

# MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING 5:30 P.M.

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Monday, April 4, 2022

**APPROVED:** These Minutes were approved on May 2, 2022.

**ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING 5:30 P.M.:** Canceled

**REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M.:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Medrano 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 Chamber, located at 100 East La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, California.

**INVOCATION:** Assistant City Attorney Collins

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Espinoza

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Medrano  
Mayor Pro Tem Gomez  
Councilmember Espinoza  
Councilmember Nigsarian  
Councilmember Simonian

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** City Manager Sadro  
Assistant City Attorney Collins  
City Clerk Swindell  
Assistant City Clerk Barone

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:** None

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

1. PROCLAIM APRIL 2022 AS DMV/DONATE LIFE MONTH IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor Medrano invited One Legacy Ambassador Mona Castro to the podium to accept the proclamation. Mona Castro accepted the proclamation and provided website address for the community to sign up to become an organ donor.

2. PROCLAIM APRIL 16, 2022, AS EARTH DAY/ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor Medrano invited Director of Public Works Saykali to the podium to accept the proclamation. Director Saykali accepted the proclamation and informed of the upcoming composting event at the Public Works yard.

3. PROCLAIM APRIL 10-16, 2022 AS NATIONAL ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor Medrano invited Chief of Police Foster, Bureau Manager Leticia Elder, and Animal Control Officer Dennis Coyle to the podium to accept the proclamation.

4. PROCLAIM APRIL 10-16, 2022 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor Medrano presented Chief of Police Foster, Bureau Manager Leticia Elder, and Lead Communications Operators Kristen Kernohan and Christina Martinez with the proclamation.

5. PROCLAIM APRIL 2022 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF LA HABRA

Mayor Medrano read the title and a portion of the proclamation, and accepted the proclamation on behalf of the City of Garden Grove.

6. PROCLAIM MAY 5, 2022, AS A DAY SET APART FOR THE ANNUAL MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Mayor Medrano stated presentation of this proclamation has been postponed until the next regular City Council meeting of April 18, 2022.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, seconded, by Councilmember Simonian, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 11.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem Gomez,  
Councilmember Espinoza, Councilmember Nigsarian, Councilmember Simonian  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

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 OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA MEETING MINUTES

That the City Council approve the City Council of the City of La Habra Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2022.

3. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF INTERNS EXCHANGE OF THE AUTOMOBILE CLUB (AAA)

That the City Council deny the claim of Interns Exchange of the Automobile Club (AAA) in order to set a definite six-month Statute of Limitations date.

4. APPROVE DENIAL OF LIABILITY CLAIM OF MAURO RUIZ FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE

That the City Council deny the claim of Mr. Mauro Ruiz in order to set a definite six-month Statute of Limitations date.

5. APPROVE THE CITY'S EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE POLICY RENEWAL FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM FROM APRIL 19, 2022, THROUGH APRIL 19, 2023

That the City Council authorize the City Manager to place the City's primary earthquake policy with Landmark American Insurance Company at a policy limit of \$5 million and assign excess coverage of \$73.06 million to Everest Indemnity, QBE Specialty Insurance, and General Security Insurance for a one-year term from April 19, 2022 through April 19, 2023.

6. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE VISTA COMMUNITY CLINIC (VCC): THE GARY CENTER LEASE AGREEMENT

That the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the VCC: The Gary Center Lease Agreement in the amount of \$1.00 per year, for use of the City-owned property at 350 South Hillcrest Street.

7. APPROVE A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE REQUIRED FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW REMOTE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AS REQUIRED BY AB 361

That the City Council:

A. Receive this report; and,

B. APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 6055** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, MAKING THE LEGALLY REQUIRED FINDINGS TO CONTINUE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONDUCT OF REMOTE "TELEPHONIC" MEETINGS DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY.

8. APPROVE A THREE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TPx COMMUNICATIONS (TPx) FOR TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

That the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a three-year agreement in the amount of \$18,000 per year with TPx for telecommunications services.

9. APPROVE THE LA HABRA CITRUS FAIR TEMPORARY CIVIC EVENT SIGNAGE

That the City Council approve temporary signage for the La Habra Citrus Fair at the southeast corner of La Habra Boulevard, and Euclid Street and at the northwest corner of La Habra Boulevard and Harbor Boulevard; subject to the final designs and specifications meeting parameters established by the Director of Community and Economic Development.

10. APPROVE ENROLLMENT IN CALIFORNIA'S LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH HORNE, LLP FOR FUNDING DISBURSEMENT

That the City Council:

- A. Approve and authorize staff to enroll the City of California's Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), and
- B. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute and agreement with HORNE, LLP to serve as a third-party funds disbursement partner for the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD).

11. WARRANTS: APPROVE NOS. 00133670 THROUGH 00133875 TOTALING \$1,961,739.01

Approve Nos. 00133670 through 00133875 totaling \$1,961,739.01.

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION:** None

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

**CONSIDERATION ITEMS:**

1. CONSIDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 (FY2022-23) CITY OF LA HABRA LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Assistant to the City Manager Ferrier presented the staff report.

There was no City Council discussion.

Mayor Medrano invited the public to testify at 6:48 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Moved by Councilmember Simonian, Seconded by Mayor pro Tem Gomez, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT THE PROPOSED FY2022-23 CITY OF LA HABRA LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO PREPARE LETTERS OF SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATIVE BILLS FOR THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE, AS NEEDED AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem Gomez,  
Councilmember Espinoza, Councilmember Nigsarian, Councilmember Simonian  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

2. CONSIDER APPROVING AND ADOPTING A RESOLUTION THAT REAFFIRMS CITY OF LA HABRA RESOLUTION NO. 5934 REGARDING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, OR CONSIDER APPROVING AND ADOPTING A RESOLUTION THAT RESCINDS CITY OF LA HABRA RESOLUTION NO. 5934 AND TERMINATES THE LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION THAT WAS ENACTED TO ADDRESS THE COVID-19

Assistant to the City Manager Ferrier presented the staff report.

City Council discussion included: confirmation there is no fiscal impact to rescind the resolution; confirmation other cities are rescinding the emergency declaration; there would be no adverse effects to rescinding the emergency declaration; and support to rescind the resolution.

Mayor Medrano invited the public to testify at 6:54 p.m. There was no public testimony.

MOVED by Councilmember Nigsarian, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. 6056** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 5934 AND TERMINATING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES' DECLARATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem Gomez,  
Councilmember Espinoza, Councilmember Nigsarian, Councilmember Simonian  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

3. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS AND ALTERNATES TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

Assistant City Clerk Barone presented the staff report.

City Council discussion included: interest in taking future action to reduce the number of Community Services Commissioners from five members to seven members; and if any commissioners would be asked to leave their position should there be a reduction.

City Manager Sadro indicated that with the appointment of Carrie Surich from the Community Services Commission to the Planning Commission, and Kathy Felix no longer interested in reappointment to the Community Services Commission, a reduction in the number of Community Services Commissioners from five members to seven would not be impactful to incumbent commissioners. He stated that this matter would be brought back for City Council consideration at its next regular meeting of April 18, 2022.

Mayor Medrano invited the public to testify at 6:58 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Mayor Medrano opened nominations for the appointment of one individual to the Planning Commission to fill one four-year term expiring on March 31, 2026.

Mayor Medrano nominated Esther Rojas. There were no other nominations presented. MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, seconded by Mayor Medrano, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT ESTHER ROJAS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO FILL ONE FOUR-YEAR TERM EXPIRING ON MARCH 31, 2026.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem Gomez,  
Councilmember Espinoza, Councilmember Nigsarian, Councilmember Simonian  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Medrano opened nominations for the appointment of one individual to the Planning Commission to fill one unscheduled vacancy for a term expiring on March 31, 2023.

Mayor Medrano nominated Carrie Surich. There were no other nominations presented. MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, seconded by Mayor Medrano, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT CARRIE SURICH TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO FILL ONE UNSCHEDULED VACANCY FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON MARCH 31, 2023.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem Gomez,  
Councilmember Espinoza, Councilmember Nigsarian, Councilmember Simonian  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Medrano opened nominations for the appointment of one individual to the Planning Commission as first alternate for the next year.

Councilmember Espinoza nominated Maria Mahecha. There were no other nominations presented. MOVED by Councilmember Nigsarian, seconded by Mayor Medrano, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT MARIA MAHECHA TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AS FIRST ALTERNATE FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem Gomez,  
Councilmember Espinoza, Councilmember Nigsarian, Councilmember Simonian  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Medrano opened nominations for the appointment of one individual to the Planning Commission as second alternate for the next year.

Mayor Medrano nominated Richard LaBounty. There were no other nominations presented. MOVED by Mayor Medrano, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT RICHARD LABOUNTY TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AS SECOND ALTERNATE FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem Gomez,  
Councilmember Espinoza, Councilmember Nigsarian, Councilmember Simonian  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Medrano opened nominations for the appointment of up to six individuals to the Community Services Commission to fill six terms as follows: two 3-year terms, two 2-year terms, and one 1-year term, so the terms are staggered; and appoint two individuals as alternates.

Mayor Medrano directed staff to bring back to City Council consideration of the reduction of the number of Community Services Commission members from seven to five. Mayor Pro Tem Gomez concurred.

MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Nigsarian, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO REAPPOINT ALL OF THE INCUMBANT COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSIONERS.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem Gomez,  
Councilmember Espinoza, Councilmember Nigsarian, Councilmember Simonian  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

MOVED by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Nigsarian, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) THAT NO ALTERNATE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSIONERS BE APPOINTED AT THIS TIME.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem Gomez,  
Councilmember Espinoza, Councilmember Nigsarian, Councilmember Simonian  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

#### **MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:**

Mayor Medrano made the following announcements:

- La Habra Vaccination and Booster Clinic at the La Habra Community Center, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by appointment only.
- COVID Testing at the La Habra Community Center, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. by appointment only.
- Free At-Home COVID-19 Test Kits available to every home in the United States.
- Free N95 Masks available at pharmacies across the country.
- Birthdays at the Children's Museum kids' party for up to 40 guests, with each party including Museum admission.
- La Habra Egg Night to be held on Friday, April 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at La Bonita Park.
- Spring Family Eggstravaganza to be held on Saturday, April 16, 2022, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at La Bonita Park.
- The La Habra Children's Museum "Chipping in for Kids" Charity Golf Tournament to be held on Monday, May 2, 2022, at the Hacienda Golf Club.

#### **COMMENTS FROM STAFF:**

None.

#### **COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Mayor Pro Tem Gomez spoke regarding the recent passing of Sister Kathleen Marie Pughe, and requested the meeting be adjourned in her memory. He congratulated City Clerk Laurie Swindell on her upcoming retirement, and thanked her for her service to the City.



Councilmember Espinoza expressed her condolences on the recent passing of Sister Kathleen Marie Pughe, and thanked Mayor Pro Tem Gomez for his past efforts to involve Sister Kathleen in City of La Habra news and activities.

Councilmember Nigsarian expressed his condolences on the recent passing of Sister Kathleen Marie Pughe. He congratulated City Clerk Laurie Swindell on her upcoming retirement, and thanked her for her service to the City. He stated that he attended the La Habra Police Officer Swearing In on March 28, 2022.

Councilmember Simonian expressed his condolences on the recent passing of Sister Kathleen Marie Pughe. He spoke regarding his attendance to the political fundraiser hosted by Councilmember Espinoza.

Mayor Medrano reported on his attendance to the City of Fullerton State of the City. He stated that he attended a La Habra Police Officer Swearing In on March 28, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Medrano adjourned the meeting in memory of Holy Family Catholic School Principal Sister Kathleen Marie Pughe at 7:17 p.m. to Monday, April 18, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Closed Session Room 112c, 100 East La Habra Boulevard, followed by the Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. Chair Simonian will now Chair the Successor Agency Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda J. Barone, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk