MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA
SPECIAL MEETING
&
REGULAR MEETING
&
REGULAR JOINT MEETING WITH THE
LA HABRA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Monday, July 15, 2019

APPROVED: These Minutes were approved on August 19, 2019.

SPECIAL MEETING 5:30 P.M.: Cancelled

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor/Director Gomez called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Habra and the Regular Joint Meeting with the La Habra Housing Authority 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/Legal Counsel Jones

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem/Director Beamish

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

COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

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

Mayor/Director Gomez reported on behalf of Mayor Pro Tem Beamish, Councilmember Shaw, Councilmember Medrano, and City Manager Sadro, and himself that they attended the Independent Cities Association (ICA) 59th Annual Summer Seminar in Carlsbad, California with the theme “Cities in Motion.” Mayor/Director Gomez noted that the topics covered were as follows: Govtech Community Development and Innovation for Cities, Pension Obligation Solutions, Affordable Housing Opportunities and Challenges Facing Our Cities, State Issues Impacting Independent Cities, Census Count – Funding for Cities, Addressing Resident Concerns on Homelessness, California Issues Supporting Independent Cities, and Economic Development 2.0.
CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT: City Attorney/Legal Counsel Jones noted that he was not present for the Utility Authority Closed Session item regarding California Domestic Water Company real property negotiations due to a conflict of Interest. He reported that the City of La Habra had entered into a settlement agreement with several other cities and the Plaintiff, in a Federal litigation case to establish a plan under the North Orange County Service Planning Area (North SPA) to resolve issues relative to the homeless environment in North Orange County. He noted that the result of the settlement would be the development of two homeless shelters in the Cities of Buena Park and Placentia. He added that the Cities of La Habra and Fullerton would also be participating in the process.

City Manager/Executive Director Sadro clarified that as part of the settlement agreement, and since the City of La Habra is part of the North Orange County Service Planning Area (North SPA), that there was an item on the Consent Calendar to help fund the construction of the two homeless shelters in the Cities of Buena Park and Placentia. He noted that the City of La Habra would also be assisting with operating costs for those shelters into the future.

Mayor/Director Gomez confirmed that contrary to rumors in the community, there would not be a homeless shelter built at Old Reservoir Park or anywhere in the City of La Habra.

I.  PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS: None at this time.

II.  PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Phyllis De Sio, 240 Olinda Avenue, stated that she had back issues and she asked for a route that she could travel from her home into town without driving over speed humps to get to La Habra Boulevard, Lambert Road, and Imperial Highway. She requested that speed humps not be put on streets that school bus routes travel to prevent possible injuries to children on the buses. Mayor/Director Gomez stated that speed hump placement was decided/voted on by people who live in her community. He referred her to Public Works Director Saykali.

H. John Hsiah, 450 Keene Drive, expressed concern regarding an ordinance recently introduced regarding Shared Mobile Devices, particularly electric/motorized devices, and their use on city sidewalks. Mayor/Director Gomez referred Mr. Hsiah to Police Captain Capelletti.

Joseph P. Nocera, 886 Brookdale Avenue, spoke in opposition to a homeless camp in Reservoir Park. Mayor/Director Gomez confirmed that there would not be a homeless camp in Reservoir Park.

Bill Stanek, 965-B Las Lomas Drive, spoke in opposition to a proposed active park at Las Lomas Drive and Idaho Street. Mayor/Director Gomez instructed Mr. Stanek to speak about the item when it comes up on the agenda later in the meeting.

Randy Vargas, 900 Teakwood Avenue, in reference to the proposed open space ordinance, inquired if any construction would be occurring at Vista del Valle Park. Mayor/Director Gomez instructed Mr. Vargas to speak about the item when it comes up on the agenda later in the meeting. Mr. Vargas expressed concern regarding people walking behind his home engaging in drug and graffiti activity, and inquired if the City would install a gate to keep people out of that area. Mayor/Director Gomez referred Mr. Vargas to Public Works Director Saykali and Police Captain Capelletti.
Ben Phan, who lives next to Help for Brain Injured Children’s office, spoke regarding the poor condition of the street north of Euclid Street and Whittier Boulevard. Mayor/Director Gomez referred Mr. Phan to Public Works Director Saykali. Mr. Phan complimented the professionalism of Public Works Water Sewer Manager Brian Jones.

Mike Sirna, Hensel Drive, spoke about the existing easement, right-of-way, and emergency fire lane and parking issue he had been experiencing with one of his neighbors. He clarified that the area was private property. Mayor/Director Gomez referred Mr. Sirna to Captain Capelletti.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Pro Tem/Director Beamish stated that he would be abstaining on Item III.A.3 since he was a former Southern California Edison employee.

Moved by Councilmember/Director Shaw, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Director Beamish, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS III.A.1 THROUGH III.B.1.d.; WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM/DIRECTOR BEAMISH WHO ABSTAINED ON ITEM III.A.3.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: Mayor Pro Tem/Director Beamish (Item III.A.3 only)

ABSENT: NONE

A. CITY COUNCIL:

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 May 6, 2019.

3. Approve denial of claim for Southern California Edison for Property Damage. (Mayor Pro Tem/Director Beamish abstained on Item III.A.3 only)

4. Approve and authorize City Manager to execute an updated ground lease agreement with Orange County Head Start for the use of 1060 West Lambert Road site by Orange County Head Start, Inc. (OCHS) to provide Head Start classes for La Habra residents.

5. Approve and authorize City Manager to execute an updated lease agreement with Help for Brain Injured Children, Inc. (HBIC) for their continued use of the City-owned property located at 981 North Euclid Street.
6. Approve and authorize City Manager to execute an updated lease agreement with Community Resource Care Center (CRCC) for their continued use of City-owned property located at 350 South Hillcrest Street.

7. Approve and authorize City Manager to execute an updated lease agreement with the La Habra Old Settler’s Historical Society for their continued use of City-owned property located at 215 East La Habra Boulevard.

8. Approve and authorize City Manager to execute an updated lease agreement with the La Habra Art Association for their continued use of City-owned property located at 151 West La Habra Boulevard.

9. Approve and authorize City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the professional services agreement with the Lew Edwards Group in an amount not to exceed $69,000 from July 15, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

10. WARRANTS: Approve Nos. 00121778 through 00122089 totaling $2,198,724.51.

B. CITY COUNCIL & HOUSING AUTHORITY:

1. Approve and authorize the following:

   CITY COUNCIL:

   a. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as a member agency of the North Orange County Service Planning Area (North SPA) to construct and operate two North SPA homeless navigation centers;

   b. Appropriate the full amount of annual Senate Bill 2 (SB 2) grant funding allocated to the City of La Habra for the construction and operation of the two North SPA homeless navigation centers as permitted by law and as necessary;

   c. Authorize City Manager to approve non-substantive changes to the MOU as needed; and

   HOUSING AUTHORITY:

   d. Approve up to $450,000 of available unencumbered Successor Agency to the La Habra Redevelopment Agency Housing Set Aside Funds for the construction and operation of the two North SPA homeless navigation centers, as permitted by law and as necessary.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION:

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
CITY COUNCIL:

1. Duly noticed public hearing to consider changes to the General Plan that prevents changing any publically owned property designed as open space to a different land use without a vote of the people; specifically General Plan Amendment 19-01 modifying Community Development Element of the General Plan, Policy LU-2.6, Community Services Element of the General Plan, second paragraph of page 5-1a and adding policy OS-1.7, that requires a vote of the people on any future General Plan Amendments that would change the land use designation of any public property designated public open space and owned by the City to any other land use designation; and

City Attorney Jones left the dais at 6:52 p.m. due to a conflict of interest. Attorney Craig Steele, with Richards, Watson and Gershon sat at the dais as attorney for this item.

Planning Manager Ramsland presented the staff report. He clarified that the proposed General Plan Amendment 19-01 did not propose any of the following: any physical change to any existing parks; any kind of development in parks, including any private properties designated as open space; include any private or public flood control easements designated for open space; and modify or change in any way the Citizens Initiative for the Preservation of Open Space that would be on the November 3, 2020 ballot. He stated that the proposed General Plan Amendment 19-01 did propose to enhance the existing General Plan policy language; its purpose was to strengthen and protect parks owned by the City and mimic the Initiative, in that it would require a vote of the people to re-designate any park land for any other type of use.

Mayor Gomez opened the public hearing at 6:54 p.m.

Maribelle Lopez, 1821 Ford Court, with “Save La Habra” gave a brief history of their initiative. She noted that the proposed resolution protects only City-owned open space. She spoke in opposition to City Council voting on any open space zone change prior to the November 3, 2020 election.

James Lees, 2140 South Farrell Court, expressed confusion regarding the proposed resolution because it did not include the Westridge Golf Course property. He spoke in support of the protection of open space and on Council to support and defend the voice of the voter.

Minena Gomez, 404 West Electric Avenue, spoke in support of Council’s proposed ordinance. She asked which Councilmember she should address when she had concerns regarding her neighborhood. Mayor Gomez stated that all five Councilmembers were available to speak with her.

John Dubelbeiss, 660 West St. Andrews Avenue, asked which park was within 300 feet of his home. Mayor Gomez clarified that Vista del Valle Park was near his home.

Bill Stanek, 965-B Las Lomas Drive, spoke in support of a passive park, or left as is, at the corner of Las Lomas Drive and Idaho Street.

Kelly Garcia, La Habra resident, spoke in support of public and private open space. She stated that General Plan 2035, which included open space and private land, was a binding legal document and that private land zoned as open space should stay that way until the year 2035.
Mayor Gomez closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Council discussion included: the “Citizens’ Initiative for Preservation of Open Space in La Habra” (“Initiative”) that would be on the November 3, 2020 ballot; support of the proposed ordinance; clarification that parks would still be included in the “Initiative;” and clarification that the Westridge property was privately owned and would be addressed through a different process.

Moved by Councilmember Shaw, seconded by Councilmember Espinoza, and CARRIED (4-1) TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 5913 ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 19-01 MODIFYING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN, POLICY LU-2.6, COMMUNITY SERVICES ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN, SECOND PARAGRAPH OF PAGE 5-1A AND ADDING POLICY OS-1.7, THAT REQUIRES A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE ON ANY GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS THAT WOULD CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION ON ANY PUBLIC PROPERTY DESIGNATED PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND OWNED BY THE CITY.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Beamish asked if there was a status update regarding the Westridge property project. City Manager Sadro stated that staff was still working on responses to the Environmental Impact Report and updates to elements that required additional work, but that there was no formal update. Mayor Gomez referred anyone with questions to contact Community and Economic Development Director Ho.

2. Duly noticed public hearing to consider an ordinance for Development Agreement 18-02 for a cannabis distribution facility at 1000 South Leslie Street, subject to the attached ordinance.

Community and Economic Development Director Ho presented the staff report. He defined that a cannabis distribution facility was where cannabis was delivered in a prepackaged state, then distributed in vehicles to storefront facilities, and to other communities, but were not open to the general public, and function like other types of distribution facilities (i.e. CVS Pharmacy).

Council discussion included: verification that the proposed Conditional Use Permit (CUP) was similar to River Distribution, Inc.’s (“River”), except for some aspects of the Development Agreement; confirmation that there had been no police activity regarding “River;” verification that River had notified surrounding businesses regarding their operations, and that Canna America, LLC (“Canna”) had done the same; and confirmation that City staff had not received any opposition to Canna’s location; and noted that cannabis was still not considered legal by the federal government.
Mayor Gomez opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Tony DeSimone, Chief Executive Officer of Canna America, LLC (“Canna”), spoke in support of the proposed ordinance and Development Agreement 18-02. He introduced his attorney Dana Cisneros, Esq. and property owners Max and Greg Hoskins. He stated the benefits of his business for the community included jobs and volunteering for the City, non-profits, and youth activities. He reviewed the layout, security, and distribution process of “Canna.”

Dana Cisneros, Esq., Managing Attorney for the Cannabis Corporate Law Firm in Anaheim Hills, California, representing “Canna.” She spoke in support of the proposed ordinance and Development Agreement 18-02. She confirmed that any of the City’s concerns, past or future regarding “Canna” had been and would be addressed. She explained the importance of cannabis distributors regarding the reporting and payment of taxes, transportation of product between license holders, testing of product, and ensuring public safety.

The following spoke in support of the proposed ordinance and Development Agreement 18-02:

- Richard Beckman, 372 East Avocado Crest, La Habra Heights.
- Mark Sanders, La Habra Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Director Chair.

A La Habra resident inquired where to obtain information regarding Canna America, LLC. Mayor Gomez directed him to the owner, Tony DeSimone and/or Community and Economic Development Director Ho.

Mayor Gomez closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Beamish, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, and CARRIED (3-2) TO APPROVE AND ADOPT FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1809 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA ADOPTING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 18-02 BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA HABRA AND CANNA AMERICA, LLC FOR A CANNIBIS DISTRIBUTION FACILITY AT 1000 SOUTH LESLIE STREET, AS PER EXHIBIT "A."

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

VI. CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

CITY COUNCIL:

1. Consider appointing a voting delegate and up to two voting delegates to attend the League of California Cities (LOCC) Annual Conference, to occur at the Long Beach Convention Center from October 16-18, 2019.
A staff report was not requested.

Mayor Gomez invited the public to testify at 7:29 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Councilmember Espinoza stated that she was the 4th District Representative at Large for the League of California Cities (LOCC) and confirmed that she would be attending the LOCC Annual Conference. Councilmember Espinoza nominated herself as voting delegate, Mayor Gomez nominated himself as first alternate voting delegate, and Mayor Pro Team Beamish nominated himself as second alternate voting delegate to attend the League of California Cities (LOCC) Annual Conference to occur at the Long Beach Convention Center from October 16-18, 2019. There were no other nominations.

Moved by Mayor Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beamish, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE TO DESIGNATE COUNCILMEMBER ESPINOZA AS VOTING DELEGATE, MAYOR GOMEZ AS FIRST ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE AND MAYOR PRO TEM BEAMISH AS SECOND ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE TO ATTEND THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES (LOCC) ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO OCCUR AT THE LONG BEACH CONVENTION CENTER FROM OCTOBER 16-18, 2019.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

2. Consider appointment of (15) members and (5) alternates to the La Habra Ad Hoc Fiscal Review Committee.

City Manager Sadro reported that during the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget process there had been discussion amongst Councilmembers and staff regarding the City’s current and projected budget situation of increasing costs and an uncertain economic future with a potential recession. City Manager Sadro stated that as a result of the discussions, City Council directed staff to reform the Ad Hoc Fiscal Review Committee. He noted that staff has requested that each Councilmember select three primary committee members and one alternate committee member to be approved by Council at large.

Mayor Gomez opened public testimony at 7:31 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Following discussion, the 15 individuals and 5 alternates were nominated and appointed to the City of La Habra Ad Hoc Fiscal Review Committee.

Mayor Gomez nominated the following individuals:
1. Bruce Martin – Community Member
2. Mark Sanders – President, Chamber of Commerce
3. Steve Simonian – Former City Councilman and Community Member
Alternate:
1. Don Hannah – Community Member
Mayor Pro Tem Beamish nominated the following individuals:
   1. Juan Guerrero – Emergency Response Committee
   2. Randy McMillan – Non-Profits
   3. Mike Egan – Community Member
   Alternate:
   1. Ophelia Hanson – Community Member

Councilmember Rose Espinoza nominated the following individuals:
   1. Albert Tovar – Community Member
   2. Jose Sanchez – Community Member
   3. Sheldon Zinberg – Community Member
   Alternate:
   1. Juan Garcia – Former Councilmember and Community Member

Councilmember Tim Shaw nominated the following individuals:
   1. Jonathan Hughes – Community Member
   2. Mike Blazey – Former City Councilmember and Community Member
   3. Ron Shepard – Business Owner
   Alternate:
   1. Kathy Felix – Realtor

Councilmember Jose Medrano nominated the following individuals:
   1. Jim Enriquez – Community Member
   2. Jim Leonard – Community Member
   3. Lala Hernandez – Community Member
   Alternate:
   1. Martha Leonard – Community Member

Moved by Mayor Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beamish and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR THE 15 INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED AS MEMBERS TO THE CITY OF LA HABRA AD HOC FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE 5 INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED AS ALTERNATES.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

Moved by Mayor Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beamish and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE THE 15 INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTED AS MEMBERS TO THE CITY OF LA HABRA AD HOC FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE 5 INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTED AS ALTERNATES.
Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Pro Tem Beamish left the dais at 7:35 p.m.

RECESS: Mayor Gomez called a recess at 7:35 p.m.

RECONVENE: City Council reconvened at 7:37 p.m. All members were present, with the exception of Councilmember Medrano.

Councilmember Medrano returned to the dais at 7:38 p.m.


Principal Engineer Rangel presented the staff report and a brief PowerPoint presentation. He introduced Tetra Tech BAS, Inc. consultant Greg Saul. Principal Engineer Rangel summarized the top two community requests for the park Alternative “A” were amphitheater and half-court basketball and for park Alternative “B” exercise stations and half-court basketball. He showed Council the model that La Habra High School students prepared after staff had a meeting with them regarding a future project at Vista Grande Park.

Council discussion included: confirmation of project start and completion time frame for each Alternative; verification that there were 25 attendees at the July 11, 2019 Community Meeting and that their comments were included in the staff report; confirmation that five public meetings were required for grant fund approval; potential to integrate elements of Alternative “B” into Alternative “A”; the history of Vista Grande Park, previously known as Scully Field, after Vin Scully, and Blake Field; clarification that the State Park and Recreation Committee members reviewed the Proposition 68 Grant application; possible opportunity to negotiate with the County of Orange for additional funds, especially if Proposition 68 funds were not granted to the City; location of the amphitheater; confirmation that applying for grant funds for an active or passive park did not make a difference with the state’s grant point system; installation of lighting at Vista Grande which was a former landfill; potential to redesign Vista Grande in the future if grant funds were not received for Osornio Park; and keeping the middle of Vista Grande Park open for potential future redesign.

City Manager Sadro explained that the data from the July 11, 2019 Community Meeting was not included in the staff report due to the deadlines to submit staff reports for the agenda process and grant application deadlines. He stated that the input received from Council and the community was to be utilized by staff to work with the architect and design team and decide which options were feasible once City Council decided on the Alternative to be used. He noted that a final park design would be brought back to Council for approval. He stated that the
reason staff was leaning toward the Alternate “A” was largely due to the cost and time to construct, and the ongoing maintenance cost. He added that Parks staff was applying for Proposition 68 funding, under a separate grant application, to develop a more robust sports facility with a combination of soccer and football at Osornio Park, which could be the alternate versus Vista Grande Park.

Mayor Gomez opened public testimony at 8:05 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Beamish, seconded by Councilmember Espinoza, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE ALTERNATIVE “A” - FAMILY-ORIENTED RECREATION PARK DESIGN FOR VISTA GRANDE PARK, TO INCLUDE A DEDICATED DOG PARK CONCEPT, AND AUTHORIZER STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE FINAL PARK DESIGN.

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

VII. MAYOR’S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

Mayor/Director Gomez made the following announcements:

- City of La Habra’s summer concert series - Thursday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m. with Eagles tribute band “Desperado.”
- “Dive-In Movie” – Friday, August 2, at 6:00 p.m. at the La Habra High School pool screening the family-friendly movie “Finding Dory.”
- La Habra Police Department’s “National Night Out” - Tuesday, August 6, at 5:30 p.m. at Portola Park.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

City Manager Sadro stated that because the City was contributing funds to the construction and operation of the two homeless shelters, it would provide the city with the ability to have local homeless in La Habra, who are willing to be sheltered, access to those shelters.

IX. COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS:

Councilmember/Vice Chair Medrano reported that he attended the Independent Cities Association 59th Annual Summer Seminar.

Councilmember/Director Shaw reported that he attended the Independent Cities Association 59th Annual Summer Seminar. He thanked and congratulated those who organized the City’s Annual July 4th celebration. He stated that he represented the Council at the groundbreaking event for the homeless shelter in Buena Park, to which the City, as a member of the North Orange County Service Planning Area (North SPA), contributed funds. He welcomed his students in attendance.
Councilmember/Director Beamish stated that he missed the July 1, 2019 City Council meeting and the Annual July 4th celebration because he was on vacation. He thanked the Community Services Department, Public Works Department, Police Department, and everyone else who organize/contributed to the July 4th celebration. He reported that he attended the Independent Cities Association 59th Annual Summer Seminar.

Councilmember/Chair Espinoza encouraged the community, due to recent earthquake activity, to take the Civilian Emergency Response Team (CERT). She stated that she attended the Annual July 4th celebration and thanked staff for their work on the event.

Mayor/Director Gomez thanked City Attorney Jones for hosting a dinner at the Independent Cities Association 59th Annual Summer Seminar and thanked his Council colleagues for attending. He announced that Phyllis “Missy” Dawn Fleet, a long-time member of the La Habra Children’s Museum, passed away on June 27, 2019. He stated that Missy was born in Annapolis, Maryland on October 23, 1946, to Ninette and Phil Atkins, and spent her childhood years in Lanikai on the island of Oahu. He noted that Missy left Hawaii in 1960 to attend college at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, where she met her future husband, Stephen Fleet, and two years later they both left Oregon to return to Steve’s home town of San Diego, where Missy completed her education at San Diego State University. He added that Steve and Missy married on October 6, 1968, and had one child, Kevin, born in April of 1973; and after a short time living in Colorado, they moved to La Habra Heights and spent nearly 50 years together there until Stephen’s death in March of 2018. He stated that Missy dedicated her energy over many years contributing to her local community in La Habra: she was a Board Member of the Friends of the Children’s Museum (“Friends”), Chairperson for the Museum’s Gourmet Guys annual fundraising event, and an active member of the Children’s Museum Guild. He noted that over a span of 25 years, Missy’s efforts helped in increasing the “Friend’s” funding by over $625,000, and led to a number of new permanent exhibits, and continued outreach programs benefiting the community. He noted that Missy loved gardening, was an avid tennis player in her younger years, loved her Zumba classes at the local YMCA, and was an active member at Hacienda Golf Club. He stated that Missy would be remembered for her kind and caring spirit, wonderful sense of humor, and loving heart; and she was survived by her son Kevin, his wife Rose, and her granddaughters Alexa, Viviana, and Maren.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor/Director Gomez adjourned the City Council Meeting in memory of Phyllis “Missy” Dawn Fleet at 8:17 p.m. to Monday, August 5, 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. The La Habra Housing Authority was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Swindell, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary