

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

Monday, February 03, 2014

APPROVED: These Minutes were approved on March 3, 2014.

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING: - CANCELLED

REGULAR MEETING: Mayor Beamish 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 E. La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, California.

INVOCATION: City Attorney Jones

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Beamish

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
Deputy City Clerk Swindell

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT: None

I. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Recognition of "Operation Santa" volunteers and supporters.

Mayor Beamish invited Community Services Director Failla to assist him in presenting Certificates of Appreciation to the following:

- PIH Health – Mary Wargo and Vanessa Ivy
- Steve and Jane Williams (Steve Williams not present)
- Gina Yamamoto, Kylie Yamamoto, and Kikumi Yamamoto
- Crossroads Church – Elaine Friesen
- La Habra Host Lions Club
- La Habra Girls Softball – Maricella Gomez and Danielle Frank

- Abundant Living Church
- Helm & Son's Amusement – Ron Waldman
- La Habra Area Chamber of Commerce – Mark Sturdevant and Dr. Joyce Brooks
- La Habra Police Association – Officer Steve Highley
- La Habra Church of Christ – Pastor Mike Murphy
- National Charity League
- AYSO
- Los Angeles County Fire Department – Captain Ernie Ramirez
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
- American First Credit Union
- La Habra City School District – Peggy Madrid
- Mayor Tom Beamish
- Mayor Pro Tem Michael Blazey
- City Attorney Richard Jones
- Interim City Manager Jim Sadro

The following were recognized but not in attendance to receive their Certificates of Appreciation:

- Don Hannah
- Anna Price
- Emanuel Lutheran Church of La Habra
- La Habra Highlander Kiwanis Club
- Orange County Musical Arts
- Freedom House Church
- Lowell Joint School District
- Jones Realty
- Costco
- Northgate Market
- La Habra Business Connection
- Shepard Brothers
- La Habra Youth Committee

Mayor Beamish stated that Operation Santa is a long-standing community event that assists families and children in need during the holiday season. He noted that Greg Jones helped to obtain the location to hold the event. He added it is one of the more challenging events in terms of logistics, but is also one of the most rewarding. He commented that last year more than 700 families; including nearly 1,900 children were served by Operation Santa. He stated it would not be successful without the many individuals and organizations that have volunteered their assistance and share our vision of La Habra as “A Caring Community.” On behalf of Council, he thanked the volunteers and sponsors for their service.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Susan Schaefer, La Habra resident, stated that accommodations need to be made for the deaf and hard of hearing at the La Habra Police Department and in Council Chambers. She offered to make suggestions to meet these needs. Mayor Beamish expressed appreciation for bringing the matter to Council's attention. He referred her to Police Chief Price.

William Rangel, 1001 W. Lambert Road, stated he was representing the 523 residents of Friendly Village Mobile Home Park located at Lambert Road and Idaho Street. He expressed that most residents are over 60 years of age, and 19 percent of the residents are housebound and disabled. He commented that he met with the Postmaster to request the mail be delivered by 1:00 p.m. instead of 5:00 p.m. He asked Council for assistance with this matter because there has been no change. He thanked the La Habra Police Department for their patrols of the mobile home park.

Councilmember Gomez confirmed that the mailboxes are located at each mobile home site and not at a centralized location. Mayor Beamish stated that he would have staff look into the matter and either staff or he would contact Mr. Rangel.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Moved by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Espinoza, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0 TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS III.1 THROUGH III.12.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Beamish, Mayor Pro Tem Blazey, Councilmember Gomez,
Councilmember Shaw, Councilmember Espinoza
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 filed by Victor Rodriguez alleging property damage.
3. Approve City Council Minutes of:
 - a. December 2, 2013
 - b. December 3, 2013
4. Approve the appointment of James Sadro to the position of Interim City Manager at a temporary five percent pay rate adjustment effective retroactive to December 31, 2013.
5. Authorize Interim City Manager to place the City's Property Insurance policy for all properties excluding the La Habra Inn with Hartford Insurance Company; and the Property Insurance policy for the La Habra Inn with Admiral Insurance Company, for the period of March 1, 2014, through March 1, 2015, with deductible levels of \$5,000 and \$2,500 respectively, at a combined annual premium cost of \$131,431.

6. Receive and file the Treasurer's Investment Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2013.
7. Accept and authorize the recordation of five Grant Deeds for street and other purposes across the northerly portions of the five lots on the south side of La Presa Drive between Hillside Street and Walnut Street.
8. Approve and adopt the appropriate resolutions, and authorize the Interim City Manager to sign the CCTR-3159 Contract Amendment 01 with the California Department of Education, Child Development Division for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year.
 - a. APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 5615** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA CERTIFYING THE APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF LOCAL AGREEMENTS NO. CCTR-3159 Amendment 1 WITH THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
9. Authorize the purchase of thirty-three (33) AED life-saving devices for City buildings and police patrol cars from Devices For Life, LLC (DFL) headquartered in Orange County, for a total project cost of \$52,126.97.
10. Approve the attached "Governing Body Resolution" authorizing the City's participation in the 2013 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG); authorize the Interim City Manager, Acting Director of Finance, and Police Chief to serve as the City's "Authorized Agents" for this grant project; and authorize either of the "Authorized Agents" to execute FY 2013 Emergency Management Performance Grant Assurances, Certifications, Terms and Conditions, and the related Transfer Agreement that will be required at a later date.
 - a. APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 5616** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA THAT INTERIM CITY MANAGER OR ACTING DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OR POLICE CHIEF ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE NAMED APPLICANT, A PUBLIC ENTITY ESTABLISHED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND SUBGRANTED THROUGH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
11. Authorize Interim City Manager to execute agreement with the City of Santa Ana for equipment and training cost reimbursement for Homeland Security training as outlined in the FY13 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant.
12. WARRANTS: Approve Nos. 00094704 through 00094866 totaling \$1,295,964.10.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None at this time.

VI. CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

1. Consider to receive and file and update regarding the formation of the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee.

Assistant to the City Manager Ferrier presented the staff report. He invited Chair of the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee Mark Sturdevant to the podium.

Chair of the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee Mark Sturdevant thanked Council for setting a bold goal of an initiative of economic vitality. He reviewed what the commission had discussed during their first two meeting and confirmed that more members will be brought onto the committee.

Council discussion included: confirmation that the cities of Anaheim and Fullerton have streamlined communication between residents and businesses regarding the permit process; the need to improve the permit process; potential for improving the City's image as approachable for residents and businesses; encourage input from the business community; importance of education to the community; the need to include a teacher and/or principle on the committee; benefits of a smaller committee; the need for follow-up interviews and conduct surveys with business owners regarding the permit process; expanding the roles of the Planning Commissioners; confirmation that the committee meetings are open to the public; and directed staff to add the Committee's meeting dates and times to the Mayor's Community Calendar.

Mayor Beamish invited the public to testify at 7:13 pm. There were no comments.

Moved by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0 TO RECEIVE AND FILE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE FORMATION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

VII. MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Mayor Beamish made the following announcements:

- The Mayor is available to meet with residents by appointment. To make an appointment, call (562) 383-4010.
- La Habra Children's Museum "Target Free Sunday" will be on Sunday, March 2. The theme is "Let's Play" and activities will be geared toward younger visitors.
- City of La Habra 5K/10K Run Walk will be on Saturday, March 22 at 7:30 a.m.

- The 13th Annual Spring Family “Eggstravaganza” will be on Saturday, April 19 at La Bonita Park between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
- La Habra Children’s Museum “Chipping in for Kids” Golf Classic will be on Monday, April 21 at Hacienda Golf course.
- Upcoming City Council Meeting - on Monday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM STAFF: None

IX. COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Espinoza stated she attended the Employee Award Banquet. She congratulated the employees. She stated she attended the Black History Parade in Anaheim.

Councilmember Shaw stated the Governor has declared severe drought conditions in California and encouraged the public to conserve water. He credited staff and Council for the improvement over the past 5 years to the water system in La Habra to make the City more independent.

Mayor Pro Tem Blazey noted he is hearing impaired and asked that reasonable accommodations be made in Council Chambers for the deaf and hearing impaired. He offered his assistance to Police Chief Price as a resource regarding the needed improvements in the Police Department lobby regarding this issue.

Mayor Beamish concurred with Mayor Pro Tem Blazey regarding the need for hearing impaired accommodations and suggested the use of wireless headphones for those in the audience who may need them. He congratulated staff on the water system improvements made in the City. He recognized former Councilmember Steve Anderson’s contributions as Chairman of the Orange County Sanitation District regarding the development of the ground water replenishment system. Mayor Beamish stated he is on the Orange County Sanitation District Committee and explained the improvements made to expand the ground water replenishment system. He reminded staff to schedule meetings with permit applicants who are in the midst or have gone through the permit process.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Beamish adjourned the City Council Regular Meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Swindell
Deputy City Clerk