

# 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, October 18, 2021

**APPROVED:** These Minutes were approved on November 1, 2021.

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Espinoza called the Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Habra to order at 5:59 p.m. in the Closed Session Room 112c, located at 100 East La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, California.

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilmember Shaw (excused absence)  
Councilmember Simonian (excused absence)

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** City Manager Sadro  
City Attorney Jones  
City Clerk Swindell

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

## **CLOSED SESSION:**

1. Conference with Real Property Negotiator per Government Code Section 54956.8 - Property: 205-211 Euclid Street (APN 298-067-10); City Negotiator: Jim Sadro, City Manager; Negotiating Parties: Maker Money Trust and Robert C. and Donna H. Hughes, Owner; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment.

Interim Director of Community & Economic Development Crabtree and Housing & Economic Development Manager Cole-Corona were present for this item.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The City Council reconvened at 6:08 p.m. There were no Closed Session announcements. Mayor Espinoza adjourned the Adjourned Regular Meeting at 6:08 p.m.

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor/Chair Espinoza called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Habra and Regular Joint Meeting with the La Habra Utility Authority 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:** Councilmember/Director Gomez

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

**COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Councilmember/Director Shaw (excused absence)  
Councilmember/Director Simonian (excused absence)

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

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:** None

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

Mayor/Chair Espinoza indicated the Public Works Department Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Goals and Accomplishments presentation would be heard out of order and given prior to Consideration Items.

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:**

1. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS PRESENTATION

Mayor Espinoza invited Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mendoza to the podium to present the Public Works Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Goals and Accomplishments. Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer Mendoza presented a PowerPoint presentation of Public Works Department major CIP accomplishments for Fiscal Years 2019 through 2021, as well as major CIP project goals for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Mayor/Chair Espinoza spoke in support of the installation of solar panels.

City Manager/Executive Director Sadro spoke regarding Public Works project funding and grant sources.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Eva Contreras, City of La Habra Youth Employment and Training Case Manager, spoke regarding the Ready S.E.T. OC program that provides paid work experience, leadership development, career, and education counseling and vocational training to the youth of Orange County.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Moved by Councilmember/Director Gomez, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Medrano, and CARRIED (3-0) TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4; AND UTILITY AUTHORITY CONSENT ITEM 1.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Councilmember/Director Shaw, Councilmember/Director Simonian

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 October 4, 2021.

3. APPROVE THE VISTA COMMUNITY CLINIC (VCC): THE GARY CENTER LEASE AGREEMENT

That the City Council approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a one-year lease with VCC: The Gary Center in the amount of \$1, with the option for one additional one-year extension for the use of the City-owned property at 341 South Hillcrest Street.

4. WARRANTS: APPROVE NOS. 00131799 THROUGH 00131947 TOTALING \$2,267,584.45; AND APPROVE WIRE TRANSFERS DATED OCTOBER 29, 2021, TOTALING \$1,597,154.34

Approve Nos. 00131799 through 00131947 totaling \$2,267,584.45; and Approve Wire Transfers dated October 29, 2021, totaling \$1,597,154.34.

**UTILITY AUTHORITY:**

1. APPROVE LA HABRA UTILITY AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

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

- September 20, 2021
- October 4, 2021

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

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

Mayor/Chair Espinoza announced that the presentation by the Public Works Department regarding Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Goals and Accomplishments would be given by Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer Albert Mendoza.

City Manager Sadro introduced Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer Albert Mendoza who gave the PowerPoint presentation.

**CONSIDERATION ITEMS:**

**CITY COUNCIL & UTILITY AUTHORITY:**

1. APPROVE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE FINANCIAL REPORT ON UTILITY AUTHORITY WATER AND SEWER FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND RATES, SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING, AND MAIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC PROTEST HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED WATER RATE AND SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENTS

City Attorney/Legal Counsel Jones recused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest because he serves on the California Domestic Water Company Board of Directors, and that outside Counsel would be providing advice on the item. He left the dais at 6:50 p.m.

City Manager Sadro indicated that the City Council that staff was prepared to present the report tonight or City Council could act to set the proposed public hearing date and the staff report could be given at that time.

It was the consensus of the City Council to have the staff report presented during the proposed public hearing to be held on Monday, December 6, 2021.

There was no City Council/Authority discussion.

Mayor/Chair Espinoza invited the public to testify at 6:50 p.m. There was no public testimony.

Moved by Councilmember/Director Gomez, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Medrano, AND CARRIED (3-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AND UTILITY AUTHORITY:

- A. RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT FROM RAFTELIS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS REGARDING UTILITY AUTHORITY REVENUE REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE CITY'S MASTER SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE UTILITY AUTHORITY WATER FUNDS; AND
- B. SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE UTILITY AUTHORITY WATER AND SEWER FUNDS TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021; AND
- C. DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AND MAIL NOTICES TO ALL LA HABRA PROPERTY OWNERS REGARDING THE SCHEDULING OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021, TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE UTILITY AUTHORITY WATER AND SEWER FUNDS.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: Councilmember/Director Shaw, Councilmember/Director Simonian

City Attorney/Legal Counsel Jones returned to the dais at 6:51 p.m.

**MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:**

Mayor Espinoza made the following announcements:

- La Habra Vaccination Clinic on an intermittent basis at various locations.
- La Habra "Movies in the Park" featuring "Onward" to be held on Friday, October 22, 2021 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.
- La Habra Police Department Open House to be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the La Habra Police Department.
- La Habra "Fall-O-Ween" Home Decorating Contest nominations will be accepted through October 25, 2021.
- La Habra Veteran's Day Program to be held at Portola Park on Thursday, November 11, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- La Habra Tamale Festival to be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Euclid Street between La Habra Boulevard and Bridenbecker Avenue.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF:** None

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS:**

Councilmember/Director Gomez requested that the clarification of the former agreement with City Net for homeless liaison services be placed on the agenda on a future City Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Medrano concurred.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Medrano stated that he attended the Spanish Citizens Police Academy, and thanked Chief of Police Foster, Captain Miller, and the La Habra Police Department for organizing and offering the academy. He spoke regarding recent discourse towards law enforcement, and stated his opinion for the record that it was unfair to law enforcement. He thanked the La Habra Host Lions Club for hosting this year's Corn Festival. He also thanked City staff and La Habra Host Lions Club members Doug Guimond and Catherine Badame for their hard work on the Corn Festival Parade.

Mayor/Chair Espinoza stated that she attended the Corn Festival, and complimented the La Habra Host Lions Club for their hard work with planning and hosting this year's event. She thanked the La Habra Police Department for continuing to offer the Spanish Citizens Police Academy. She wished Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Medrano a Happy Birthday.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor/Chair Espinoza adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. to Monday, November 1, 2021, 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,

Laurie Swindell, CMC  
City Clerk/Secretary