

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING & REGULAR MEETING

Monday, December 21, 2015

APPROVED: These Minutes were approved on February 16, 2016.

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gomez called to order the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council at 5:31 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room 106, located at 201 East La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, California.

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Sadro
City Attorney Jones
Deputy City Clerk Swindell

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

Michael Hennessey, of Hennessey Group, spoke regarding the Women's Club property and the reasons his company was not able to construct the project. He thanked City Council for the opportunity.

II. CLOSED SESSION:

- a. Conference with Real Property Negotiator per Government Code Section 54956.8 Property: 200 West Greenwood (APN 022-020-02); City Negotiator: Jim Sadro, City Manager; Negotiating Parties: Michael Hennessey, Hennessey Group; Under Negotiation: price and terms.

Community and Economic Development Director Ho and Assistant to the City Manager Ferrier were present for this item.

- b. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation, per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): City of La Habra v. Cohen, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2015-80002208.

Community and Economic Development Director Ho and Assistant to the City Manager Ferrier were present for this item. Iris Yang, Attorney with Best Best and Krieger was present for this item via conference call.

III. ADJOURNMENT: Council reconvened from Closed Session at 6:24 p.m. There were no announcements. Mayor Gomez adjourned the Adjourned Regular Meeting at 6:24 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gomez 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 Chambers, located at 201 East La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, California.

Mayor Gomez requested a moment of silence in memory of City of La Habra employee Steven Montes, who passed away on December 15, 2015.

INVOCATION: City Attorney Jones

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Beamish

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Sadro
City Attorney Jones
Deputy City Clerk Swindell

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT: City Attorney Jones reported concerning a payment on the warrant list regarding Josh Klein versus City of La Habra that has been settled in the amount of \$27,000. He stated that City Council's vote on the warrant list is stating approval of the settlement.

I. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Check presentation by Manufactured Housing Education Trust (MHET) to "Help for Brain Injured Children" (HBIC) for \$750.

Mayor Gomez invited Mayor Pro Tem Shaw to the podium to present the check to Jason Cecil from HBIC.

- b. Recognition of Annual Holiday Decorating Contest Winners 2015:
 - Best Use of Lights - Prutsman Family, 701 East El Camino Drive and Riley Family, 231 North Hazel Street
 - Best Use of Theme - Sanchez Family, 700 East Pinehurst Avenue and Walther Family, 810 Inola Court

- Best Use of Animation - Sikes Family, 1310 North Orange Street
- Best Use of Music - Barber Family, 2501 Gregory Lane
- Grand Prize Winner - Lovato Family, 340 Valley Home Avenue

Mayor Gomez invited the Beautification Committee members to the podium to assist with presenting the awards.

c. Recognition of the Love La Habra Executive Team.

Mayor Gomez invited Love La Habra Executive Committee members Community Services Director Failla, Chief Price, Community Services Recreation Manager DeLeon, and Pastor Kurt Fuller to the podium. Mayor Gomez thanked the entire committee for making a difference in the community and presented certificates to the following committee members:

- Chief Jerry Price
- Jeff Brenier
- David De Leon
- Sal Failla
- Michelle Brenier
- Mark Weyant
- Kurt Fuller
- Katie Elmore
- Jessica Fuller

The following Love La Habra Executive Committee members were not present to receive their certificates:

- Elaine Friesen
- Coppie Rivera
- Cate Luehr

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

III. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Moved by Councilmember Beamish, seconded by Councilmember Blazey, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS III.1 THROUGH III.11.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

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 denial of Claim for Esmeralda Ramos for Property Damage.
3. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Orange County Transportation Authority Agreement No. C-3-1844.
4. Authorize City Manager to execute professional services agreements for the processing of the Rancho La Habra Project, at 1400 South La Habra Hills Drive, to include:
 - a. An agreement for legal services with the law firm of Richards, Watson, and Gershon;
 - b. An agreement for land use consultant services with Kelly Associates Management Group; and
 - c. An Entitlements and Environmental Impact Report Processing agreement with CalAtlantic Homes for the processing of the Rancho La Habra project at 1400 South La Habra Hills Drive.
5. Approve and authorize City Manager to enter into an agreement with GC Environmental (GCE) of Anaheim in the amount of \$66,463.14 to provide professional consultant services and to perform geotechnical investigation for the planning and development of the former La Habra Landfill (Vista Grande Park); and appropriate and authorize staff to issue a purchase order to GC Environmental in the amount of \$66,463.14 from available Refuse Fund balance.
6. Approve the Notice of Completion for the Construction of Neighborhood Traffic Management Plans G, H, and O; Project No. 1-TC-15.
7. Approve City Council Minutes of December 7, 2015.
8. Approve and adopt a resolution concerning Measure M2 Expenditure Report from July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, pursuant to Ordinance No. 3 of the Orange County Transportation Authority's Renewed Measure M Fair Share and Competitive Program Funds.
 - a. APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 5713** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA CONCERNING THE MEASURE M2 EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR THE CITY OF LA HABRA.
9. Review and adopt the City's Annual Investment Policy for implementation on January 1, 2016.
10. Receive and file the Treasurer's Investment Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2015.
11. WARRANTS: Approve Nos. 00104400 through 00104653 totaling \$1,739,972.37.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION: None

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Duly noticed public hearing to consider an ordinance adding Section 18.08.04 "Cultivation of Marijuana Prohibited" to Title 18 "Zoning" of the La Habra Municipal Code.

Senior Planner Schaefer presented the staff report. He introduced Deputy City Attorney Ross Trindle to clarify provisions of the proposed ordinance.

Council discussion included: clarification that marijuana recommendation card holders should be able to purchase medical marijuana from another city and bring back to the city for personal use; confirmation the proposed ordinance is to maintain local control or defer to the state for licensing by the March 1, 2016 deadline; clarification City Council may make modifications to the ordinance after March 1, 2016; confirmation the intention of the ordinance is to prohibit delivery services, cultivation, collectives and cooperatives in the City; confirmation the state is intending for the broad uses of marijuana to be licensed by both the state and the local jurisdiction; and clarification of the Compassionate Use Act.

Mayor Gomez opened the public hearing at 6:50 p.m. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Councilmember Beamish, seconded by Councilmember Blazey, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF **ORDINANCE NO. 1765** ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING SECTION 18.08.140 "CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA PROHIBITED" TO TITLE 18 "ZONING" OF THE LA HABRA MUNICIPAL CODE.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

Moved by Councilmember Beamish, seconded by Councilmember Blazey, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO DIRECT STAFF TO RESEARCH, FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES, THE PROS AND CONS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL OF REVISING THE CITY'S CODE SO CITIZENS WITH MARIJUANA RECOMMENDATION CARDS MAY CULTIVATE MARIJUANA PLANTS FOR SELF-USE, THAT THE REPORT BE CLEAR ON WHAT IS PERMISSIBLE, AND TO AGENDIZE THE ITEM TO A DATE UNCERTAIN.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Duly noticed public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 18.16 "Water Efficient Landscaping and Water Conservation" to Title 18 "Zoning" of the La Habra Municipal Code.

Senior Planner Schaefer presented the staff report.

Council discussion included: confirmation there are no permitting or landscape architect costs to homeowners for areas of 2,500 square feet or smaller; and clarification there are no restrictions to landscaping being done in sections to prevent costs.

Mayor Gomez opened the public hearing at 6:57 p.m. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Mayor Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shaw, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF **ORDINANCE NO. 1766** ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 18.16 "WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING AND WATER CONSERVATION" TO TITLE 18 "ZONING" OF THE LA HABRA MUNICIPAL CODE.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

3. Duly noticed public hearing to consider resolutions that would declare the City of La Habra to be the Groundwater Sustainable Agency for the La Habra Groundwater Basin and requesting the California Department of Water Resources to modify the boundaries of Bulletin 118, Basin 8-1 to establish La Habra Basin as a separate basin or sub-basin; and to consider an ordinance adding Chapter 13.31 to the La Habra Municipal Code to prohibit the extraction and exportation of groundwater underlying the City for use outside of the City.

City Attorney Jones declared a conflict of interest because this decision could indirectly affect California Domestic Water Company. He noted that Attorney Art Kidman, a recognized water expert, is available to give legal advice. City Attorney Jones left the dais at 6:59 p.m.

City Manager Sadro announced that the staff report will be presented by a combination of City staff, technical advisors, and water attorney due to the complexity of this item, and based on what the state has passed regarding the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirements, .

Public Works Director Saykali presented the staff report. He introduced Jeff Helsley, of Stetson Engineers, Inc.

Jeff Helsley, of Stetson Engineers, Inc. reviewed the groundwater basin area and identified the agencies that control each portion of the basin. He noted that the Orange County Water District manages the majority of the coastal plain groundwater basin. He identified the areas in the

cities of Brea and La Habra as the La Habra Groundwater Basin, which extends into Los Angeles County. He noted that the portion of the basin located in Los Angeles County is managed by the Central Basin Water Rights Adjudication. He stated that the basin areas in the City of La Habra and the City of Brea are the subject of the proposed SGMA, that the City of La Habra become the lead SGMA manager, and to ask the state to identify the area as a separate basin or sub-basin to meet the goals of the SGMA which is to have all the groundwater managed. He introduced Attorney Art Kidman, with Kidman Law, LLP, to speak about the state's requirements.

Attorney Art Kidman, with Kidman Law, LLP, reviewed the legal requirements of the SGMA. He explained the steps that the City has to take to maintain control over the portion of the La Habra Groundwater Basin in the City of La Habra and the City of Brea.

Council discussion included: confirmation of groundwater basin boundaries and management; clarification of the direction of groundwater flows; confirmation the City of Brea has 1 to 2 wells that extract approximately 100 to 200 acre feet per year from the La Habra Groundwater Basin that is used for irrigation; and the possibility of storm water containment/water harvesting to be used for irrigation.

Mayor Gomez opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m. There being no testimony the public hearing was closed.

- a. Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Espinoza, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 5714** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA DECLARING THE CITY OF LA HABRA TO BE THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE LA HABRA GROUNDWATER BASIN.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

- b. Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Espinoza and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 5715** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA REQUESTING THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO MODIFY THE BOUNDARIES OF BULLETIN 118, BASIN 8-1 TO ESTABLISH LA HABRA BASIN AS A SEPARATE BASIN OR SUBBASIN.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

- c. Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Espinoza, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF **ORDINANCE NO. 1767** ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA ADDING CHAPTER 13.31 TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE EXTRACTION AND EXPORTATION OF GROUNDWATER UNDERLYING THE CITY FOR USE OUTSIDE OF THE CITY.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

- d. Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Espinoza, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE TO DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP AND NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF LA HABRA AND BREA FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE LA HABRA BASIN, TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL AT A FUTURE DATE.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

City Attorney Jones returned to the dais at 7:19 p.m.

VI. CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

1. [Consider the proposed Neighborhood D Traffic Management Plan.](#)

Councilmember Blazey recused himself because he lives in Neighborhood D. He left the dais at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor Gomez asked City Engineer Johansen if any new evidence came to City Council that made them want to reconsider this item. City Engineer Johansen stated that no new evidence has been received since the last staff report.

City Manager Sadro stated that approximately one month ago, following the approval of the modified plan, members of Neighborhood D approached City Council regarding the modifications that were made during public comments. He stated that City Council responded and decided to reconsider the item at this meeting.

City Engineer Johansen introduced Steve Brown, from Fehr and Peers, to present the staff report. He discussed the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) process for Neighborhood D.

Council discussion included: verification of the reduction of speed volumes, daily volumes, and cut through volumes in the morning and evening hours for previous neighborhoods that had traffic calming measures installed; confirmation the Fire Department call times have been minimally affected due to the design of the speed lumps; verification that traffic calming does not negatively affect real estate values; confirmation that a full menu of approximately 15 items/options were presented to the NTMP Committee; verification proposed placement of traffic calming devices may be moved; clarification Fehr and Peers acts as a facilitator/advisor for the NTMP committee; confirmation there was no traffic accident data for Fallenleaf Street and Woodcrest Avenue to support the proposed median island and was added by the NTMP Committee; confirmation traffic calming costs are current; verification there are two proposed flashing signs for the area of Fallenleaf Street and Linden Lane; confirmation once NTMP Committee agrees upon draft plan, going back in the process to add items is not advised; confirmation the citywide NTMP began in the year 2006, there are a total of 15 neighborhoods, six neighborhoods have gone through the NTMP process, and another 12 neighborhoods have requested traffic calming; clarification the NTMP process for requested neighborhoods takes time, so additional modifications in neighborhoods that have gone through the NTMP process will not be addressed until all neighborhoods have gone through the process; and confirmation the initial NTMP Committee members for Neighborhood D were two, but the meeting attendance averaged 7-8 people; verification that NTMP Committee process was followed.

Mayor Gomez invited the public to testify at 7:36 p.m.

Mayor Gomez announced that the City received an email from Mr. Sands in support of this item, a phone call from Gladis "Sue" French who opposed this item, [and an email from Raymond Urruty who opposed this item \(the City received this email but the Mayor did not announce\)](#). He stated that three letters/requests sent to the Superintendent of La Habra City School District, Susan Bellanardo, and there was no response.

The following citizens spoke in favor of the proposed Neighborhood D Traffic Management Plan:

- Donald.Gonzalez, 1201 Roddy Drive
- John Sudduth, 1211 Roddy Drive
- Mr. Sedaka, 750 Brookdale Avenue, supports speed lumps only on Roddy Drive.
- Richard Castillo, 801 Sycamore Avenue, and NTMP Committee member who attended all of the meetings. He requested that Council consider Mayor Pro Tem Shaw's previous recommendation of removing the speed lumps on Brookdale Avenue.
- Sebastian Guazelli, 1031 Arbolita Drive
- Steve Palafox, 1041 North Stonewood Street

The following citizens spoke in opposition to the proposed Neighborhood D Traffic Management Plan:

- Jesse Standiford, 631 Ember Lane, supports flashing speed signs on Roddy Drive and other troubled streets, but not speed lumps in entire neighborhood. He encouraged investigating alternative solutions.

- Jane Ryan, 730 Brookdale Avenue, and NTMP Committee member supports flashing lights, but not speed lumps. She requested an alternative be found and for Neighborhood D to revote.
- Diana Reyes, 920 Sycamore Avenue, requested alternatives be found and for Neighborhood D to revote.
- Joan Carson, 631 Ember Lane, and NTMP Committee member requested that Neighborhood D revote or to start the process over.
- Ellie Martin, 600 Woodcrest Avenue

Kurt Dennis, 760 Linden Lane, spoke regarding cars speeding around the corner on Arbolita Drive, near Linden Lane, but is neither in support or opposition to the NTMP.

Mayor Gomez closed public testimony at 8:05 p.m.

Council discussion included: NTMP process, involvement, and importance of voting; clarification the philosophy of the NTMP process is to empower neighborhoods; expressed agreement with eliminating the median island at Fallenleaf Street and Woodcrest Avenue, the bot dots on Fallenleaf Street, and the two speed lumps on Brookdale Avenue and Fallenleaf Street; suggestion to move the speed lump on Arbolita Drive to the west of Roanne Drive and to place another speed lump on Roanne Drive north of Woodcrest Avenue.

- a. Moved by Councilmember Beamish, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shaw, and CARRIED (2-1) TO APPROVE THE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED NEIGHBORHOOD D TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN, WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS: REMOVE THE TWO SPEED LUMPS ON BROOKDALE AVENUE NORTHWEST OF LINDEN LANE AND ON FALLENLEAF STREET; MOVE SPEED LUMP ON ARBOLITA, ON THE EAST SIDE OF ROANNE DRIVE TO THE WEST SIDE OF ROANNE DRIVE; AND ADD ONE SPEED LUMP ON ROANNE DRIVE NORTH OF WOODCREST AVENUE; REMOVE MEDIAN ISLAND ON WOODCREST AVENUE AT FALLENLEAF STREET; AND REMOVE BOT DOTS ON FALLENLEAF STREET.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

City Attorney Jones stated that the abstention from Mayor Gomez is counted toward the majority so the motion does carry.

Steve Brown, from Fehr and Peers, confirmed that design work on the NTMP for Neighborhood D would begin immediately and construction would begin in six to seven months. He confirmed that after construction is completed any modification recommendations by Neighborhood D would need to be brought to Council for consideration.

- b. Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Beamish, and CARRIED (3-1) TO APPROVE TO DIRECT STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE DESIGN AND

CONSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES AS INDICATED ON THE
ORIGINALLY PROPOSED NEIGHBORHOOD D TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilmember Blazey returned to the dais at 8:25 p.m.

VII. MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Mayor Gomez made the following announcements:

- Mayor's office hours are available by appointment.
- La Habra Children's Museum "New Year's Noon Party" - Thursday, December 31 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- La Habra Children's Museum "Night at the Museum" – Friday, January 8 through Saturday, January 9.
- Upcoming City Council meeting due to Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, January 18, will be on Tuesday, January 19 in the Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

City Manager Sadro stated on behalf of City staff he wished the City Council Merry Christmas. He stated that City staff looks forward to a productive and busy 2016.

IX. COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Espinoza wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday. She apologized for not being able to attend the Operation Santa event.

Councilmember Blazey wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and best of the holidays to all. He thanked Social Services Manager Anderson for organizing the Operation Santa event.

Councilmember Beamish wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He stated that he attended the Operation Santa event.

Mayor Pro Tem Shaw stated he attended the Operation Santa event with his sons. He congratulated everyone who organized the Operation Santa event. He wished Mayor Gomez an early Happy Birthday.

Mayor Gomez reminded the community that City Hall will be closed at noon on Thursday, December 24, 2015 and will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2016. He stated that emergency services will still be available. He announced that on January 9, 2016, there will be parade for the CIF Champions at City Hall, tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m., and in the event of rain the event will be postponed to another date. He thanked the La Habra Police Department, for

taking 10 needy children to Target to each spend \$100 for Christmas. He asked Chief Price to thank all police officers who were involved and who donated funds, with a special thank you to Officer Jason Sanchez who organized the event. He asked Community Services Director Failla to congratulate Social Services Manager Anderson for a job well done on the Operation Santa event. He commended City Attorney Jones for his service to the community. He stated the meeting will be adjourned in memory of Steven Montes, a La Habra Children's Museum employee who passed away on Tuesday, December 15. Mayor Gomez noted that Steven was born on February 24, 1992, in Pasadena, California. He added that Steven was a native of La Habra and he attended: Las Lomas Elementary School, Las Positas Elementary School, Imperial Middle School, and La Habra High School. He stated that Steven graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in American Studies and Communications, with an emphasis in Entertainment Studies and Tourism from California State University Fullerton. He noted that Steven was an avid movie watcher, reader, and loved comedy and improvisation. It was noted that Steven started volunteering at the La Habra Children's Museum in 2009, was hired in 2012 as a Visitor Services Assistant, was promoted to Volunteer Coordinator, and later to Outreach Coordinator. Mayor Gomez extended his condolences to Steven's parents Steve and Letitia Montes.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Gomez adjourned the Regular City Council meeting at 8:30 p.m. in memory of Steven Montes, a La Habra City employee.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Swindell, CMC
Deputy City Clerk