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

Monday, June 03, 2019

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

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor/Director Gomez called the Regular Meeting of the La Habra Housing Authority and the Regular Joint Meeting with the City Council of the City of La Habra, La Habra Civic Improvement Authority, La Habra Utility Authority, and the Successor Agency to the La Habra Redevelopment Agency to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located at 100 East La Habra Boulevard in La Habra, California.

INVOCATION: Deputy City Attorney/Legal Counsel Collins

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilmember/Director Medrano

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

COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager/Executive Director Sadro
Deputy City Attorney/Legal Counsel Collins
City Clerk/Secretary Swindell

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT: None

I. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor/Director Gomez invited the Councilmembers to the front of the dais.

Mayor/Director Gomez invited Assistant Recreation Manager Rivera to the front of the dais.
Mayor/Director Gomez introduced the 2018-19 Youth Committee members who accepted their certificates.
b. Presentation of the Sel Handler Youth of the Year Award.

Mayor/Director Gomez invited Mark Handler to the front of the dais to present Giselle Gonzalez with the Sel Handler Youth of the Year Award. Giselle Gonzalez accepted the award.

c. Beautification Award, Kim Family, 501 East Montwood Avenue.

Mayor/Director Gomez invited the Beautification Committee and the Kim Family to the front of the dais. The Kim Family was not present to accept the certificate.

d. Beautification Award, Trejo Family, 840 Inola Court.

Mayor/Director Gomez invited the Trejo Family to the front of the dais. The Trejo Family accepted the certificate.

e. Certificate of Appreciation to former Community Services Commissioner Kim Praster.

Mayor/Director Gomez invited Kim Praster to the front of the dais. Mayor/Director Gomez thanked Kim Praster for her service to the community and presented her with a certificate of appreciation. Kim Praster accepted the certificate. (This item was heard prior to Agenda Item 1.c)

f. Introduction of Erika Flores, Senior Field Representative for Congressman Cisneros.

Mayor/Director Gomez invited Erika Flores, Senior Field Representative for Congressman Cisneros, to the front of the dais. Erika Flores introduced Field Representative Esmeralda Orozco and together they gave a brief presentation.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Arlene Buck, 281 South Monte Vista Street, thanked the following for their help in finding Mr. Jose Guadalupe Sandoval who suffers from dementia and went missing on May 22, 2019: members of the community, the La Habra Police Department, the Orange County Sheriff's Department, Gigi Graciette from the Fox Channel 11 News, Mayor Gomez, members of her family and friends; including John Francia. The Sandoval Family thanked City Council and the community for their assistance in finding their father.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Moved by Mayor/Director Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Director Beamish, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS III.A.1 THROUGH III.E.1.f, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COUNCILMEMBER/DIRECTOR ESPINOZA WHO ABSTAINED FROM ALL MINUTES DATED MAY 20, 2019.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: Councilmember/Director Espinoza (All Minutes dated May 20, 2019 only)

ABSENT: NONE
A. CITY COUNCIL AND ALL AUTHORITIES/AGENCY:

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:
   a. March 4, 2019
   b. April 1, 2019
   c. May 10, 2019
   d. May 20, 2019


4. Approve Plans and Specifications for the Whittier Boulevard and Hacienda Road Intersection Improvements, City Project No. 2-TC-13; award and authorize City Manager to execute construction contract with PALP Inc. dba Excel Paving Company of Long Beach, California for the Whittier Boulevard and Hacienda Road Intersection Improvements, in the amount of $1,693,265, and reject all other bids; authorize staff to issue a purchase order to PALP Inc. dba Excel Paving Company in the amount of $1,862,592, which includes a 10 percent contingency; and appropriation of $346,861 from the Traffic Impact Fund for this project.

5. WARRANTS: Approve Nos. 00121429 through 00121585 totaling $1,955,274.45.

B. SUCCESSOR AGENCY:

1. Approve Successor Agency Minutes of:
   a. January 22, 2019
   b. March 4, 2019
   c. March 18, 2019
   d. April 1, 2019
   e. April 15, 2019
   f. May 6, 2019
   g. May 20, 2019

C. UTILITY AUTHORITY:

1. Approve to waive formal bidding requirements per La Habra Municipal Code 4.20.080 (B) and authorize Executive Director to execute an agreement with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $39,757, to review and revise the La Habra Utility Authority's five-year Water Fund Financial Plan and rate structure.

2. Approve Utility Authority Minutes of:
   a. January 22, 2019
   b. March 4, 2019
   c. March 18, 2019
   d. April 1, 2019
   e. April 15, 2019
   f. May 6, 2019
   g. May 20, 2019
D. **HOUSING AUTHORITY:**

1. Approve Housing Authority Minutes of:
   a. March 4, 2019
   b. March 18, 2019
   c. April 1, 2019
   d. April 15, 2019
   e. May 6, 2019
   f. May 20, 2019

E. **CIVIC IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY:**

1. Approve Civic Improvement Authority Minutes of:
   a. March 4, 2019
   b. March 18, 2019
   c. April 1, 2019
   d. April 15, 2019
   e. May 6, 2019
   f. May 20, 2019

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

V. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. **CITY COUNCIL:**

1. Duly noticed public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance adding Chapter 12.44 (Shared Mobility Devices) to Title 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places) of the City of La Habra Municipal Code relating to the placement and use of shared mobility devices in the public right-of-way.

La Habra Police Captain Capelletti presented the staff report.

Mayor Gomez opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

Deputy City Attorney Collins announced that there was a minor typographical error on the proposed Ordinance and that the third “Whereas” needed to be stricken.

Council discussion included: clarification that the proposed ordinance only pertained to electric motor-powered vehicles; revision of the ordinance in the future to include other devices such as pogo sticks; confirmation that shared motor devices could be left anywhere in the City, including private right-of-ways, once they are not in use; the use of shared motor devices with limited bicycle lanes throughout the City; concern regarding the undisclosed timeframe of when these devices would be picked up by the company once no longer in use; reviewed the potential increase of vandalism and debris throughout the City; and the lack of infrastructure on city roadways to permit motor-powered vehicles.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Beamish, seconded by Councilmember Medrano, and CARRIED (4-1) TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF **ORDINANCE NO. 1808 ENTITLED:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA ADDING CHAPTER 12.44 (“SHARED
MOBILITY DEVICES”) TO TITLE 12 (“STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES”) OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE PLACEMENT AND USE OF SHARED MOBILITY DEVICES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY. COUNCILMEMBER ESPINOZA VOTED NO.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Duly noticed public hearing to consider and approve resolutions amending the City of La Habra Master Schedule of Fees pertaining to fees for general services, administrative services, community development services, building services, fire services, police services, ambulance services, public works services, utility services, and penalties for municipal code and vehicle code parking violations; and

Finance Director Shannon presented the staff report.

Council discussion included: the percentage of full cost recovery for all City fees charged; clarification that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was considered when calculating incremental fee increases for City services; confirmation that the City’s goal was to obtain full cost recovery of all fees.

Mayor Gomez opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Councilmember Medrano, seconded by Mayor Gomez, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 5898 ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE MASTER SCHEDULE OF FEES PERTAINING TO FEES FOR GENERAL SERVICES, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, BUILDING SERVICES, COMMUNITY SERVICES, FIRE SERVICES, POLICE SERVICES, AMBULANCE SERVICES, PUBLIC WORK SERVICES, UTILITY SERVICES AND PENALTIES FOR MUNICIPAL CODE AND VEHICLE PARKING VIOLATIONS.

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 Medrano, seconded by Mayor Gomez, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 5899 ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AMENDING THE MASTER SCHEDULE OF FEES PERTAINING TO FEES FOR FIRE SERVICES.

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 Medrano, seconded by Mayor Gomez, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 5900 ENTITLED: RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE MASTER SCHEDULE OF FEES PERTAINING TO FEES FOR PUBLIC WORK SERVICES.

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

VI. CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

A. CITY COUNCIL:

1. Consider approval of a proposed public/private funded $1.5 million expansion project for the La Habra Children’s Museum.

Director of Community Services Fujio presented the staff report. She assured Councilmembers that staff did not find any urgent repair needs in any of the assessment reports at this time. She explained that all of the City’s park improvement funds were already earmarked for the Vista Park Improvement Project. She explained that City staff was actively seeking grant funds to allow for the availability of Non-General Fund monies for other projects like the proposed La Habra Children’s Museum project. She confirmed that no in-depth structural analysis took place as part of the building assessments.

Mayor Pro Tem Beamish asked Deputy City Attorney Collins to explain if the “Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT)” report would pose a liability concern for the City. Deputy City Attorney Collins explained that there were several immunities outlined in the Government Code that protected the City from liability resulting from an inspection or discretionary act. He stated that the fact that the inspection results were in writing placed the City on notice, so it was conceivable that the City’s risk of exposure could increase.

City Manager Sadro clarified that in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 the balance of the park improvement fund was $3.2 million and explained the sources of the funds were from new development fees, which had been reserved for the $8 million dollar Vista Park Improvement Project. City Manager Sadro confirmed that City staff did not identify any life safety concerns at the La Habra Children’s Museum building.
Mayor Gomez opened the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Spoke in favor of the proposed La Habra Children's Museum expansion project:

- Kent Roberts, Friends of the Children's Museum Board Member
- Dawn Fielder, Friends of the Children's Museum President
- Rick Snyder, Friends of the Children's Museum Board Member
- Teresa Eagan, Friends of the Children’s Museum Board Member
- Dee Brooks, Former Friends of the Children's Museum Executive Director and Chief Development Officer

Mayor Gomez closed the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

Mayor Gomez commended all of the Friends of the Children’s Museum Board Members for their dedication and continued support of the Children’s Museum at La Habra.

Council discussion included: concern regarding the limited structural evaluation; the sources of Non-General Fund monies; the order of the two-phased expansion and renovation plan; the various grant funding processes; confirmation that the Children’s Museum was insured; clarification that the Vista Grande Park Improvement Project would not be affected by the proposed Children’s Museum immersion theater project.

Mayor Gomez left the dais at 7:54 p.m. and returned at 7:56 p.m.

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Mayor Gomez, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) FOR STAFF TO:

a. SECURE NO MORE THAN $400,000 IN ALLOWABLE NON-GENERAL FUND RESOURCES AS THE CITY’S CONTRIBUTION FOR THE PROPOSED IMMERSION THEATER PROJECT;

b. STAFF TO WORK WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE LA HABRA CHILDREN’S MUSEUM TO DEVELOP AN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN FOR THE NEW PROPOSED BUILDING THAT IS AESTHETICALLY SUITABLE TO COMPLEMENT THE EXISTING CHILDREN’S MUSEUM BUILDINGS, SUBJECT TO PLANNING COMMISSION, COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL;

c. STAFF TO SECURE A SUITABLE SITE AT PORTOLA PARK FOR THE NEW PROPOSED BUILDING THAT WILL NOT SIGNIFICANTLY IMPEDE THE USE OF PORTOLA PARK FOR OTHER PARK USES; AND

d. STAFF TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A CAPITAL-FINANCING PLAN WITH THE FRIENDS OF THE LA HABRA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM TO SECURE AN ADDITIONAL $2.5 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR NEEDED UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING CHILDREN’S MUSEUM BUILDINGS.

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
B. CITY COUNCIL AND ALL AUTHORITIES/AGENCY:


RECESS: Mayor/Director Gomez called a recess at 8:06 p.m.

RECONVENE: City Council, Authorities, and Agency reconvened at 8:10 p.m. All members were present.

Finance Director Shannon presented the staff report and a PowerPoint presentation, assisted by Department Directors.

The following Department Directors/Managers spoke regarding their department budgets, including major accomplishments and goals, and stated department highlights as follows:

Director of Community Services Department Fujio – gave an overview of departmental operations consisting of Administration, Child Development, La Habra Children’s Museum, Employment & Training, Facility Maintenance, Recreation & Special Events, and Senior & Social Services. She discussed the department’s continued efforts to analyze and implement revenue enhancements and sponsorship opportunities to fund special events programs; and adjustments made, as necessary, to reduce General Fund expenses.

Mayor/Director Gomez thanked Director of Community Services Department Fujio and her staff for their work this past year.

Public Works Director Saykali and City Engineer Johansen – delayed hiring of one vacant Senior Service Worker position in Parks division, the proposed elimination of two Part-Time positions, and creation of one Full-Time Engineering Clerk position; funding for reclassification of four Maintenance Laborer to Service Worker positions, and for reclassification of one Service Worker to Senior Service Worker position; increased cost to purchase water; funding allocated for the Annual Pipe Replacement and turf removal programs; and deferred replacement of certain vehicles and equipment purchases.

Assistant to the City Manager Ferrier regarding Fire and Ambulance – estimated unfunded liability pension costs for former City of La Habra Firefighters of $1,231,744; Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD) contract cost increase of $825,000; CARE Ambulance contract cost increase of $68,469 and ambulance operation and maintenance cost increase of $10,404. He noted that the allocations of costs to the Fire Contract Stabilization Reserve was $400,000 and Public Safety Augmentation Fund was $67,600.

Director of Community and Economic Development Ho – Land use, growth, and development in the City to include the following: approved/pending projects to remodel of the In-N-Out restaurant on Lambert Road and Palm Street, Wave City Car Wash project on Whittier Boulevard, and the Starbucks project on Whittier Boulevard; private development projects under construction: Luna Residential development (City Ventures), Portola Walk Residential development (Olson), and Skylark Residential development (Shea Homes); and approved/pending private development projects: Vons Center Rehabilitation to include Trader Joe’s, Burlington, and CVS, and a gas station on Harbor and La Habra Boulevard; a Commercial Center Rehabilitation on South Harbor Boulevard, La Habra Market Place upgrade, the La Quinta Hotel, Popeye’s Chicken, Taco Bell, Tommy’s Hamburgers Project, and a 30-unit apartment complex on Monte Vista Street. He noted that in Fiscal Year 2018-2019: approximately $1 million of City revenue was generated through
fees and charges; a General Fund proposed budget reduction of $86,555 by freezing a vacant Assistant Planner position and instead retaining a part-time Planning intern; and proposed reductions in Professional Services, Materials & Supplies, Postage, and Training and Conferences, totaling $14,000.

Mayor/Director Gomez thanked Director of Community and Economic Development Ho for his presentation.

Police Chief Price – temporarily decrease personnel costs through delayed hiring of one vacant Police Officer position, one vacant Sergeant position, two Police Service Aide positions; and One Crime Analyst position after a pending retirement; decrease additional personnel costs through elimination of three vacant Part-Time Dispatcher positions; strategically decrease Operation and Maintenance expenses for additional cost savings; fund the replacement of the Electronic Ticket Writer devices through the use of the Traffic Safety Fund; purchase a new Police Service Dog and train a new K9 Officer; purchase and install new Mobile Data Terminal Computers for patrol units; and allocate some costs to the Public Safety Augmentation Fund.

Mayor/Director Gomez confirmed with Chief Price that the proposed freezing of police officer positions would not hinder the La Habra Police Department’s ability to continue providing quality service to the La Habra Community and the cost savings. Chief Price agreed to notify City Manager Sadro and the City Council via memo to address any concerns regarding the frozen positions in the Police Department.

Councilmember/Director Shaw thanked Chief Price for the continued police support to address parking and safety issues on Cypress Street and Bishop Drive.

Assistant to the City Manager Ferrier regarding Administration and Support – temporarily decreased personnel costs through: freeze hiring of one vacant Accountant position, and funding for reclassification of Payroll Technician to Payroll Coordinator and Account Clerk III to Account Clerk Technician in the Finance Department; funding for reclassification of Deputy City Clerk/Records Manager to Assistant City Clerk in the City Clerk’s office; funding for reclassification of Network Administrator to IT Systems Support Manager, and two IT System Analyst to IT System Analyst II in the Finance Department; proposed elimination of two staffed Part-Time City Hall Receptionists in the Human Resources Department; and funding for reclassification of Secretary to Human Resources Technician in the Human Resources Department.

Mayor/Director Gomez expressed support, and Mayor Pro Tem/Director Beamish concurred to maintain the two Part-Time City Hall Receptionists in the Human Resources Department. Mayor/Director Gomez asked Human Resources Director Balderrama to come to the podium and she spoke in support of keeping the two positions.

Finance Director Shannon – the General Fund budget was balanced using a combination of one-time budget reductions and deferred charges, phased hiring, proposed freezes or elimination of certain filled and unfilled part-time positions, and use of certain special revenue funds and reserves; citywide infrastructure projects were anticipated to continue at a brisk pace, although private development projects were expected to moderate; and continued escalation costs related to unfunded pension liabilities was anticipated to continue straining the City’s budget for the next 14 years. He provided a brief review of the future budget challenges which included: increase of unfunded pension liability costs; increased use of internal reserves and diminished ability to
replenish those reserves; maintenance of salaries and benefits competitive with agencies in the region to control attrition rates; recruitment and retention of key staff positions, particularly Police Officers and Dispatchers; growing adverse impact of online retail sales on local businesses and on the City’s Sales and Transaction Tax revenues; growing threat of a recession in the near future; and pending loss of the City’s Measure T - Local Transaction and Use Tax in December 2028.

He reviewed the pension cost history and forecast and the on-going California Public Employee Retirement System (CalPERS) unfunded liability’s growth, including the City’s efforts to implement strategies to address the growing pension costs.

Mayor/Director Gomez invited the public to testify at 9:13 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Mayor/Director Gomez thanked all Department Directors, Managers, and staff members for their hard work on presenting a balanced budget by proposing the necessary budget cuts.

Council/Director discussion included: proposed budget cuts to fund restoring the two Part-Time Receptionists in order to preserve the level of customer service at La Habra City Hall; potential revenues expected from River Distributing, LLC; request for staff to conduct an analysis of potential total revenues at year end from River Distributing, LLC to determine the possibility of restoring other budget cuts made; and Association of California Cities of Orange County (ACCOC) membership that was not being utilized by City Council and City staff.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem/Director Beamish, seconded by Mayor/Director Gomez, and CARRIED (4-1) TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET AS AMENDED: CUT THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA CITIES OF ORANGE COUNTY (ACCOC) MEMBERSHIP OF $14,500; REDUCE PLANNING COMMISSIONER STIPEND FROM $100 PER MONTH TO $50 PER MONTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSIONER STIPEND FROM $50 PER MONTH TO $25 PER MONTH FOR A TOTAL REDUCTION OF $5,100; REDUCE THE LA HABRA CHAMBER PAYMENT BY $5,000 OR RETAIN $4,000 OF THE REVENUE SHARE OF THE LIFE IN LA HABRA MAGAZINE AND REDUCE THE LA HABRA CHAMBER PAYMENT BY $1,000, AND IF NO REVENUE SHARE THEN REDUCE $5,000 TOTAL FROM THE LA HABRA CHAMBER PAYMENT; REDUCE WATER COST FOR BUILDINGS, PARKS, AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS $5,000; REDUCE SPECIAL EVENT SUBSIDIES BY $2,000; AND RESTORE THE TWO CITY HALL PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST POSITIONS.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor/Director Gomez, Mayor Pro Tem/Director Beamish, Councilmember/Director Espinoza, Councilmember/Director Medrano
NOES: Councilmember/Director Shaw
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

C. CITY COUNCIL:

1. Consider reconvening the La Habra Ad Hoc Fiscal Review Committee, consisting of 15 members appointed by City Council, for a period of six months from the La Habra Ad Hoc Fiscal Review Committee’s first meeting date; and request individual City Councilmembers submit to the City Manager names of potential La Habra Ad Hoc Fiscal Review Committee members for the purpose of presenting a recommended roster for consideration at a future City Council meeting; and
Assistant to the City Manager Ferrier presented the staff report.

Mayor Gomez invited the public to testify at 9:32 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Council discussion included efforts to restore budget items that had to be reduced/frozen/cut and potential funding opportunities from new businesses in the city.

City Manager Sadro reminded the Council of the following three major issues facing the City today, tomorrow, and over the next 14 years: a potential recession within the next two years; expiration of the Local Transaction and Use Tax in eight years which brings $5.5 million per year to the City in revenue; and unfunded pension liabilities costs, that were increasing by $1 million each year for the next 14 years, and that would peak out at two times the amount the City was currently paying. He stated that restoring budget cuts were important for Council and for City staff however, the City would be facing more serious budget and spending decisions in the future.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Beamish, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 5901 ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA RECONVENING THE AD HOC FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE THE CITY'S REVENUE SOURCES AND EXPENDITURES AND MAKE APPROPRIATE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE FUTURE FISCAL NEEDS OF THE CITY.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

VII. MAYOR’S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Mayor Gomez made the following announcements:

• La Habra Youth Day Camp is open now through August 16 at the Girls Athletic Building, located on the south side of La Bonita Park.

• City’s Aquatics Program is now open through August 1. Kids can learn how to swim during convenient daytime sessions taught at the La Habra High School pool.

• City of La Habra’s movies - Friday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m. in Oeste Park featuring “Hotel Transylvania 3.”

VIII. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

City Manager Sadro clarified that a citywide flyer was recently distributed to the community to advertise community meetings for park developments. He noted that three of the four properties listed were City parks (Osorno Park, Vista Grande, and El Centro Park), and the fourth property was not a City park, but a property owned by the La Habra Housing Authority located at the former Women’s Club site. He explained the reason for adding the fourth property was to help meet the State grant requirements in order to be eligible for Proposition 68 funding. (This item was heard after Councilmember Espinoza’s comments.)
IX. COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember/Director Espinoza commented that she acknowledged that it would be a difficult couple of years for the City and that she supports Mayor Pro Tem/Director Beamish’s budgetary concerns.

Mayor Pro Tem/Director Beamish announced that he had a new granddaughter.

Councilmember/Director Shaw stated that he attended the La Habra High School and Sonora High School graduation ceremonies. He requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Frank Thompson who was his history teacher and football coach at La Habra High School.

Councilmember/Director Medrano expressed condolences to the Thompson family. He stated that he attended the La Habra High School and Sonora High School graduation ceremonies. He congratulated Lowell Joint School District and La Habra City School District graduates. He reported that he attended the Library Advisory Board Meeting. He commended Chief Price for the La Habra Police Department efforts to address a person with a gun at nearby schools. He asked to adjourn the meeting in remembrance of the victims of the Virginia Beach shooting.

Mayor/Director Gomez asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of former La Habra Police Chief Meehan who served between 1975 to 1990; Rose Macias, Marie Murrillo’s mother; and Nancy Zinberg who was one of the founding members of the La Habra Children’s Museum and was actively involved with various local non-profit organizations.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor/Director Gomez adjourned the meeting in memory of former La Habra Police Chief Ron Meehan, Frank Thompson, Rose Macias, Nancy Zinberg, and the victims of the Virginia Beach shooting at 9:49 p.m. to Monday, June 17, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the 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. All other Meetings were adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Swindell, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary