

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA**  
**ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING**  
**&**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**&**  
**REGULAR JOINT MEETING WITH THE**  
**LA HABRA UTILITY AUTHORITY**

**Monday, July 20, 2015**

**APPROVED:** These Minutes were approved on August 3, 2015.

**ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Blazey called to order the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council at 5:42 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room 106, located at 201 East La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, California

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Acting City Manager/Community Services Director Failla  
City Attorney Jones  
City Clerk Mason

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

**II. CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. Public employee evaluation per Government Code Section 54957 - Title: City Manager.

Acting City Manager/Community Services Director Failla and City Clerk Mason were not present for this item.

**III. ADJOURNMENT:** Council reconvened from Closed Session at 6:15 p.m. There were no announcements. Mayor Blazey adjourned the Adjourned Regular Meeting at 6:15 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING & REGULAR JOINT MEETING:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor/Chair Blazey called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Habra and the La Habra Utility Authority to order at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 201 East La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, California.

**INVOCATION:** City Attorney Jones

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Beamish

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Acting City Manager/Community Services  
Director Failla  
City Attorney Jones  
City Clerk Mason  
Deputy City Clerk Swindell

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:** None

**I. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. Proclamation in recognition of Dakota Brennon Bishop for earning his Eagle Scout Award.

Mayor Blazey invited Dakota Brennon Bishop and his family to the podium to accept the proclamation.

- b. Recognition of the La Habra Girls 18U Softball Team as Southern California State Champions.

Coach Scott McArthur and Assistant Coaches Paul Castellon, Erik Coffin, Mike Ramirez, and Victor Zuniga were recognized with a proclamation, and assisted Mayor Blazey with presenting the certificates of recognition to the softball team as follows: Kiara Zuniga, Hannah McArthur, Miranda Fernandez, Jasmine Zamora, Justine Cobian, Leslie Garcia, Erika Zavala, Ashley Alcantar, Ally Coffin, Brianna Sanchez, Breanna Ramirez, Jocelyn Alcalá, Alyssa Polentz, and Brisa Pennington.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Craig Allen Sheets, resident of Brea, spoke regarding children using methamphetamines, methamphetamines being sold at schools, and the unprotected shores of the State of Alaska.

Dwight Finney, 300 North Valencia, spoke regarding the low quality of the water. He spoke in opposition to the water, sewer, and refuse rate increases. Mayor Blazey noted that this subject was to be addressed during the public hearing agenda item and referred Mr. Finney to Public Works Director Saykali.

Joan Carson, neighborhood traffic calming committee, 631 Ember Lane, spoke in opposition to traffic calming speed bumps in Neighborhood "D" near Arbolita School. She expressed concerns relating to the voting procedures, outdated costs estimate, and lack of engagement by participants.

Brent Neben, Representative of Ygrene, spoke regarding energy conservation, renewable energy, and the PACE program.

### III. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice-Chair Gomez, seconded by Councilmember/Director Beamish, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS III.A.1 THROUGH III.A.9 AND III.B.1 THROUGH III.B.2; WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM III.A.4 WHICH WAS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

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 and adopt a Resolution declaring support for an energy partnership between the Southern California Edison Company (SCE), the Southern California Gas Company (SCGC), and the City of Brea to be known as the North Orange County Cities Energy Partnership.
  - a. APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 5695** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA DECLARING SUPPORT FOR AN ENERGY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, AND THE CITY OF BREA TO BE KNOWN AS THE "NORTH ORANGE COUNTY CITIES ENERGY PARTNERSHIP."
3. Accept the "Selective Traffic Enforcement Program" (STEP) grant award in the amount of \$154,000 from the Office of Traffic Safety for additional traffic enforcement efforts and training.
4. REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION. SEE BELOW.
5. Approve the Notice of Completion for the Alley Beautification Project Fiscal Year 2014-2015; Project No. 2-R-14.

6. Waive formal bid requirements per La Habra Municipal Code Section 4.20.050 (C) and authorize staff to issue a purchase order to Merrimac Energy Group of Long Beach in the amount of \$425,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016; waive formal bid requirements per La Habra Municipal Code Section 4.20.050 (D) and authorize staff to obtain quotes as needed for the purchase of fuel through various fuel supply vendors; and in the event a vendor's fuel purchase price is found to be lower than the cooperative bid contract with Saddleback Valley Unified School District (Agreement Bid #11-04) through Merrimac Energy Group, authorize fuel purchases in an amount not to exceed \$425,000 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
7. Approve setting a public hearing date of August 17, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 201 E. La Habra Boulevard, California, for consideration of an ordinance adding Chapter 15-69 titled "Solar Energy Permits" to the La Habra Municipal Code.
8. WARRANTS: Approve Nos. 00102268 through 00102419 totaling \$1,897,660.77.
9. Approve City Council Minutes of July 6, 2015.
- B. CONSENT CALENDAR - UTILITY AUTHORITY:
  1. Approve Utility Authority Minutes of July 6, 2015.
  2. Waive formal bid requirements per La Habra Municipal Code, Section 4.20.080 (B) to award a contract to Bucknam and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$89,450 for specialty water design/engineering/construction support services for the rehabilitation of MWD Flow Control Connection OC-45, Groundwater Management Plan, Consolidation of Foothill Pressure Zones, and for miscellaneous water and sewer projects for Fiscal Year 2015-2016; and authorize Executive Director to execute agreement and issue a purchase order in the amount not to exceed \$89,450.

**IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION:**

- III.A.4. Approve and adopt a resolution prohibiting stopping, standing and parking at all times on the south side of Lambert Road west of Whitebook Drive.

Public Works Director Saykali presented the staff report.

Council discussion included: confirmation the red curb is warranted; verification the La Habra Police Department supports the red curb; confirmation that four parking spots will be lost due to the placement of the red curb; verification the presence of a red curb on the east side of Whitebook Drive, the process of determining the length of red curbs, confirmation staff re-evaluates the situation after red curbs are installed; suggestion to take an incremental approach; consider a "keep clear" area; and possible placement of a weave lane on Lambert Road. Council directed staff to report back to Council in 60-90 days with an update.

Mayor Blazey invited the public to testify at 7:03 p.m.

Maria Zavala, 1530 Stonham Way, spoke in support of the red curb, suggested placing a keep clear area on Lambert for turning onto Whitebook Drive, and the issuance of parking tickets to residents who park on the street without parking permits.

Jim Habben, 710 Whitebook Drive, spoke in support of 100 feet of red curb rather than 65 feet of red curb.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Blazey closed public testimony.

La Habra Police Office Sargent Tigner was asked to report on the traffic condition and traffic violations for the area. He stated he supports the red curb placement and an incremental approach. He added that the collisions that have occurred at this location involve primarily rear-ending and failure to yield issues. He reviewed the responsibility of motorists making a left-hand turn. He confirmed the speed limit on Lambert Road is 40 mph.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Beamish, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 5696** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA PROHIBITING STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING AT ALL TIMES ON LAMBERT ROAD WEST OF WHITEBOOK DRIVE; AND TO HAVE STAFF REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL IN 60 DAYS WITH AN UPDATE, ONCE THE RED CURB HAS BEEN PLACED.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Blazey, Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, Councilmember Shaw,  
Councilmember Espinoza, Councilmember Beamish  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

## **V. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. Duly noticed public hearing to consider a resolution amending the Master Schedule of Fees pertaining to water, sewer, and refuse usage, connections and fees effective August 1, 2015, and August 1, 2016; and eliminate the water surcharge rate that is currently in effect between the months of May and September.
  - a. APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. XXXX ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE LA HABRA UTILITY AUTHORITY AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA AMENDING THE MASTER SCHEDULE OF FEES PERTAINING TO WATER, SEWER AND REFUSE USAGE, CONNECTIONS AND FEES.

City Attorney/Legal Counsel Jones declared a conflict of interest regarding the water portion of this item, noting that he is a member on the Board of Directors for the California Domestic Water Company.

Public Works Director Saykali addressed Council's questions regarding the noticing of the item.

Council/Director discussion included: proper noticing regarding the commercial refuse rates; potentially continuing the item in whole or partial for transparency reasons; costs to the City to

continue the entire item or continuing the commercial refuse portion of the item; expressed concerns regarding allowing the residents present for the meeting to speak; confirmation comments may be given to the City Clerk via mail or email; and the need to have the water, sewer, and refuse fees to be reported to Council as three separate public hearings.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Gomez, seconded by Councilmember/Director Beamish, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO DATE UNCERTAIN TO ALLOW PROPER NOTICING.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

## **VI. CONSIDERATION ITEMS:**

1. Consider selecting a member to participate on the La Habra Emergency Preparedness Council to fill one vacancy.

- a. Approve Mayor Blazey's recommendation to appoint Paul Janoian to serve on the La Habra Emergency Preparedness Council.

Acting City Manager/Community Services Director Failla presented the staff report.

Mayor Blazey invited the public to testify at 7:23 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Moved by Mayor Blazey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE MAYOR BLAZEY'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT PAUL JANOIAN TO SERVE ON THE LA HABRA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

## **VII. MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:**

Mayor Blazey made the following announcements:

- "Summer Concert Series" – El Centro Lions Park every Thursday through July 30 at 7:00 p.m. Just two concerts remain -. "Retro Soul" on Thursday, July 23, and "Hip Street" on Thursday, July 30.

- “Kids Night Out” - Friday, July 24, and Friday, August 28 for children ages 4-13. Activities include games, crafts, dinner, and a movie.
- The City’s “Dive-in” movie held at the La Habra High School pool at 6:00 p.m. - “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2” showing on Friday, July 31, and “The Muppets: Most Wanted” on Friday, August 14.
- “National Night Out,” at Portola Park on Tuesday, August 4 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. A family-friendly, community-based event to increase awareness of public safety programs.
- The City’s “Movie in the Park” series at Brio Park on Friday, August 21, beginning at 6:00 p.m. “Big Hero 6” will start at dusk.
- Upcoming City Council meeting - Monday, August 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**VIII. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:** None

**IX. COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS:**

Councilmember Beamish congratulated Pastor Joyce Brooks on her retirement as the La Habra Chamber of Commerce President, and Mayor Pro Tem Gomez for being chosen Citizen of the Year in La Habra.

Councilmember Espinoza congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Gomez for being chosen La Habra Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in La Habra.

Councilmember Shaw stated he attended the board installation for the La Habra Chamber of Commerce and congratulated Diego Hernandez who is the new Chairman of the Board. He stated that Pastor Joyce Brooks did a great job as Chairman of the Board. He congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Gomez for being chosen Citizen of the Year in La Habra.

Mayor Pro Tem Gomez thanked La Habra Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Mark Sturdevant and the Board of Directors for awarding him the Citizen of the Year award.

Mayor Blazey congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Gomez for being chosen Citizen of the Year in La Habra. He congratulated the La Habra Softball 18U team for their tournament win.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor/Chair Blazey adjourned the City Council Regular Meeting at 7:31 p.m. to Monday, August 3, 2015, 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. The La Habra Utility Authority meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara D. Mason, MMC  
City Clerk/Secretary