

## MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING 5:30 P.M.  
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Tuesday, January 20, 2026

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Medrano called the Regular 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 Collins

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Medrano

**COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Mayor Medrano  
Mayor Pro Tem Gomez  
Councilmember Espinoza  
Councilmember Nigsarian  
Councilmember Lampkin

**COUNCILMEMBERS/DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** City Attorney Collins  
City Manager Sadro  
Assistant City Manager Yap  
Management Analyst II Hurt  
City Clerk Barone  
Part-Time Clerk Martinez

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:** None.

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Whitney Anderson, La Habra Girl Scout Troop Leader, spoke.

Doug Guimond, American Legion Post #267 La Habra, spoke.

Eric Simonoff, La Habra Cub Scout Pack 817, spoke.

Shawn Arballo, Scouting America Troop 1814 La Habra, spoke.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Gomez, seconded by Councilmember Lampkin, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) TO APPROVE CITY COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem Gomez,  
Councilmember Espinoza, Councilmember Nigsarian, Councilmember Lampkin

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 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA MEETING MINUTES

That the City Council approve the City Council of the City of La Habra Minutes of:

- December 15, 2025
- January 5, 2025

3. APPROVE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

That the City Council receive and file the Planning Commission of the City of La Habra meeting minutes for:

- August 11, 2025
- August 25, 2025
- September 8, 2025
- September 22, 2025
- October 13, 2025
- October 27, 2025
- November 10, 2025

4. APPROVE RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT TO APPOINT ELVIE BALDERRAMA AS INTERIM DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES/RISK MANAGEMENT

That the City Council:

- A. APPROVE AND ADOPT **RESOLUTION NO. CC 2026-01** ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING ELVIE BALDERRAMA AS INTERIM DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES/RISK MANAGEMENT AND APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT; and
- B. Authorize the City Manager to execute the employment agreement with Elvie Balderrama.

5. WARRANTS: APPROVE NOS. 7080 THROUGH 7502 TOTALING \$6,377,634.59; AND APPROVE WIRE TRANSFERS DATED 1/12/26 AND 1/26/26 TOTALING \$8,888,635.13

That the City Council approve Nos. 7080 through 7502 totaling \$6,377,634.59; and approve Wire Transfers dated 1/12/26 and 1/26/26, totaling \$8,888,635.13.

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

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

**CONSIDERATION ITEMS:**

1. CONSIDER EXPIRING TERMS AND VACANCIES ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION, AND PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF

City Clerk Barone presented the staff report.

City Council discussion included support for a commission recruitment and encouragement for residents to apply for the current vacancies.

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

Moved by Councilmember Nigsarian, seconded by Councilmember Lampkin, and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0) THAT THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECT STAFF TO ADVERTISE VACANCIES ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION THAT WILL OCCUR DUE TO EXPIRING TERMS OR RESIGNATIONS, AND SCHEDULE INTERVIEWS WITH ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Mayor Medrano, Mayor Pro Tem Gomez,  
Councilmember Espinoza, Councilmember Nigsarian, Councilmember Lampkin  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

**MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR:**

Mayor Medrano announced upcoming community events and activities.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF:** None at this time.

**COMMENTS FROM COUNCILMEMBERS:**

Each City Councilmember commented and reported on their attendance to past community events and activities, recognized community members, public comment speakers in attendance and thanked City staff for their work and dedication to the La Habra community.

Councilmember Lampkin made a motion that a future agenda include an item for consideration of reduced rental fees for the Veterans of Foreign Wars use of Veterans Hall for their anniversary celebration in April 2026. Seconded by Mayor Medrano.

Councilmember Lampkin requested the meeting be adjourned in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Medrano adjourned the meeting in remembrance Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 7:13 p.m. to Monday, February 2, 2026, 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  
City Clerk

These Minutes were approved on February 2, 2026.