mason
Deputy City Clerk Swindell

INVOCATION: City Attorney/Legal Counsel Jones

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem/Director Blazey

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT: None

I. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

a. Commendations to Mayor Beamish.

Mayor Pro Tem Blazey read a quote from President Woodrow Wilson regarding leadership responsibility. He thanked Mayor Beamish for his outstanding leadership as Mayor from

December 2013 to December 2014 and presented him with a plaque and gavel in appreciation of her mayoral leadership.

Mayor Pro Tem Blazey invited the following dignitaries to the podium to make presentations to Mayor Beamish:

- Tyler Thompson, Field Representative for Congressman Ed Royce
- Arturo Garcia, Representative for Senator Bob Huff, 29th District
- Dr. Joyce Brooks and Preseident/CEO Mark Sturdevant, La Habra Chamber of Commerce
- Dee Brooks, Friends of the Children's Museum of La Habra and Manager Lovely Qureshi, Children's Museum of La Habra
- Executive Director Mark Chavez, La Habra Boys and Girls Club

Mayor Pro Tem Blazey invited the Council to join him for pictures with Mayor Beamish. He also invited City Manager Sadro, City Attorney Jones, City Clerk Mason, Deputy City Clerk Swindell, Department Directors Failla, Saykali, Shannon, Juengel, Acting Director Jaramillo, Chief Price, and former City Manager Don Hannah to join him for a picture.

Mayor Beamish thanked and expressed appreciation for the commendations. He noted that the Mayor cannot do his job without the support of the City Council. He expressed appreciation to the City Council for their service to the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Blazey invited Mayor Beamish's wife Nancy Beamish to the podium to accept a bouquet of flowers for her support.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Beautification Committee Member Kim Praster thanked Mayor Beamish for his service as Mayor. She invited the public to participate in the La Habra Annual Holiday Decorating Contest.

Luz Spanks, resident and volunteer for the La Habra Art Gallery, invited the community to the Art Gallery's weekly reception. She spoke regarding better communication for events through the City via the website and the La Habra Magazine. Mayor/Director Beamish directed her to Community Services Director Failla.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR FOR CITY COUNCIL, ALL AUTHORITIES, AND AGENCY:

Moved by Councilmember/Director Gomez, seconded by Councilmember/Director Shaw, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0 TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS III.A.1 THROUGH III.E.1.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor/Director Beamish, Mayor Pro Tem/Director Blazey,
Councilmember/Director Gomez, Councilmember/Director Shaw,
Councilmember/Director Espinoza

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

A. **CONSENT CALENDAR - CITY COUNCIL:**

1. PROCEDURAL WAIVER: Waive reading in full of resolutions and ordinances and approval and adoption of same by reading title only.
2. Approve Community Services Commission Minutes of October 8, 2014.
3. Approve City Council Minutes of:
 - a. November 17, 2014
 - b. November 18, 2014
4. Authorize Mayor and City Clerk to execute proxy for election of Directors to the California Domestic Water Company Board for election to be held at its Annual Shareholder Meeting of December 19, 2014.
5. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a site access agreement with the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System for the construction of a Long Term Evolution monopole at Los Angeles County Fire Stations #192 and #194 on property owned by the City of La Habra.
6. WARRANTS: Approve Nos. 00099114 through 00099258 totaling \$1,087,036.99.

B. **CONSENT CALENDAR - CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY:**

1. Approve Civic Improvement Authority Minutes of:
 - a. June 16, 2014
 - b. July 7, 2014
 - c. July 21, 2014
 - d. August 4, 2014
 - e. August 18, 2014
 - f. September 2, 2014
 - g. September 15, 2014
 - h. October 6, 2014
 - i. October 20, 2014
 - j. November 3, 2014
 - k. November 17, 2014

C. **CONSENT CALENDAR - HOUSING AUTHORITY:**

1. Approve of Minutes of November 17, 2014.

D. **CONSENT CALENDAR - UTILITY AUTHORITY:**

1. Approve of Minutes of November 17, 2014.
2. Approve waiving bidding process per La Habra Municipal Code, Chapter 4.20, Section 4.20.070 (D) to retain Kidman Law, LLP due to the nature of the specialty legal services pertaining to California water law; approve and authorize the Executive Director to sign a Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$50,000 to Kidman Law, LLP for specialty legal services for the La Habra Groundwater Basin Plan and acquisition of

retail water services from California Domestic Water Company; and appropriate \$50,000 from the Utility Authority Water Fund for this expense.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR - SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE LA HABRA REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. Approve Successor Agency Minutes of:
 - a. October 20, 2014
 - b. November 3, 2014
 - c. November 17, 2014

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION: None

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

V. INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNCILMEMBERS:

1. Administration of Oath of Office to James Gomez and Michael Blazey.

Mayor Beamish announced that the City Clerk will administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected Councilmembers.

City Clerk Mason administered the Oath of Office to newly elected/appointed Councilmembers James Gomez and Michael Blazey. Immediately following, each Councilmember was presented with a Certificate of Election as required by state law. Councilmembers Gomez and Blazey then took their seats at the dais with Councilmembers Beamish, Shaw, and Espinoza.

2. Presentation of Certificates of Election by City Clerk.

VI. CITY COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Beamish turned the chair over to City Clerk Mason as presiding officer for the City Council reorganization and appointments to governmental agencies.

1. Election of Mayor (December 2014 - December 2015).

City Clerk Mason opened nominations for the position of Mayor. Councilmember Beamish nominated Councilmember Blazey. There were no other nominations presented. MOVED by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Beamish, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0 TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT TO ELECT MICHAEL BLAZEY AS MAYOR.

The Councilmembers congratulated newly elected Mayor Blazey.

2. Election of Mayor Pro Tem (December 2014 - December 2015).

City Clerk Mason opened nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Blazey nominated Councilmember Gomez. There were no other nominations presented. MOVED by Councilmember Beamish, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5-0 TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT TO ELECT JAMES GOMEZ AS MAYOR PRO TEM.

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair (December 2014 - December 2015).

a. La Habra Civic Improvement Authority

Secretary Mason opened nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the La Habra Civic Improvement Authority. Director Gomez nominated Director Shaw for Chair and Director Espinoza as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations presented. MOVED by Director Gomez, seconded by Director Beamish, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0 TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT TO ELECT DIRECTOR TIM SHAW AS CHAIR AND DIRECTOR ROSE ESPINOZA AS VICE CHAIR OF THE LA HABRA CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY.

b. La Habra Housing Authority

Secretary Mason opened nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the La Habra Housing Authority. Director Shaw nominated Director Espinoza for Chair, and Director Gomez nominated Director Beamish as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations presented. MOVED by Director Gomez, seconded by Director Beamish, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0 TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT TO ELECT DIRECTOR ROSE ESPINOZA AS CHAIR AND DIRECTOR TOM BEAMISH AS VICE CHAIR OF THE LA HABRA HOUSING AUTHORITY.

4. Consider appointment of Delegate to the Orange County Vector Control District for a two-year term: December 2014 - December 2016.

City Clerk Mason opened nominations for delegate to the Orange County Vector Control District for a two-year term ending December 2016. Councilmember Beamish nominated Mayor Pro Tem Gomez. There were no other nominations. Mayor Pro Tem Gomez abstained at the advice of the City Attorney. MOVED by Mayor Blazey, seconded by Councilmember Beamish, and CARRIED 4-0 TO APPOINT MAYOR PRO TEM JAMES GOMEZ AS THE DELEGATE TO THE ORANGE COUNTY VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM FROM ENDING DECEMBER 2016.

It was clarified that this position is a paid position. City Clerk Mason stated an alternate does not need to be appointed to the Orange County Vector Control because the alternate does not act in place of the delegate.

5. Consider appointments of Delegate and Alternate to the Orange County Sanitation District for a one-year term: December 2014 - December 2015.

City Clerk Mason opened nominations for delegate and alternate to the Orange County Sanitation District for a one-year term ending December 2015. Mayor Pro Tem Gomez nominated Councilmember Beamish as delegate and Councilmember Espinoza as alternate. There were no other nominations. Councilmember Espinoza and Councilmember Beamish abstained. MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, seconded by Mayor Blazey, and CARRIED 3-0 TO APPOINT COUNCILMEMBER TOM BEAMISH AS THE DELEGATE AND

COUNCILMEMBER ROSE ESPINOZA AS THE ALTERNATE TO THE ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM FROM ENDING DECEMBER 2015.

6. Consider appointments of Delegate and Alternate to the Orange County Library Advisory Board for a two-year term: December 2014 - December 2016.

City Clerk Mason opened nominations for delegate to the Orange County Library Advisory Board for a two-year term ending December 2016. Councilmember Espinoza nominated Mayor Blazey. There were no other nominations. MOVED by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Beamish, and CARRIED 5-0 TO APPOINT MAYOR MICHAEL BLAZEY AS DELEGATE TO THE ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 2016.

City Clerk Mason opened nominations for alternate to the Orange County Library Advisory Board for a two-year term ending December 2016. Mayor Pro Tem Gomez nominated Councilmember Beamish. There were no other nominations. MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Beamish, and CARRIED 5-0 TO APPOINT COUNCILMEMBER TOM BEAMISH AS ALTERNATE TO THE ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 2016.

7. Consider appointments of Delegate and Alternate to the Southern California Association of Governments for purposes of voting in General Assembly meetings.

City Clerk Mason opened nominations for delegate to the Southern California Association of Governments for purposes of voting in General Assembly meetings. Mayor Blazey nominated Councilmember Espinoza. There were no other nominations. MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Beamish and CARRIED 5-0 TO APPOINT COUNCILMEMBER ROSE ESPINOZA AS DELEGATE TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT FOR PURPOSES OF VOTING IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS.

City Clerk Mason opened nominations for alternate to the Southern California Association of Governments for purposes of voting in General Assembly meetings. Councilmember Espinoza nominated Mayor Pro Tem Gomez. There were no other nominations. MOVED by Councilmember Beamish, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, and CARRIED 5-0 TO APPOINT MAYOR PRO TEM JAMES GOMEZ AS ALTERNATE TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT FOR PURPOSES OF VOTING IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS.

8. Consider appointments of two Councilmembers to serve on the Internal Audit Committee for a one-year term: December 2014 - December 2015.

City Clerk Mason opened nominations for appointments of two Councilmembers to serve on the Internal Audit Committee for a one-year term ending December 2015. Councilmember Beamish nominated Mayor Blazey and Mayor Pro Tem Gomez. There were no other nominations. MOVED by Councilmember Beamish, seconded by Mayor Blazey, and CARRIED 5-0 TO APPOINT MAYOR MICHAEL BLAZEY AND MAYOR PRO TEM JAMES GOMEZ TO SERVE ON THE INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 2015.

City Clerk Mason turned the meeting over to Mayor/Director Blazey

Presentation of a bouquet of flowers was made by Mayor Pro Tem/Director Gomez to his mother and by Mayor/Director Blazey to his wife Jennifer.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None at this time.

VIII. CONSIDERATION ITEMS: None at this time.

IX. MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Mayor/Director Blazey made the following announcements:

- Mayor's office hours are available by appointment.
- La Habra Chamber of Commerce "Shop local, shop La Habra!" contest. Present shopping receipts to the Chamber office located at 321 East La Habra Boulevard to be entered into a drawing for a chance to win \$1,000 and other prizes.
- Operation Santa Headquarters, located at 250 North Harbor Boulevard, will be open Monday through Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Toys and food will be distributed to families at the La Habra Community Center on Saturday, December 20.
- La Habra Children's Museum "Breakfast with Santa Claus - Saturday, December 6, and Sunday December 7. Seating times each day are 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Reservations are required.
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Workshop on Monday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m., located at the La Habra Community Center.
- "Coffee with a Cop," located at Casa Adelita, 340 East La Habra Boulevard from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 13.
- Habitat for Humanity home building project under construction at the southwest corner of La Habra Boulevard and McPherson Avenue, across the street from Washington Middle School.
- Ride the La Habra Express! Each trip is just \$1; OCTA pass holders ride for free. For more information on routes and schedules, please visit our website at www.goplacesseefaces.com.
- Upcoming City Council meeting – Monday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- Visit the City's website at www.lahabraca.gov, for more information about what is happening in La Habra, at the Children's Museum, and at the La Habra Chamber of Commerce. Also, follow us on Twitter and like us on Facebook.

X. COMMENTS FROM STAFF: None

XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS:

Councilmember/Director Beamish thanked Council. He congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Gomez and Mayor Blazey on their re-election/appointment to City Council and expressed his support of them in the coming year. He noted that this is the second consecutive election where the candidates ran unopposed.

Councilmember/Director Espinoza congratulated Mayor Blazey and Mayor Pro Tem Gomez and expressed her support of them in the coming year. She stated she enjoyed working with Mayor Beamish and Council over the last year. She thanked the residents for their support. She noted the success of the first Tamale festival and congratulated/thanked everyone who made the event possible. She thanked City staff for their work in making the City of La Habra a caring community.

Councilmember/Director Shaw stated he attended the City of Buena Park Mayor's Prayer Breakfast with Mayor Pro Tem Gomez. He congratulated Mayor Blazey and Mayor Pro Tem Gomez on their re-election/appointment to City Council. He expressed support of Mayor Blazey. He thanked Councilmember Beamish for his service as Mayor. He noted that Councilmember Beamish is the Chair of the Orange County Sanitation District.

Mayor Pro Tem/Director Gomez recognized Bruce Martin for his service to the City of La Habra. He expressed his appreciation for Councilmember Beamish's leadership as Mayor over the past year. He congratulated Mayor/Director Blazey. He invited the audience to the reception immediately following the Council meeting. He thanked everyone for their attendance.

Mayor/Director Blazey thanked Council for showing confidence in him by electing him as Mayor for the coming year. He thanked those in the community who elected him to Council four years ago and to those who are and who are not in attendance, and those who signed the nomination papers so he could run for Council a second time. He thanked his wife Jennifer, his daughters Amanda and Lauren, his father-in-law John Nestegaard, and his sister-in-law Elizabeth and her husband Colin for attending. He extended gratitude to the former and current employees of the City of La Habra for their outstanding service. He stated Council's role in setting policies and priorities depends on employees who can actually carry it out and do more than just show up and do their jobs. He stated there are employees in Public Works who make sure the water flows and the parks are presentable, the firefighters and police officers who put their lives on the line for us, and employees in all the other departments. He stated that his experience is that they are all very dedicated to serving the public and living our motto of being a caring community. He thanked them for making the Council's job much easier by making sure the City runs so well. He stated that last year Mayor Beamish established business development as a theme for his term as Mayor, that Council recently authorized the extension of the Ad Hoc Committee, and that he is pleased Councilmember Beamish will continue that effort. He stated that when he ran for City Council in 2010 that his emphasis was on emergency and disaster preparedness. He noted that the earthquake in March 2014 was a wakeup call for us in so many ways and it renewed his desire to engage in disaster preparedness for the community. He stated the good news is that City employees were exceptional in their response and many made their way from their homes to be on station if they were needed that night. He stated that among them were very important people, who most do not realize are needed, and those are our building inspectors who spent a lot of hours that night going through all the damaged structures to make sure people could go back in and reoccupy them without any risk. He stated that those are the types of dedicated employees that we have and he knows they are all a real asset in the event of an emergency, but that we are a long ways from being prepared as a community. He stated that since the earthquake, we have seen an overflow of attendance at our disaster preparedness workshops, and that we hope to have a few more in the coming year. He added that the attendance tells him there is a desire in the community for everybody to get better prepared, but unfortunately the research says that only about 5 percent of the people in a community are even modestly prepared for an earthquake or other disruptive disaster. He stated that his goal over the next year is to set in motion a disaster preparedness initiative that

in time will achieve greater levels of communitywide readiness. He added that he envisions a campaign that will begin with the words “La Habra Prepared?” and that is a question mark; are we prepared? He stated that his goal would be that in some time in the future we can change that to “Prepared La Habra!” that we have enough people who are ready in the event of an emergency. He stated the city already has a mechanism for creating a leadership team to make this happen, a Disaster Council. He noted that La Habra Municipal Code 2.52.030 established a Disaster Council consisting of the Mayor who serves as the Council Chairperson, the City Manager, the Chiefs of Police and Fire, and others appointed by the Chairperson with the Council’s advice and consent. Municipal Code authorization to create the Disaster Council is probably a holdover from the days of the civil defense efforts that we had in the Cold War period, and it has not be activated in recent memory. He stated that he has asked staff to distribute the ordinance to Council for their consideration and request that the staff review the language for recommendations to update and make it comply with current state law and make it more relevant to the twenty-first century and what we may face now. He added that staff will be preparing a report and those recommendations for our consideration at the next meeting. He stated that in the meantime he plans to seek Council approval for appointments to the Disaster Council under the current code so they can begin the important work of improving La Habra’s disaster preparedness. He stated with that he hopes Councilmembers will join him in this effort, and members of the community who are seated here tonight and those observing on the broadcast, will also make an effort to become more aware and better prepared in the event of another earthquake; which is likely to happen sooner rather than later. He thanked everyone for attending, and that Mayor Pro Tem/Director James Gomez and he are appreciative. He encouraged the attendees to step out into the lobby after we close the meeting and enjoy the refreshments and the social gathering we have here tonight.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor/Director Blazey adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m. to Monday, December 15, 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. All other meetings were adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara D. Mason, MMC
City Clerk/Secretary