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

Monday, April 15, 2019

APPROVED: These Minutes were approved on June 17, 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
Interim City Clerk Swindell

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT: None

I. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Gomez invited the Beautification Committee to join him in front of the dais.
   a. Beautification Award to the Hecklau Family, 500 Las Lomas Drive.

   Beautification Committee member Denise Schmidt invited the Hecklau Family to the front of the dais. The Hecklau Family accepted the award from the City and from Senator Ling Ling Chang’s Office.
   b. Beautification Award to the Willard Family, 1041 Derry Street.

   Beautification Committee member Denise Schmidt invited the Willard Family to the front of the dais. The Willard Family accepted the award from the City and from Senator Ling Ling Chang’s Office.
c. La Habra Host Lions Club presentation to City thanking them for their support.
Mayor Gomez invited Randy McMillan from the La Habra Host Lion’s Club to the front of the dais. Randy McMillan thanked City Council, City staff, La Habra Police Department, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Public Works, Community Services, Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Maintenance for their partnership, guidance, and support of the Lion’s Club. He presented Mayor Gomez with a plaque. Mayor Gomez expressed appreciation to the Lion’s Club.

d. Proclaim the week of April 14-20, 2019 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Weeks in the City of La Habra.

Mayor Gomez invited Police Chief Price to the front of the podium. Chief Price invited up new Policy Dispatch Supervisor Jennifer Duong, Bureau Manager Leticia Elder, Dispatcher Romelia Montgomery, and Captain Capelletti. Chief Price noted that the Office of Emergency Management (OES) conducted an audit on the Policy Department Dispatch Department and they answered 911 calls within 15 seconds 99.13 percent of the time; which was the highest audit percentage ever documented. Dispatcher Montgomery accepted the proclamation.

e. Proclaim April 20, 2019, as "Earth Day/Arbor Day" in the City of La Habra.

Mayor Gomez invited Principal Engineer Rangel to the front of the dais. Principal Engineer Rangel accepted the proclamation.

f. Proclaim the City of La Habra’s partnership with the United States Census Bureau and support of the 2020 Census.

Mayor Gomez invited Bao Nguyen, Partnership Specialist, with the United States Census Bureau to the front of the dais who gave a presentation. Mayor Gomez presented Mr. Nguyen with a proclamation.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

III. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Councilmember Espinoza announced that she would be abstaining on Item III.3.

Moved by Mayor Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beamish, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS III.1 THROUGH III.9; WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COUNCILMEMBER ESPINOZA ABSTAINING ON ITEM III.3.

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: Councilmember Espinoza (Item III.3 only)
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.


4. APPROVE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1805 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 18-08 AMENDING TITLE 18 (ZONING) BY CREATING CHAPTER 18.54 "MX-MIXED USE OVERLAY ZONE" AND RE-ZONING CERTAIN PROPERTIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY BY ADDING THE MX OVERLAY ZONE TO THE BASE ZONE ALONG WITH UPDATING TABLE 18.06.010.1 ADDING THE MX OVERLAY ZONE, AS PER EXHIBITS "A" AND "B."

5. Approve and adopt a salary and benefit resolution pertaining to changes in compensation and benefits for Early Head Start (EHS) employees effective July 1, 2018; and

   a. APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 5894 ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 5879 PERTAINING TO THE COMPENSATION PLAN FOR EARLY HEAD START EMPLOYEES.

6. Approve the adoption of a List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 funded by SB 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017; and


7. Approve and authorize City Manager to execute the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Block Grant Service Agreement No. 47888 for the 2018-2019 school year with the Orange County Department of Education, for continuous quality improvements for the State Preschool Program.

8. Approve and authorize City Manager to execute the Third Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement with Community SeniorServe for transportation services related to the City's Senior Nutrition Program for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

9. WARRANTS: Approve Nos. 00120798 through 00121000 totaling $666,281.42; and WIRE TRANSFER: Approve Wire Date 4/29/2019 for a total of $846,890.23.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION: None
V. PUBLIC HEARINGS:


Community and Economic Development Director Ho introduced Senior Planner Schaefer who presented the staff report. Director Ho noted that prior to the meeting the City received two letters regarding this item; one from Verizon and one from Crown Castle. He stated that Deputy City Attorney Baron Bettenhauser from the Law Offices of Jones & Mayer was present to answer any questions.

Council discussion included: confirmation that the current lawsuit regarding this item was pending in the 9th Circuit Court for review; potential effects to and actions by the City based on the outcome of the pending lawsuit and the State of California’s update of code language; verification that Verizon was recommending various changes to portions of the ordinance as stated in their letter received by the City; clarification of items in the proposed ordinance of which Verizon Wireless was in supportive and not in support; and comparison of the proposed ordinance with other City’s ordinances regarding wireless facilities; and confirmation Verizon Wireless was generally in support of the proposed ordinances and resolutions.

Deputy City Attorney Bettenhauser confirmed that he read the letters received by the City from Verizon Wireless and Crown Castle and that he concurred with what staff had stated to Council. He recommended that Council move forward with the proposed Urgency Ordinance, Urgency Resolution, Ordinance, and Resolution as presented. He noted that he would be speaking with Verizon in the following weeks and that staff would be coming back to Council to amend portions of the proposed Ordinances and Resolutions.

Mayor Gomez opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Todd Smith, representative with Crown Castle, expressed appreciation to Council for taking the time and effort to approve the ordinance. He stated that Crown Castle would like to work with the City to clarify the language in the ordinance, streamline the process, and avoid future conflicts.

Michelle Brower, representative from Verizon Wireless, thanked Council for hearing this item, for City staff taking on this big task, and for working with them. She verified that this process was new and would be fluid until City staff was used to receiving these types of applications. She noted that Verizon Wireless would like to assist the City any way they could, especially regarding
Southern California Edison’s requirements. She spoke regarding the sites increased demands, capacities, aesthetics, and 5G technology in the future.

Mayor Gomez closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Mayor Gomez, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE AND ADOPT URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1806 ENTITLED: AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 19-01 FOR AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 18 ZONING, CHAPTER 18.62 WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND ADDING CHAPTER 18.63 SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE LA HABRA MUNICIPAL CODE PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FCC’S DECLARATORY RULING AND THIRD REPORT AND ORDER, AS PER EXHIBIT "A" AND "B," AND DECLARING URGENCY THEREOF.

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

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Mayor Gomez, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE AND ADOPT URGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 5896 ENTITLED: AN URGENCY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE MASTER SCHEDULE OF FEES PERTAINING TO SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, AS PER EXHIBIT "C."

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

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Mayor Gomez, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1807 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA APPROVING ZONE CHANGE 19-01 FOR AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 18 ZONING, CHAPTER 18.62 WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND ADDING CHAPTER 18.63 SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE LA HABRA MUNICIPAL CODE PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FCC’S DECLARATORY RULING AND THIRD REPORT AND ORDER, AS PER EXHIBIT "A" AND EXHIBIT "B."

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Gomez, Mayor Pro Tem Beamish, Councilmember Espinoza,
Moved by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Mayor Gomez, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 5897 ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA AMENDING THE MASTER SCHEDULE OF FEES PERTAINING TO SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, AS PER EXHIBIT "C."

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

2. Duly noticed public hearing to consider approval of the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Housing Specialist Susan Louie presented the staff report. She stated that staff received an email today with verification of the actual funding allocation amount of $681,180 received for Fiscal Year 2019-2020; which was an 8.2 percent reduction in funding from Fiscal Year 2018-2019. She confirmed that no written comments had been received by the City. She listed the recommended funding allocations from the Citizen Participation Committee, which the Community Services Commission serves on for the distribution of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. She noted that with Council approval, staff would proportionately reduce the allocations so as not to exceed the Fiscal Year 2019-20 grant amount of 681,180, plus $66,000 of carryover funds, for a grand total of $747,180.

Council discussion included confirmation that all CDBG funding allocations would be reduced by 8.2 percent.

Mayor Gomez opened the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. Due to there being no testimony the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Councilmember Espinoza, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beamish, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF LA HABRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM; AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CITY OF LA HABRA'S ANNUAL APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR ITS CDBG GRANT FUNDING APPROVAL/AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $740,000, IN ADDITION TO $66,000 OF PRIOR YEAR CARRYOVER FUND FOR A TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $806,000; AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO INCREASE OR DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING FOR EACH PROPOSED PROJECT BASED ON THE PROPORTIONAL CHANGE IN THE FINAL AMOUNT OF CDBG FUNDING, ONCE ALLOCATED
VI. CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

1. Consider the City's proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Legislative Platform.

Assistant to the City Manager Ferrier presented the staff report.

Council discussion included City Council input into what happens in the City; including the recent housing issues and the City's communication with California State legislators.

Mayor Gomez invited the public to testify at 7:20 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Moved by Mayor Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Medrano, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE THE CITY'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM.

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

2. Consider appointments for annual expiring terms and vacancies on the Planning Commission, the Community Services Commission, and appoint an Alternate to the Hillside Open Space Education Coalition (HOSEC). (This item was continued from the 4/1/2019 City Council Meeting.)

a. Appoint one individual to the Planning Commission to fill one 4-year term expiring on March 31, 2021.

Mayor Gomez stated that the City received 25 applications from well-qualified people, 22 of those applicants were interviewed with only five positions available. He encouraged those who were not appointed this evening to continue to be involved in the community.

Interim City Clerk Swindell presented the staff report.
Mayor Gomez opened the nominations to appoint one individual to the Planning Commission to fill one 4-year term expiring March 31, 2023. Councilmember Shaw nominated Jason Manley. Mayor Pro Tem Beamish nominated Daren Nigsarian. There were no other nominations. Mayor Gomez MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Beamish TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.

A roll call was taken and the vote was (3-2) TO APPOINT JASON MANLEY TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO FILL ONE 4-YEAR TERM EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2023, as follows:

COUNCILMEMBER MEDRANO: Jason Manley
COUNCILMEMBER SHAW: Jason Manley
COUNCILMEMBER ESPINOZA: Daren Nigsarian
MAYOR PRO TEM BEAMISH: Daren Nigsarian
MAYOR GOMEZ: Jason Manley

b. Appoint one individual to the Planning Commission to fill one 4-year term expiring March 31, 2023.

Mayor Gomez opened the nominations to appoint one individual to the Planning Commission to fill one 4-year term expiring March 31, 2023. Councilmember Medrano nominated James Andreoli. Mayor Pro Tem Beamish nominated Mark Handler. Mayor Gomez nominated Daren Nigsarian. There were no other nominations. Mayor Gomez MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Shaw TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS.

A roll call was taken, and the vote was (3-2) TO APPOINT DAREN NIGSARIAN TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO FILL ONE 4-YEAR TERM EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2023, as follows:

COUNCILMEMBER MEDERANO: James Andreoli
COUNCILMEMBER SHAW: Mark Handler
COUNCILMEMBER ESPINOZA: Daren Nigsarian
MAYOR PRO TEM BEAMISH: Daren Nigsarian
MAYOR GOMEZ: Daren Nigsarian

c. Appoint one individual to the Community Services Commission to fill one 3-year term expiring March 31, 2022.

Mayor Gomez opened the nominations to appoint one individual to the Community Services Commission to fill one 3-year term expiring March 31, 2022. Councilmember Shaw nominated Jonathan Hughes. Councilmember Medrano nominated Daniel Holguin. Mayor Pro Tem Beamish nominated Michelle Espinoza. Councilmember Espinoza nominated Denise Schmidt. There were no other nominations. Mayor Gomez MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Medrano TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.

A roll call was taken, and the vote FAILED TO APPOINT TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION TO FILL ONE 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2022, as follows:

COUNCILMEMBER MEDERANO: Daniel Holguin
COUNCILMEMBER SHAW: Jonathan Hughes
COUNCILMEMBER ESPINOZA: Denise Schmidt
MAYOR PRO TEM BEAMISH: Jonathan Hughes
MAYOR GOMEZ: Daniel Holguin

Nominations were re-opened to appoint one individual to the Community Services Commission to fill one 3-year term expiring March 31, 2022. Councilmember Medrano nominated Daniel Holguin. Councilmember Shaw nominated Jonathan Hughes. There were no other nominations. Mayor Gomez MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Medrano TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.

A roll call was taken, and the vote was (3-2) TO APPOINT DANIEL HOLGUIN TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION TO FILL ONE 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2022, as follows:

COUNCILMEMBER MEDRANO: Daniel Holguin
COUNCILMEMBER SHAW: Jonathan Hughes
COUNCILMEMBER ESPINOZA: Daniel Holguin
MAYOR PRO TEM BEAMISH: Jonathan Hughes
MAYOR GOMEZ: Daniel Holguin

Mayor Gomez opened the nominations to appoint one individual to the Community Services Commission to fill one 3-year term expiring March 31, 2022. Councilmember Espinoza nominated Denise Schmidt. Councilmember Shaw nominated Jonathan Hughes. Mayor Pro Tem Beamish nominated Kathy Felix. There were no other nominations. Councilmember Beamish MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Medrano TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS.

A roll call was taken, and the vote FAILED TO APPOINT TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION TO FILL ONE 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2022, as follows:

COUNCILMEMBER MEDRANO: Denise Schmidt
COUNCILMEMBER SHAW: Jonathan Hughes
COUNCILMEMBER ESPINOZA: Denise Schmidt
MAYOR PRO TEM BEAMISH: Jonathan Hughes
MAYOR GOMEZ: Kathy Felix

Nominations were re-opened to appoint one individual to the Community Services Commission to fill one 3-year term expiring March 31, 2022. Councilmember Shaw nominated Jonathan Hughes. Councilmember Medrano nominated Denise Schmidt. There were no other nominations. Mayor Gomez MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beamish TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.

A roll call was taken, and the vote was (3-2) TO APPOINT DENISE SCHMIDT TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION TO FILL ONE 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2022, as follows:

COUNCILMEMBER MEDRANO: Denise Schmidt
COUNCILMEMBER SHAW: Jonathan Hughes
COUNCILMEMBER ESPINOZA: Denise Schmidt
MAYOR PRO TEM BEAMISH: Jonathan Hughes
MAYOR GOMEZ: Denise Schmidt
Mayor Gomez opened the nominations to appoint one individual to the Community Services Commission to fill one 3-year term expiring March 31, 2022. Councilmember Shaw nominated Jonathan Hughes. Councilmember Medrano nominated Gabriela Garcia. Mayor Gomez nominated Grace Garcia. There were no other nominations. Mayor Gomez MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Medrano TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS.

A roll call was taken, and the vote FAILED TO APPOINT TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION TO FILL ONE 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2022, as follows:

- COUNCILMEMBER MEDRANO: Gabriela Garcia
- COUNCILMEMBER SHAW: Jonathan Hughes
- COUNCILMEMBER ESPINOZA: Gabriela Garcia
- MAYOR PRO TEM BEAMISH: Jonathan Hughes
- MAYOR GOMEZ: Grace Garcia

Nominations were re-opened to appoint one individual to the Community Services Commission to fill one 3-year term expiring March 31, 2022. Councilmember Shaw nominated Jonathan Hughes. Mayor Gomez nominated Grace Garcia. Councilmember Medrano nominated Gabriela Garcia. There were no other nominations. Mayor Gomez MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Shaw TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.

A roll call was taken, and the vote was (3-2) TO APPOINT GABRIELA GARCIA TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION TO FILL ONE 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2022, as follows:

- COUNCILMEMBER MEDRANO: Gabriela Garcia
- COUNCILMEMBER SHAW: Jonathan Hughes
- COUNCILMEMBER ESPINOZA: Gabriela Garcia
- MAYOR PRO TEM BEAMISH: Jonathan Hughes
- MAYOR GOMEZ: Gabriela Garcia

d. Appoint one individual from Council as Alternate to the Hillside Open Space Education Committee (HOSEC) with an indefinite term.

Mayor Gomez opened the nominations to appoint one individual from Council as Alternate to the Hillside Open Space Education Committee with an indefinite term. Mayor Gomez nominated Councilmember Medrano. Councilmember Medrano nominated Mayor Pro Tem Beamish. There were no other nominations.

Councilmember Shaw expressed that he did not feel that HOSEC was using taxpayer funding appropriately and that the correct policy decision to make was for the City to withdraw from HOSEC. He noted that he would abstain from voting on this item.

MOVED by Councilmember Medrano, seconded by Mayor Gomez TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A VOTE OF (4-0) TO APPOINT COUNCILMEMBER MEDRANO AS ALTERNATE TO THE HILLSIDE OPEN SPACE EDUCATION COMMITTEE WITH AN INDEFINITE TERM.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:
AYES: Mayor Gomez, Mayor Pro Tem Beamish, Councilmember Medrano, Councilmember Espinoza
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Shaw
ABSENT: None

VII. MAYOR’S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Mayor Gomez made the following announcements:

- La Habra “Egg Night” - Friday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m., for ages 7-13 at La Bonita Park for a nighttime egg hunt.
- 18th Annual “Spring Family Eggstravaganza” - Saturday, April 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at La Bonita Park.
- “Movie in the Park” - “The Incredibles 2,” - Friday, May 10, with activities beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the movie starting at dusk at El Cerrito School.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

City Manager Sadro wished Mayor Pro Tem Beamish a Happy Birthday.

IX. COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Medrano wished Mayor Pro Tem Beamish a Happy Birthday. He expressed that he was happy about the National Public Safety Telecommunications Week proclamation. He thanked and congratulated the La Habra Police dispatchers.

Councilmember Shaw congratulated appointed Planning Commissioners Jason Manley and Daren Nigsarian, and Community Services Commissioners Daniel Holguin, Denise Schmidt, and Gabriela Garcia. He reported that he attended a Federal Court meeting in Santa Ana in front of Judge Carter regarding homelessness. He noted that on the Consent Calendar there was approval for the paving of La Habra Boulevard between Valley Home and Beach Boulevard, Cypress Street between La Habra Boulevard and Whittier Boulevard, and Palm Street between La Habra Boulevard and to the northern city limits. He asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mayor Mike Spence, who passed away recently at the age of 52, who was a long-time School Board member, City Councilmember, and Mayor of the City of West Covina, and the Chief of Staff to State Assemblyman Kurt Hagman during the time he represented the City of La Habra.

Mayor Pro Tem Beamish thanked everyone for the birthday wishes. He congratulated and welcomed the Planning Commissioners and the Community Services Commissioners who were appointed by Council this evening.

Councilmember Espinoza wished Mayor Pro Tem Beamish a Happy Birthday. She reported that she attended the Soroptomist International La Habra and Brea recognition event and congratulated the three young women who were honored for their accomplishments. She also reported that she attended the Orange County Council of Governments for which she is on the Board of Directors, and she heard the following topics: homelessness, veterans, and workforce housing issues, and water issues. She stated that she attended a Pension Reform workshop, presented by Dane Hutchins, a Pension Reform Lobbyist with the League of California Cities, where a pension reform debriefing was given regarding the latest discussions occurring between
the State Capital and the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) Board of Directors. She noted that the issue with CalPERS was going to get worse before it got better, and she expressed that she was glad Council had made tough decisions that would help with future CalPERS payments. She thanked City staff for attending the workshop.

Mayor Gomez wished a Happy belated Birthday to City Attorney Jones. Mayor Gomez invited La Habra Area Chamber of Commerce President Marie Laveaga to the podium. She invited City Council and the community to the Citrus Fair from Friday, May 3 through Sunday, May 5. Mayor Gomez thanked Councilmember Shaw for attending the meeting with Judge Carter and Councilmember Espinoza attending the Soroptimist International event while he was ill. He asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of Fred Cook, the father of Calvary Chapel Minister Lance Cook, who was very active in the community and served as the liaison between Calvary Chapel and the City. Mayor Gomez stated that he spoke at Fred Cook’s funeral, who was survived by his wife Linda Cook, his two sons Lay and Lance, his grandchildren, and his great grandchildren.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Gomez adjourned in memory of Kurt Hagman and Fred Cook at 7:46 p.m. to Monday, May 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Closed Session Room 112c, 100 E. La Habra Boulevard, followed by the Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Swindell, CMC
Interim City Clerk