

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
&
REGULAR MEETING
&
REGULAR JOINT MEETING WITH THE
LA HABRA CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY, LA HABRA HOUSING AUTHORITY,
LA HABRA UTILITY AUTHORITY, AND
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE LA HABRA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Monday, December 02, 2013

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

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Espinoza called to order the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council at 5:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room 106, located at 201 E. La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, California.

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance and
Administrative Services Sadro
City Attorney Jones
City Clerk Mason

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

None

II. CLOSED SESSION:

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel potential litigation per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) (1 case).

Director of Community Services Failla was present for this item.

- b. Conference with Legal Counsel potential litigation per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) (3 cases) Facts and Circumstances: Dispute of ownership and

obligation to maintain streets adjacent to several schools with and within the following school districts: Fullerton Joint Union High School District, La Habra City School District and Lowell Joint School District. Locations: La Habra High School - Idaho Street between Highlander Avenue and Whittier Boulevard, Highlander Avenue between Idaho Street and Monte Vista Street, Monte Vista Street between Highlander Ave and Whittier Boulevard; Sonora High School - Palm Street; Washington Middle School - McPherson Street and Third Avenue; El Cerrito School - Hillside Street; Sierra Vista School - Whittier Avenue; Ladera Palma School - Brookdale Avenue; and Olita School - Briercliff Drive and Cajon Drive.

- c. Conference with Labor Negotiator per Government Code Section 54957.6 - Agency Representative: Don Hannah, City Manager; Employee Organizations: Police Sworn Employees, Police Civilian Employees, La Habra Municipal Employees Association, General Services Employees, Professional Employees, and Non-represented Management Employees.
- d. Conference with Real Property Negotiator per Government Code Section 54956.8- Property: 215 Orange Street, and 351 S. Hillcrest Street (341 S. Hillcrest Street); City Negotiator: Don Hannah, City Manager; Negotiating Parties; Art Association, and La Habra Boxing Club; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms.

Director of Community Services Failla was present for this item.

- e. Conference with Real Property Negotiator per Government Code Section 54956.8 - Property: 100 - 120 E. La Habra Blvd.; City Negotiator: Don Hannah, City Manager; Negotiating Parties; California Venture; Under Negotiation: price and terms.

Councilmember Gomez requested and City Attorney Jones explained the request that an urgency item be added to the agenda. MOVED by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, and CARRIED 4-1 TO ADD URGENT CLOSED SESSION ITEM TO THE AGENDA AS NOTED UNDER LETTER 'F' BELOW DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES ARISING AFTER THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

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

III. ADJOURNED: Council reconvened from Closed Session at 5:53 p.m. There were no announcements. Mayor Espinoza adjourned the Adjourned Regular meeting at 5:53 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING & REGULAR JOINT MEETING:

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor/Director Espinoza called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Habra and the Regular Joint Meeting with the Civic Improvement Authority, Housing Authority, Utility Authority, and the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 201 E. La Habra Boulevard, La Habra. California.

COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS PRESENT: Espinoza, Beamish, Gomez, Blazey, Shaw
COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS ABSENT: None
OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance and Administrative Services Sadro
City Attorney/Legal Counsel Jones
City Clerk/Secretary Mason
Deputy City Clerk Swindell

INVOCATION: City Attorney Jones

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember Gomez

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT: None

I. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

a. Commendations to Mayor Espinoza.

Mayor Pro Tem Beamish reviewed the accomplishments of Mayor Espinoza over the past year. He made presentations to Mayor Espinoza for her outstanding leadership as Mayor from December 2012 to December 2013 on behalf of the following dignitaries:

- Honorable Curt Hagman, State Assemblyman, 55th District
- Honorable Shawn Nelson, Orange County Board of Supervisors Chairman, 4th District
- Executive Director Mark Chavez, La Habra Boys and Girls Club

Mayor Pro Tem Beamish invited the following dignitaries to the podium to make presentations to Mayor Espinoza:

- Leia Hernandez, representative for Senator Bob Huff, 29th District
- Dee Brooks, Friends of the Children's Museum at La Habra

Mayor Pro Tem Beamish invited the Council to join him and presented out-going Mayor Espinoza a gavel and a plaque in appreciation for her mayoral leadership.

Mayor Espinoza thanked City staff for their hard work. She stated she would be taking a tour of the City of La Habra to see the areas of potential in the nearly completed General Plan. She expressed looking forward to dedicating time to work on attracting new businesses to the city.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Craig Allen Sheets spoke regarding the transportation of illegal drugs. He thanked the City of La Habra for allowing him to speak several times.

Sandi Baltés, Marketing and Outreach Director of Friends and Family Health Clinic located at 501 S. Idaho Street, stated the clinic has been designated a federally qualified healthcare clinic and is no longer aligned with the Institute for Healthcare Advancement (IHA). She introduced two members of the staff who are being trained and certified in counseling on California Care that is part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Mayor Espinoza asked for the contact number - (562) 690-0400.

Sergeant Jim Tigner, President of the La Habra Police Officers Association (POA), introduced Detective Craig Hentcy, Treasurer of the POA and a Board member. Sergeant Tigner explained that the POA donates money to non-profits and various organizations in La Habra to support the community. He invited Community Services Director Failla to the podium and presented a \$2000 check to Operation Santa on behalf of the men and women of the POA.

III. CITY COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZATION AND APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Espinoza turned the chair over to City Clerk Mason for the City Council re-organization and appointments to governmental agencies.

1. Election of Mayor (December 2013 - December 2014).

City Clerk Mason opened nominations for the position of Mayor. Councilmember Gomez nominated Councilmember Beamish. There were no other nominations presented. **MOVED** by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Espinoza, and **CARRIED 5-0 TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT TO ELECT TOM BEAMISH AS MAYOR.**

Mayor Tom Beamish thanked Council for the honor.

2. Election of Mayor Pro Tem (December 2013 - December 2014)

City Clerk Mason opened nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Espinoza nominated Councilmember Blazey. There were no other nominations presented. **MOVED** by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Mayor Beamish, and **CARRIED 5-0 TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT TO ELECT MICHAEL BLAZEY AS MAYOR PRO TEM.**

Mayor Pro Tem Blazey thanked Council for their confidence in him.

Councilmember Espinoza invited the families of Mayor Beamish and Mayor Pro Tem Blazey to join the newly appointed officials for photos.

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair (December 2013 - December 2014)

a. La Habra Civic Improvement Authority

Secretary Mason opened nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair of the La Habra Civic Improvement Authority. Director Gomez nominated Director Beamish for Chair and Director Blazey for Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations presented. **MOVED** by Director

Gomez, seconded by Director Espinoza, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0 TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT TO ELECT DIRECTOR BEAMISH AS CHAIR AND DIRECTOR BLAZEY AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE LA HABRA CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY.

b. La Habra Housing Authority

Secretary Mason opened nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair of the La Habra Housing Authority. Director Beamish nominated Director Gomez for Chair and Director Shaw for Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations presented. MOVED by Director Beamish, seconded by Director Espinoza, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0 TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT TO ELECT DIRECTOR GOMEZ AS CHAIR AND DIRECTOR SHAW AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE LA HABRA HOUSING AUTHORITY.

4. Consider appointments of Delegate and Alternate to the Orange County Sanitation District for a one-year term: December 2013 - December 2014.

City Clerk Mason opened nominations for appointment to the Orange County Sanitation District as delegate and alternate for a one-year term ending December 2014. Councilmember Gomez nominated Mayor Beamish for Delegate and Councilmember Espinoza for Alternate. There were no other nominations presented. Mayor Beamish abstained. MOVED by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Blazey, and CARRIED 4-0 TO APPOINT MAYOR BEAMISH AS THE DELEGATE AND COUNCILMEMBER ESPINOZA AS THE ALTERNATE TO THE ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 2014.

5. Consider appointments of Delegate and Alternate to the Southern California Association of Governments for purposes of voting in General Assembly meetings.

City Clerk Mason opened nominations for appointments of Delegate and Alternate to the Southern California Association of Governments for purposes of voting in General Assembly meetings. Mayor Beamish nominated Councilmember Espinoza for Delegate and Councilmember Shaw for Alternate. There were no other nominations presented. MOVED by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Blazey, and CARRIED 5-0 TO APPOINT COUNCILMEMBER ESPINOZA AS DELEGATE AND COUNCILMEMBER SHAW AS ALTERNATE TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT FOR PURPOSES OF VOTING IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS.

6. Consider appointments of two Councilmembers to serve on the Internal Audit Committee for a one-year term: December 2013 - December 2014

City Clerk Mason opened nominations to appoint two Councilmembers to serve on the Internal Audit Committee for a one-year term ending December 2014. Councilmember Gomez nominated Councilmember Espinoza for the first seat and Mayor Beamish for the second seat.

Mayor Beamish stated he and Councilmember Espinoza have served on this committee for some time. He discussed the continuity of appointing the current Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem yearly. Councilmember Gomez expressed concern regarding the work schedules of certain councilmembers and their unavailability to meet during the day. Mayor Beamish inquired if the auditors can meet in the evenings. Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance and

Administrative Services Sadro confirmed the auditors could accommodate different schedules. Mayor Beamish suggested that the matter of appointing the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem yearly as a permanent appointment be brought to counsel at a later date for discussion. Councilmember Gomez supported the appointment of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to serve on the Internal Audit Committee.

Councilmember Gomez amended his nomination to Mayor Beamish for the first seat and Mayor Pro Tem Blazey for the second seat. There were no other nominations presented. MOVED by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Blazey, and CARRIED 5-0 TO APPOINT MAYOR BEAMISH FOR THE FIRST SEAT AND MAYOR PRO TEM BLAZEY FOR THE SECOND SEAT TO SERVE ON THE INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 2014.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR FOR CITY COUNCIL, SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE LA HABRA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AND ALL AUTHORITIES:

Moved by Councilmember/Director Gomez, seconded by Councilmember/Director Espinoza, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0 TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS IV.A.1 THROUGH IV.E.2 WITH MAYOR PRO TEM/DIRECTOR BLAZEY ABSTAINING ON ITEM IV.A.6.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor/Director Beamish, Mayor Pro Tem/Director Blazey,
Councilmember/Director Espinoza, Councilmember/Director Gomez,
Councilmember/Director Shaw
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: Mayor Pro Tem/Director Blazey (Item III.A.6)
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. Review and adopt the City's Annual Investment Policy for implementation on January 1, 2014.
3. Approve City Council Minutes of November 4, 2013.
4. Approve Community Services Commission Minutes of October 9, 2013.
5. Approve agreement between the City of La Habra and the City of Fullerton for the Euclid Street and Country Hills Drive Traffic Signal Modification Project; and authorize City Manager to execute agreement.
6. Approve neighborhoods "B", "D" and "I" from the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Priority List Report dated October 2011 for development and implementation of neighborhood traffic management plans; waive formal bid requirements per La Habra Municipal Code Section 4.20.050(D); approve and authorize City Manager to enter into

an agreement with Fehr & Peers Transportation Consultants in the amount of \$59,750 to provide professional engineering services for the development and implementation of neighborhood traffic management plans; and authorize staff to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$62,740 that includes a 5% Contingency. (Mayor Pro Tem Blazey abstained.)

7. WARRANTS: Approve Nos. 00093995 through 00094144 totaling \$1,057,202.23.
8. APPROVE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1749 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 5.04.610 OF TITLE 5 "BUSINESS TAXES, LICENSES AND REGULATIONS" OF THE LA HABRA MUNICIPAL CODE PER EXHIBIT "A."
9. Approve a resolution of the City Council of the City of La Habra certifying the approval and authorizing the execution of local agreement No. CSPP-3315 Amendment 01 with the California State Department of Education; and authorize City Manager to execute local agreement No. CSPP-3315, Amendment 01 with the California Department of Education, Child Development Division for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR - CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY:

1. Approve Civic Improvement Authority Minutes of:
 - a. September 16, 2013
 - b. October 7, 2013
 - c. October 21, 2013
 - d. November 4, 2013
 - e. November 18, 2013
2. Review and adopt the City's Annual Investment Policy for implementation on January 1, 2014.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR - HOUSING AUTHORITY:

1. Approve Housing Authority Minutes of:
 - a. October 7, 2013
 - b. October 21, 2013
 - c. November 4, 2013
 - d. November 18, 2013
2. Review and adopt the City's Annual Investment Policy for implementation on January 1, 2014.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR - UTILITY AUTHORITY:

1. Approve Utility Authority Minutes of:
 - a. October 7, 2013
 - b. October 21, 2013
 - c. November 4, 2013
 - d. November 18, 2013

2. Review and adopt the City's Annual Investment Policy for implementation on January 1, 2014.
3. Authorize joint representation of the La Habra Utility Authority and Cal Domestic Water Company by Lagerlof, Senecal, Gosney & Kruse, LLP, and authorize the Executive Director to waive any restrictions regarding conflict of interest per Rule 3-310 of the Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of California.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR - SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE LA HABRA REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. Approve Successor Agency Minutes of:
 - a. October 21, 2013
 - b. November 4, 2013
 - c. November 18, 2013
2. Review and adopt the City's Annual Investment Policy for implementation on January 1, 2014.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION: None

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None at this time.

VII. CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

1. Consider and APPROVE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1748 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 13-02 ADOPTING CHANGES TO SECTION 18.04.030 (TERMS DEFINED), 18.06.040.A (LAND USES), SECTION 18.24.050 (FENCES, WALLS AND HEDGES), 18.26.050 (DESIGN STANDARDS), SECTION 18.32.050 (GENERAL REQUIREMENTS), SECTION 18.33.050 (WALLS AND FENCES), SECTION 18.38.050 (WALLS AND FENCES), SECTION 18.44.040 (PARKING AND LOADING), SECTION 18.62.060 (STANDARDS OF DEVELOPMENT) AND ADDITIONS TO SECTION 18.08.120 (TIME LIMITATION ON DISCRETIONARY PERMIT APPLICATIONS), SECTION 18.14.070 (DESIGN STANDARDS), SECTION 18.16.040 (GENERAL REQUIREMENTS), SECTION 18.62.020 (DEFINITIONS), SECTION 18.62.040 (PERMIT REQUIRED), AND SECTION 18.62.055 (MODIFICATION OF EXISTING WIRELESS FACILITIES) OF TITLE 18 (ZONING) AS PER EXHIBITS "A" AND "B."

Mayor Beamish read title of Ordinance No. 1748 in full for the record.

Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance and Administrative Services Sadro explained that this item that was brought to Council on November 18, 2013; however the title was read in summary versus in full.

Mayor Beamish invited the public to testify. There was no public testimony.

Moved by Councilmember Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Blazey, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5-0 TO APPROVE WAIVING FURTHER READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1748; AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1748 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 13-02 ADOPTING CHANGES TO SECTION 18.04.030 (TERMS DEFINED), 18.06.040.A (LAND USES), SECTION 18.24.050 (FENCES, WALLS AND HEDGES), 18.26.050 (DESIGN STANDARDS), SECTION 18.32.050 (GENERAL REQUIREMENTS), SECTION 18.33.050 (WALLS AND FENCES), SECTION 18.38.050 (WALLS AND FENCES), SECTION 18.44.040 (PARKING AND LOADING), SECTION 18.62.060 (STANDARDS OF DEVELOPMENT) AND ADDITIONS TO SECTION 18.08.120 (TIME LIMITATION ON DISCRETIONARY PERMIT APPLICATIONS), SECTION 18.14.070 (DESIGN STANDARDS), SECTION 18.16.040 (GENERAL REQUIREMENTS), SECTION 18.62.020 (DEFINITIONS), SECTION 18.62.040 (PERMIT REQUIRED), AND SECTION 18.62.055 (MODIFICATION OF EXISTING WIRELESS FACILITIES) OF TITLE 18 (ZONING) AS PER EXHIBITS "A" AND "B."

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

VIII. MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Mayor/Chair Beamish made the following announcements:

- La Habra Children's Museum "Breakfast with Santa" – Saturday, December 7, and Sunday, December 8. Seating times each day are 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Reservations are required.
- Operation Santa headquarters, located at 1241 East La Habra Boulevard, will be opened on Monday, November 15. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- The La Habra Host Lions "Santa Cause" Car Show – Sunday, December 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at 777 South Harbor Boulevard.
- Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest nomination deadline is December 13, 2014, by 5:00 p.m. Winners will be recognized at the January 21 Council meeting.
- La Habra Chamber of Commerce "Shop Local and Win" contest. Present receipts to the Chamber office located at 321 E. La Habra Boulevard to be entered in a drawing for a chance to win cash and prizes.
- The City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding the General Plan, as well as the associated Environmental Impact Report and Climate Action Plan, on Monday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- Upcoming City Council meetings - Monday, December 16, and Tuesday, January 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

IX. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance and Administrative Services congratulated Mayor Beamish.

X. COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS:

Councilmember/Chair Shaw thanked the Police Officers Association (POA) for the generous donation to Operation Santa. He stated he attended the Buena Park Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. He stated that Councilmember Gomez and he attended the 70th wedding anniversary of Al and Marjorie Jorgensen at Park Regency.

Mayor Pro Tem/Director Blazey thanked Council for the appointment to Mayor Pro Tem. He expressed hope that La Habra residents will give him the same confidence in next year's election so he may have the opportunity to be appointed Mayor.

Councilmember/Director Gomez expressed his appreciation of the job Councilmember Espinoza did as Mayor. He wished Mayor Beamish good luck. He thanked Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance and Administrative Services Sadro for filling in for City Manager Hannah. He thanked the POA for all they do in the community.

Councilmember/Director Espinoza thanked the POA. She congratulated Mayor Beamish and Mayor Pro Tem Blazey. She expressed her appreciation for serving as Mayor. She wished everyone a happy holiday.

Mayor/Director Beamish congratulated Councilmember/Director Espinoza on her year as Mayor. He stated that he attended the La Habra Police Association Awards and Holiday Banquet and announced the award recipients as follows: Supervisor of the Year – Sergeant Jeff Baylos, Officer of the Year – Corporal Scott Irwin; Reserve Officer of the Year – Joshua Goldmark; Civilian Personnel of the Year – Records Specialist Viviana Alfaro; Support Personnel of the Year – Radio Patrol Volunteers: Patrick Borja, Esther Dickenson, Steve Hopple, Fred Milam, Georgeanna Milam, Allen Nisle, Ted Singer, Jose Valdivia, and John Madsen; and Support Personnel of the Year – Part-Time Dispatcher David Gonzalez. He congratulated the award recipients. He congratulated the new POA President Sergeant Jim Tigner. He thanked Council for their support in appointing him as Mayor. He thanked his wife Nancy Beamish for her support. He noted that during the last 5 years, city government, private businesses, school districts, and non-profits across the country, and in our the La Habra community, have needed to adapt to the challenging and changing economic conditions. He stated that he believes it has made the La Habra community stronger and led to more cooperative and collaborative relationships. He commented that more now than ever, as the economy continues to improve, he believes that cooperation and collaboration is the fundamental ingredient to the future success of the City and community. He stated that La Habra relies upon a healthy, vibrant, local economy to fund public services and programs. He added that without a solid tax base, which is a product of a strong economy, La Habra would lack the means to deliver the services the City provides. He stated a strong and vibrant local economy benefits the entire community and helps all to succeed. He commented that as stewards of the public's trust, City Council has a responsibility to look towards the future, to think how the Council can build a stronger community. He stated that, without a doubt, a strong and robust business economy is a key to that future. He commented that during his term as Mayor he will encourage the City to enhance and strengthen its working relationship with all the community groups within the City; especially with the business community and the La Habra Chamber of Commerce, and boost our existing efforts to support its success. He stated the City has done a good job of maintaining support for our businesses in the past, but we can do better. He quoted Will Rogers' saying, "Even if you are on the right track you will get run over if you just sit there." He stated with the General Plan

nearing completion, this is the right time to build a resilient foundation that will carry our community toward an even greater success. He expressed that he is focusing on the City's initiatives, policies, regulations, and relationships with the business community. He stated that the following questions need to be answered:

- How can we improve the policies and procedures that affect business?
- How can we become a better partner and create an environment most conducive to economic success?
- What are other cities doing in that regard and how successful have they been?
- What have been their best practices?
- What have been the impacts associated with a given practice?
- How can we include the La Habra Chamber of Commerce and other business representative groups in this process?
- How do we better share information among the groups?
- Is there something more the City can do to help attract businesses we would like to see in La Habra?

Mayor Beamish commented that additionally he believes it would benefit the community to create an Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee composed of representatives from the La Habra Chamber of Commerce, other business groups, and key City staff to provide advice to the City Council on economic development matters. He requested staff to gather information on these issues and report back to Council with a recommendation regarding the next steps at the Council Meeting to occur on December 16, 2013. He challenged his colleagues to review the General Plan Update, chose a section/area, and work on ideas to change La Habra over the next few years. He concluded by saying that he believes by working together we will build a stronger La Habra.

Mayor Beamish announced that the City Council will be participating in a land use field trip on December 3, 2013 with the Planning Commission, and it has been noticed as a special meeting to be held in the Administrative Conference Room 106 at 8:00 a.m. and leaving for the field trip soon thereafter.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Beamish adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara D. Mason, MMC
City Clerk/Secretary