

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

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Monday, August 19, 2019

APPROVED: These Minutes were approved on September 16, 2019.

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING 5:30 P.M.: Cancelled

REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M.:

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 Council Chamber, located at 100 East La Habra Boulevard in La Habra, California.

INVOCATION: City Attorney Jones

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Shaw

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Gomez
Mayor Pro Tem Beamish
Councilmember Espinoza
Councilmember Shaw
Councilmember Medrano

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT: None

I. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS: None at this time.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Matt Grippi, 961 Glenhaven Drive, spoke regarding the closure time of the skate park in La Habra. He requested that the skate park stay open, and the lights stay on, for one additional hour until 9:00 p.m. Mayor Gomez referred Mr. Grippi to Police Captain Capelletti and Community Services Director Fujio.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Medrano requested that Item III.3 be removed for separate discussion.

Moved by Mayor Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beamish, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS III.1 THROUGH III.4; WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM III.3 WHICH WAS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

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 City Council Minutes of July 15, 2019.
3. Approve and authorize City Manager to execute an agreement with the City of Anaheim for reimbursement of equipment and/or the cost for Homeland Security training as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2018 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant.
4. WARRANTS: Approve Nos. 00122386 through 00122593 totaling \$2,278,199.28; and WIRE TRANSFER: Approve Wire Dates of 8/20/2019, 8/28/2019 and 8/30/2019 for a total of \$1,395,506.25.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

III.3. Approve and authorize City Manager to execute an agreement with the City of Anaheim for reimbursement of equipment and/or the cost for Homeland Security training as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2018 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant.

Police Captain Foster presented the staff report.

Council discussion included verification that this item brings public awareness to the fact that the La Habra Police Department actively trains in preparation for potential acts of terrorism.

Mayor Gomez invited the public to testify at 6:37 p.m. There was no testimony.

Moved by Mayor Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beamish, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ANAHEIM FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EQUIPMENT AND/OR THE COST OF HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING AS OUTLINED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 URBAN AREAS SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI) GRANT.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None at this time.

VI. CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

1. Consider amending the City of La Habra Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Municipal Budget by appropriating \$17,100 of unencumbered General Fund, fund balance, to the following City Council directed General Fund budgeted expenditures:
 - a. Restore Planning Commissioner's Stipends from \$50 per month to \$100 per month (\$3,000 appropriation);
 - b. Restore Community Services Commissioner's Stipends from \$25 per month to \$50 per month (\$2,100 appropriation);
 - c. Restore the La Habra Chamber of Commerce's share of advertising revenues from the quarterly Life in La Habra publication by \$5,000 (\$5,000 appropriation);
 - d. Restore water costs for buildings, parks and right-of-ways (\$5,000 appropriation); and
 - e. Restore Special Event subsidies (\$2,000 appropriation).

A staff report was not requested.

Mayor Gomez motioned TO CONTINUE ITEM VI.1 TO A FUTURE DATE AND LOOK AT THE BUDGET CUTS IN THEIR ENTIRETY; SPECIFICALLY THE CUTS TO PUBLIC SAFETY PRIOR TO RESTORING THE PROPOSED \$17,100.

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Council discussion included: proposed restoration of the \$17,100 due to the receipt of funds from River Distributing, LLC, a cannabis distribution company; restoration of Public Safety and other funding cuts during the mid-year budget review in 2020; funding spent on subsidies for special events; and possibly permitting fireworks in La Habra.

Police Captain Capelletti confirmed that the Police Department was currently down four positions; which included a Sergeant position and an officer position that were frozen, and two entry-level positions.

Mayor Gomez requested to review budget cuts to public safety during the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Mid-year Budget review in 2020, and Councilmember Medrano agreed.

Mayor Gomez invited the public to testify at 6:44 p.m.

La Habra Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Marie Laveaga thanked Council for their consideration in restoring Chamber funds, and requested that Council approve by casting a

unanimous vote. She discussed the Chamber's mission statement, fiscal practices, and customer service provided to the public. She announced that the "Shop Local/Shop La Habra" Program would occur from November 25, 2019 through December 19, 2019.

Mayor Gomez closed public testimony at 6:48 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beamish, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE AMEND THE CITY OF LA HABRA FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING \$17,100 OF UNENCUMBERED GENERAL FUND, FUND BALANCE, TO THE FOLLOWING CITY COUNCIL DIRECTED GENERAL FUND BUDGETED EXPENDITURES:

- a. RESTORE PLANNING COMMISSIONER'S STIPENDS FROM \$50 PER MONTH TO \$100 PER MONTH (\$3,000 APPROPRIATION);
- b. RESTORE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSIONER'S STIPENDS FROM \$25 PERMONTH TO \$50 PER MONTH (\$2,100 APPROPRIATION);
- c. RESTORE THE LA HABRA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S SHARE OF ADVERTISING REVENUES FROM THE QUARTERLY LIFE IN LA HABRA PUBLICATION BY \$5,000 (\$5,000 APPROPRIATION);
- d. RESTORE WATER COSTS FOR BUILDINGS, PARKS, AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS (\$5,000 APPROPRIATION); AND
- e. RESTORE SPECIAL EVENT SUBSIDIES (\$2,000 APPROPRIATION).

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

VII. MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Mayor Gomez made the following announcements:

- City of La Habra's "Movie in the Park" series - Friday, August 23, at El Cerrito School a FREE showing of "How to Train Your Dragon The Hidden World" activities beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the movie playing at dusk.
- La Habra Children's Museum "Night at the Museum" fundraiser to support Museum operations - Saturday, October 19, from 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- La Habra's favorite events, the Tamale Festival – Sunday, December 1 from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., along Euclid Street between City Hall and Portola Park.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM STAFF: None

IX. COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Espinoza expressed appreciation from residents to the Community Services Department's Recreation Division and Recreation Specialist Melissa Rivera for the continued

Zumba classes being held at Euclid Street and Montwood Avenue. Councilmember Espinoza wished everyone a Happy Labor Day holiday.

Mayor Pro Tem Beamish thanked his Council colleagues for their support in restoring the \$17,100 in budget cuts. He added that the action taken restoring those budget cuts were directly attributable to the previous action taken regarding River Distribution, LLC and the distribution of legalized cannabis. He expressed the potential for jobs and programs to be at stake due to budgetary constraints; which would get worse in the future. He noted that the next issue regarding cannabis would be home delivery; which was already taking place, and the revenues from those businesses were helpful to the City's budget. He encouraged his colleagues to bring forward new ideas regarding revenue sources for consideration.

Councilmember Shaw requested to discuss subsidizing the City of La Habra 4th of July event, and to evaluate options during the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Mid-year Budget Review, and Mayor Gomez agreed.

City Manager Sadro explained the purpose of the Mid-Year Budget review.

City Attorney Jones explained that the discussion of subsidizing the City of La Habra 4th of July show and permitting legal fireworks were two separate items. He noted that because fireworks were deemed illegal in La Habra through an ordinance City Council would need to make a change to that ordinance via a public hearing and an ordinance; which could be acted upon by Council at any time.

Councilmember Shaw stated that the Orange County Auditor-Controller Eric Woolery, had passed away at the age of 53 years old, and left behind his wife and two children. He requested that the meeting be adjourned in Eric Woolery's memory.

Councilmember Medrano stated that he attended the "Back to School Health Fair" event. He thanked City staff for organizing the event. He thanked City Manager Sadro, Public Works Director Saykali, and Public Works staff for installing the crosswalk on Idaho Street at La Habra High School across from the Future Farmers of America (FFA) site.

Mayor Gomez stated that he attended the "National Night Out," "Coffee with a Cop," and the "Back to School Health Fair" events. He thanked Captain Capelletti and his staff for organizing the Police Department events. He thanked all city staff who contributed money to the "Back to School Health Fair" backpack fundraising event. He requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Chuck Dowdy who was a World War II veteran, and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 267, who recently passed away and who was survived by his wife Vera.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Gomez adjourned the meeting in memory of Orange County Auditor-Controller Eric Woolery and Chuck Dowdy at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Swindell, CMC
City Clerk