

## MINUTES

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA  
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING  
& REGULAR MEETING  
&  
REGULAR JOINT MEETING WITH THE  
LA HABRA UTILITY AUTHORITY  
Monday, November 17, 2014**

**APPROVED:** These minutes were approved on December 1, 2014.

**ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Beamish called the Adjourned Regular 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 East La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, California.

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Beamish  
Mayor Pro Tem Chair Blazey  
Councilmember Gomez  
Councilmember Shaw  
Councilmember Espinoza

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

City Manager Sadro  
City Attorney Jones  
City Clerk Mason

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

**II. CLOSED SESSION:** Mayor Beamish announced the Closed Session and Council convened as follows:

- a. Conference with Real Property Negotiator per Government Code Section 54956.8 - Property: 100-120 East La Habra Boulevard and 201 East La Habra Boulevard; City Negotiator: Jim Sadro, City Manager: Negotiating Parties: Ryan Aeh, City Ventures; Under Negotiation: Development Agreement.

Acting Director of Community Development Jaramillo, Planning Manager Ramsland, and Assistant to the City Manager Ferrier were present for this item.

- b. Public employee evaluation per Government Code Section 54957 - Title: City Attorney.

**III. ADJOURNMENT:** Council reconvened from Closed Session at 6:35 p.m. There were no announcements. Mayor Beamish adjourned the Adjourned Regular Meeting at 6:35 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING & REGULAR JOINT MEETING:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor/Chair Beamish called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Habra, and the Regular Joint Meeting of the La Habra Utility Authority to order at 6:39 p.m. in City Council Chambers, located at 201 East La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, California.

**INVOCATION:** City Attorney/Legal Counsel Jones

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor/Chair Beamish

**COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Mayor/Chair Beamish  
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair 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

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:** None

**I. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. Proclaim November 2014 as "American Diabetes Awareness Month" in La Habra.

Mayor/Chair Beamish stated that recipients were not present. He announced the proclamation on behalf of the City Council and the community. He stated the proclamation would be mailed to the American Diabetes Association.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**III. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Moved by Councilmember/Director Gomez, seconded by Councilmember/Director Shaw, 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/Chair Beamish, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair 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 City Council Minutes of November 3, 2014.
3. APPROVE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1755 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA AMENDING TITLE 15 "BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION" OF THE LA HABRA MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 15.46, ADOPTING THE 2014 EDITION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE CODE.
4. Approve denial of claim filed by Howard Shaffer for bodily injury.
5. Approve the agreement between the City of La Habra and the Inland Commercial Enforcement and Financial Interdiction Team (ICEFIT) Task Force for cost reimbursement for the police department's participation in the ICEFIT Task Force program during the Fiscal Year 2014-2015; and authorize the Chief of Police to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of La Habra.
6. Approve Plans and Specifications for La Habra Boulevard/Central Avenue/State College Boulevard Corridor Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Project; award construction contract and authorize City Manager to execute agreement with Aegis ITS, Inc. for La Habra Boulevard/Central Avenue/State College Boulevard Corridor Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Project in the amount of \$199,188.61 and reject all other bids; and authorize staff to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$219,107.47 that includes a 10% contingency.
7. Approve the Notice of Completion for the Alley Improvement and Beautification FY 2013-2014, Project No. 2-R-13.
8. Approve Plans and Specifications for the Whittier Boulevard and Beach Boulevard Intersection Improvements Project; award construction contract and authorize City Manager to execute agreement with Mamco, Inc. dba Alabbasi for the Whittier Boulevard and Beach Boulevard Intersection Improvements Project No. 6-TC-09 in the amount of \$1,313,131.30 and reject all other bids; authorize staff to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$1,444,444.43 that includes a 10 percent contingency; and approve and authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Tetra Tech BAS (dba KFM Engineering) in the amount of \$25,000 to provide Construction Engineering Support Services for the Whittier Boulevard and Beach Boulevard Intersection Improvement Project.
9. Receive and file Planning Commission Minutes of:
  - a. August 25, 2014
  - b. September 22, 2014
10. WARRANTS: Approve Nos. 00098884 through 00099113 totaling \$847,126.72.

**CITY COUNCIL AND LA HABRA UTILITY AUTHORITY**

11. Approve the Notice of Completion for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Residential Street Rehabilitation Project (1-R-13) and the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Water Main Replacement Project (1-W-13).

**LA HABRA UTILITY AUTHORITY**

12. Approve Utility Authority Minutes of:
  - a. October 6, 2014
  - b. October 20, 2014
  - c. November 3, 2014

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

**V. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None at this time.

**VI. CONSIDERATION ITEMS:**

1. Consider receiving and filing the report of the Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee on the 6 Month Action Plan and approving to continue the committee for calendar year 2015.

Acting Community Development Director Jaramillo presented the staff report.

Chairman of the Economic Ad Hoc Committee Mark Sturdevant reported the following: the committee is forming recommendations for future trends to present to Council; conducted recent review of zoning, signage, and local ordinances; and are preparing a continuation plan for businesses. Chairman Sturdevant thanked Mayor/Chair Beamish for the formation of the committee.

Council discussion included: clarification that the random businesses selected for visits do not need to be members of the La Habra Chamber of Commerce; identified signage as the main concern of business owners; expressed appreciation of the business visitation summaries; businesses identified the need for City sidewalks and bus stops to be cleaned regularly; businesses appreciated City Council and the La Habra Chamber of Commerce visiting them; and expressed support regarding continuation of the committee.

Mayor Beamish invited the public to testify at 6:51 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Mayor Beamish, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0 TO APPROVE RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE 6 MONTH ACTION PLAN AND APPROVE TO CONTINUE THE COMMITTEE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

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

2. Consider receiving and filing the Phase One Cost Estimate and Design for the new Civic Center Project and directing staff to proceed to Phase Two.

Community Development Manager Ramsland presented the staff report.

Council questions included: clarification of possible net gain of the square feet for the potential new Civic Center; confirmation all designs support the City of La Habra Specific Plan and goals of the General Plan; confirmation net gain of square footage would meet future growth needs; clarification City Hall employees gave input for proposed new Civic Center; confirmation block wall around police station will be aesthetically pleasing, will include landscaping, and enhanced security added for the employees and the police vehicles; confirmation parking lot behind proposed Civic Center is owned by the City; clarification regarding funding of the proposed new Civic Center; expressed desire to stay within the budget; comparison of available parking spaces between current and proposed Civic Centers; and confirmation the current City Hall was dedicated in May of 1969.

City Manager Sadro compared the project cost analysis of the proposed new City Hall at the existing Town Center; the remodeling of the existing City Hall building, the remodeling and addition of 10,000 square feet to the existing City Hall building, and demolish and build a new City Hall on the existing site. He identified the benefits of the proposed project. He identified the need to use Capital Fund money to fund the project.

Mayor Beamish invited the public to testify at 7:31 p.m.

La Habra Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Mark Sturdevant spoke in favor of the project; however, he suggested that the City look ahead to a more contemporary Latin design instead of the current bell tower appearance.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Beamish closed public testimony at 7:34 p.m.

Director of Finance Shannon reviewed the potential funding sources for the potential new Civic Center project. He explained the net estimated project deficit of approximately \$1.5 million is manageable.

Council discussion included: identified that public concerns regarding the closing of Orange Street will be addressed during the planning stage; proposed homes to be built on the La Habra Womens' Club site; review of the timeline for completion of the proposed project, including 2 more design phases and an 8 month construction phase, is March 2016; and Councilmember Shaw's and City Manager Sadro's tour of the current City Hall that identified repairs needed.

Councilmember Gomez requested a field trip of new or remodeled Civic Centers.

Moved by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Mayor Beamish, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0 TO APPROVE RECEIVE AND FILE THE PHASE ONE COST ESTIMATE AND DESIGN FOR THE NEW CIVIC CENTER PROJECT AND DIRECTING STAFF TO PROCEED TO PHASE TWO WITH THE ENHANCED VERSION.

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/Chair Beamish made the following announcements:

- Mayor's Office hours are available by appointment.
- Christmas tree lighting ceremony - City Hall front steps on Monday, December 1, at 6:00 p.m.
- Operation Santa program - La Habra Community Center on Saturday, December 20. Donate non-perishable food items; new, unwrapped toys; and Wal-Mart or Target gift cards for the program at the drop-off center located at the old Big Lots building at 250 North Harbor Boulevard, Monday through Friday, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- "Shop local, Shop La Habra!" - November 28 through December 19. Bring receipts to the La Habra Chamber of Commerce office, located at 321 East La Habra Boulevard to be entered into a drawing for a chance to win \$1,000 and other prizes.
- La Habra Children's Museum's Breakfast with Santa Claus - Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7. Seating times are 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Workshop on Monday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m., located at the La Habra Community Center.
- 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](http://www.goplacesseefaces.com).
- Upcoming City Council meeting – Monday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- Visit the City's website at [www.lahabraca.gov](http://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.

## **VIII. COMMENTS FROM STAFF: None**

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

Councilmember/Director Shaw stated he attended the retirement celebration for Dr. Patricia Howell from the Lowell Joint Unified School District and presented her with a City of La Habra tile.

Councilmember/Director Gomez offered condolences to the Espinoza family on the passing of Councilmember/Director Espinoza's mother-in-law. He stated that he attended the Household Hazardous Waste event at the City Yard. He congratulated Public Works Director Saykali and Public Works Secretary Delgado on another successful event. He thanked Community Services

Director Failla and his staff on the Veteran's Day program. He congratulated Police Lieutenant Jeff Swaim on being promoted to Captain.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Blazey expressed sadness at not being able to attend the Veteran's Day event. He stated he was helping his 88 year old veteran father who served in the United States Navy and was amongst the first Navy personnel to arrive in Tokyo Bay after the Japanese surrendered in World War II. He stated he attended the Household Hazardous Waste event. He thanked Public Works Director Saykali and commended Public Works Secretary Delgado on her work during the event and each day at work. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor/Chair Beamish stated he attended the Household Hazardous Waste event and the Veteran's Day event. He congratulated Councilmember/Director Shaw on his reappointment to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors. He stated he attended a meeting with the officials of the Orange County Water District in Fountain Valley where they reviewed the statistics on the low water supply due to the drought. He encouraged the public to conserve water.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Beamish adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City Council to Monday, at 7:57 p.m. to Monday, December 1, 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. Chair Beamish adjourned the La Habra Utility Authority meeting at 7:57.p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara D. Mason, MMC  
City Clerk/Secretary