

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

**Friday, May 10, 2019**

**APPROVED:** These Minutes were approved on June 3, 2019.

**SPECIAL MEETING 10:00 A.M.:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gomez called the Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Habra to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, located at 100 East La Habra Boulevard in La Habra, California.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Councilmember Espinoza

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Gomez  
Mayor Pro Tem Beamish  
Councilmember Espinoza  
Councilmember Shaw  
Councilmember Medrano

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** City Manager Sadro  
Deputy City Attorney Duarte  
City Clerk Swindell

**I. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**II. STUDY SESSION ITEM:**

Mayor Gomez expressed sympathy to the family of former La Habra Police Chief Ron Meehan who recently passed away.

**A. PROPOSED ITEM:**

1. Budget Study Session Discussion.

City Manager Sadro presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Council discussion included: Consumer Price Index average realized by the City; net gain percentage of new businesses coming to the City versus those that have left the City; state legislation regarding distribution and proportion of online sales tax revenue to cities; time frame for the City to receive first quarter revenues from River Distributing Co., LLC; confirmation of when the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD) contract expires and if the City could end the contract at an earlier date; clarification that cost cutting would help balance the City's budget and prevent use of reserves; the potential of an increase in the City's local Transaction and Use tax to assist with future budget challenges; formation of an Ad Hoc Fiscal Review Committee and clarification of who would serve on the committee; confirmation of the budget deficit amounts for

the next three fiscal years out to 15 years; community sponsorship support of City programs; Special election, potential litigation for the City, and the permitting of cannabis warehousing in the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Beamish inquired regarding action needed to form the Ad Hoc Fiscal Review Committee. City Manager Sadro stated that action could take place at the June 3, 2019 Council meeting. Mayor Gomez requested that this item be placed on the Council agenda for June 3, 2019.

Mayor Gomez opened public testimony at 11:05 a.m.

La Habra Police Officer and Police Officer Association (POA) President Bohee offered the support of the POA to the City Council and the City of La Habra. He noted that it appeared that an increase in the percentage of sales tax currently charged through Measure T was an option and that the POA would support it if Council showed support.

Mayor Gomez expressed appreciation to Police Officer Bohee for his support and leadership.

Mayor Gomez closed public testimony at 11:08 a.m.

Moved by Mayor Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Medrano, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE PRESENTATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

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

**VIII. COMMENTS FROM STAFF:** None

**IX. COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS:**

Councilmember Shaw stated that he would be in Washington D.C. all next week.

Mayor Pro Tem Beamish expressed confidence in his Council colleagues that they would meet future challenges, do what was best for the City of La Habra, and not base decisions on political views. He noted that City Manager Sadro and City staff had thus far met challenges with success.

Councilmember Espinoza asked staff to review Council memberships as possible ways to cut costs. She wished a Happy Mother's Day to all of the moms in the community.

Mayor Gomez praised City employees for their work and encouraged them to communicate budget cost cutting ideas to City Manager Sadro. He thanked those in the audience for attending the meeting.

- X. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Gomez adjourned the Special Meeting of the City Council in memory of former La Habra Police Chief Ron Meehan at 11:13 a.m. to Monday, May 20, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Swindell, CMC  
City Clerk