

# MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING 5:30 P.M.

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REGULAR JOINT MEETING WITH THE  
LA HABRA UTILITY AUTHORITY

Monday, May 16, 2022

**APPROVED:** These Minutes were approved on June 20, 2022.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Medrano  
Mayor Pro Tem Gomez  
Councilmember Nigsarian  
Councilmember Simonian  
**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilmember Espinoza  
**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** City Manager Sadro  
City Attorney Jones  
Assistant City Clerk Barone

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

## **CLOSED SESSION:**

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator per Government Code Section 54957.6 - Agency Representative: Jim Sadro, City Manager; Employee Organization: Professional Employees.

Director of Community Services and Human Resources Manager Coelho-LaFreniere were present for this item.

2. Conference with Labor Negotiator per Government Code Section 54957.6 - Agency Representative: Jim Sadro, City Manager; Employee Organizations: General Services Employees and Professional Employees.

Director of Community Services and Human Resources Manager Coelho-LaFreniere were present for this item.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council reconvened at 5:53 p.m. There were no Closed Session announcements. Mayor Medrano adjourned the Adjourned Regular Meeting at 5:53 p.m.

## **REGULAR MEETING & REGULAR JOINT MEETING 6:30 P.M.:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Medrano called the Regular Meeting and Regular Joint 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:** City Attorney/Legal Counsel Jones

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor/Chair Medrano  
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Gomez  
Councilmember/Director Espinoza  
Councilmember/Director Nigsarian  
Councilmember/Director Simonian

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** City Manager/Executive Director Sadro  
City Attorney/Legal Counsel Jones  
Assistant City Clerk/Secretary Barone  
Executive Secretary Hurt

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:** None

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

1. RECOGNITION OF THE LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT BAND PROGRAM FOR ITS NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION MAGNA AWARD

Mayor Medrano invited Superintendent of Schools Jim Coombs, Board Member Melissa Salinas, and Rancho Starbuck Intermediate School Principal Dr. Jennifer Jackson to the podium to accept the proclamation. Students Adan Brambila and Maxwell Nuno were unable to attend the meeting.

Superintendent of Schools Jim Coombs presented the City with a replica of the Golden Bell and National School Boards Association 2022 Magna Award.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Moved by Director/Councilmember Simonian, seconded, by Councilmember/Director Nigsarian, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4, AND UTILITY AUTHORITY ITEM 1.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** Mayor/Chair Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Gomez,  
Councilmember/Director Espinoza, Councilmember/Director Nigsarian,  
Councilmember/Director 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 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

That the City Council approve the Community Services Commission meeting minutes of:

- February 10, 2021
- March 10, 2021
- April 14, 2021
- May 12, 2021
- June 9, 2021
- August 11, 2021
- September 8, 2021
- October 13, 2021
- January 12, 2022

3. 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. 6060** 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.

4. WARRANTS: APPROVE NOS. 00134190 THROUGH 00134319 TOTALING \$1,995,637.59

Approve Nos. 00134190 through 00134319 totaling \$1,995,637.59.

**UTILITY AUTHORITY:**

1. APPROVE CITY OF LA HABRA UTILITY AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

That the City of La Habra Utility Authority approve the Utility Authority Meeting Minutes of:

- March 21, 2022
- April 4, 2022
- April 18, 2022

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**CITY COUNCIL:**

1. DULY NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE REGARDING A REQUEST FOR PLANNED COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL PRECISE PLAN 22-01 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 6,250 SQUARE FOOT COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT 731 EAST IMPERIAL HIGHWAY

Senior Planner Schaefer presented the staff report.

City Council discussion included: location of the metal awning on elevation C of the Elevations and Finishes plan; extended business hours during the Christmas holidays; and appreciation to the businessowner for providing outstanding customer service.

Mayor Medrano opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. There was no public testimony, so the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Councilmember Nigsarian, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF **ORDINANCE NO. 1842** ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PLANNED COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL PRECISE PLAN 22-01 FOR A NEW COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT 731 EAST IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, MAKING THE APPROPRIATE FINDINGS, AS PER THE APPROVED PLANS, AND SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

On December 3, 2018, the City Council of the City of La Habra approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impacts 17-02 (SCH2018071057) for a commercial center at 701 through 751 East Imperial Highway, subject to the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and the Statement of Findings of Facts. Staff has determined that the subject request, Precise Plan 22-01, is consistent with the project analyzed by the previously-approved Mitigated Negative Declaration; all applicable mitigations measures have been made conditions of approval for the subject request.

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

**CONSIDERATION ITEMS:**

**CITY COUNCIL & UTILITY AUTHORITY:**

1. APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA AND THE LA HABRA UTILITY AUTHORITY DECLARING AND IMPLEMENTING A LEVEL 2 WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE CONDITION

City Attorney/Legal Counsel Jones announced that he would be abstaining from acting as legal counsel on this item due to a conflict of interest as he serves on the California Domestic Water Company Board of Directors. He left the Council Chamber at 6:48 p.m.

Director of Public Works Saykali presented the staff report.

City Council/Authority discussion included: grant funding for staff-initiated education to the community, and low flow water devices rebate opportunities; residential rebate programs for the installation of drought resistant turf and/or landscaping; approved vendors' list for fraud prevention; awareness that City-owned parks and facilities must also abide by the water supply shortage guidelines by repairing broken sprinklers and not watering during "off hours"; and potential projects that would allow for water to be brought from the east coast to California.

City Manager/Executive Director Sadro informed of resources available on the Municipal Water District of Orange County website.

Mayor/Chair Medrano invited the public to testify at 7:03 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Moved by Councilmember/Director Simonian, Seconded by Councilmember/Director Nigsarian, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AND UTILITY AUTHORITY APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. CC 6061 and UA 2022-01** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA AND THE LA HABRA UTILITY AUTHORITY DECLARING AND IMPLEMENTING A LEVEL 2 WATER SUPPLY SHORTAGE CONDITION.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor/Chair Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Gomez,  
Councilmember/Director Espinoza, Councilmember/Director Nigsarian,  
Councilmember/Director Simonian

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

City Attorney/Legal Counsel Jones returned to the dais at 7:04 p.m.

**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.
- La Habra Splash Pads at Brio Park and Oeste Park scheduled to reopen on Saturday, May 28, 2022; summer hours are 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- La Habra Summer Active Day Camp, June 6, 2022, through August 12, 2022; Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Veterans Hall.
- La Habra Police Department “Cool Cops”, Wednesday, June 22, 2022, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Oeste Park.
- La Habra Movies in the Park begins on Friday, June 17, 2022, at Oeste Park.
- La Habra 4<sup>th</sup> of July Spectacular, Monday, July 4, 2022, La Bonita Park.
- La Habra Concerts in the Park coming soon to Portola Park on Thursdays in July at 7:00 p.m.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF:**

None.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS:**

Councilmember/Director Nigsarian stated that he attended the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast held on Thursday, May 5, 2022. He spoke regarding the memorial services held for Jerry McMillian, wife of La Habra Host Lion Club member Randy McMillan. He recognized the La Habra Police Department for National Police Week, and stated Police Officer Memorial Day was on May 15, 2022.

Councilmember/Director Espinoza stated that she attended the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast held on Thursday, May 5, 2022, and indicated she left the event early due to attending the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Conference in Palm Desert. She stated she attended the funeral services for Harold Potter and Don Warthen.

Mayor/Chair Medrano stated that he attended the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast held on Thursday, May 5, 2022. He spoke regarding his attendance to and volunteer participation at the El Portal Spring Fair held on Friday, May 13, 2022. He recognized law enforcement members for National Police Week and Police Officer Memorial Day, and spoke regarding the remembrance ceremony held in honor of fallen La Habra Police Officer Michael Orsonio killed in the line of duty.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor/Chair Medrano adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m. to Monday, June 6, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda J. Barone, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk/Secretary