

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

APPROVED: These Minutes were approved on May 17, 2021.

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING 6:30 P.M.:

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Beamish called to order the adjourned Regular Meeting of the La Habra City Council of October 19, 2020 on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber. The previous meeting was continued with a public hearing open. All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Gomez who previously recused himself from this item.

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Gomez (recused himself on 10/19/2020)

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Sadro
Acting City Attorney Steele
City Clerk Swindell
Assistant City Clerk Barone

Mayor Beamish spoke regarding meeting decorum, and indicated that anyone who becomes abusive or displays inappropriate public behavior will be told to stop speaking and leave the Council Chamber. He stated that pursuant to established policy that the meeting would conclude at 10:30 p.m. curfew unless the meeting is extended by the Mayor. He noted that any business not completed by that time would be continued to the next City Council meeting. He added that if an additional meeting became necessary the City Council intended to continue the meeting to the next available meeting time and would be held in the Council Chamber. He stated that the City Council would take health breaks at the Mayor's discretion and recess for a short period. He added that following public testimony staff would summarize the number of pieces of correspondence received since 5:00 p.m. that evening which had been submitted at the dais for the record, and the applicant would have an opportunity for a rebuttal after which the public hearing would be closed. He stated that following the close of the Public Hearing the City Council would enter into discussion and provide direction to staff accordingly.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (continued from October 19, 2020):

1. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED RANCHO LA HABRA RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 1400 SOUTH LA HABRA HILLS DRIVE, TO INCLUDE:
 - DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT;
 - GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 18-01 TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM OPEN SPACE TO RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY 1 FOR PLANNING AREA 1 (15-245 UNITS/ACRE), LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (0-8 UNITS/ACRE) FOR PLANNING AREAS 2, 3 & 4, AND TO MIXED USE 1 FOR PLANNING AREA 5 OF THE RANCHO LA HABRA SPECIFIC PLAN;

- THE ADOPTION OF THE RANCHO LA HABRA SPECIFIC PLAN;
- AMENDMENT #3 TO THE LA HABRA HILLS SPECIFIC PLAN;
- ZONE CHANGE 18-01 FROM LA HABRA HILLS SPECIFIC PLAN TO RANCHO LA HABRA SPECIFIC PLAN FOR THE AREA OCCUPIED BY THE WESTRIDGE GOLF COURSE;
- DESIGN REVIEW 18-01 THROUGH 18-05 FOR RANCHO LA HABRA SPECIFIC PLAN AREAS 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, AND 7;
- DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT 18-01 FOR THE RANCHO LA HABRA SPECIFIC PLAN; AND
- AN APPEAL OF THE DENIAL OF VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP 17845

Mayor Beamish noted that City Council had been taking testimony from those in support of the proposed project at the close of the meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020, and he invited any remaining individuals to speak in support of the item.

Chuck Krolkowski, Newmeyer & Dillion, LLP, and Legal Counsel to the Kwon Family who are the owners of the Westridge Golf Course property, spoke in support of this item.

Mayor Beamish invited those in opposition to the proposed project to speak.

RECESS: Mayor Beamish called a recess at 6:36 p.m.

RECONVENE: City Council reconvened at 6:39 p.m. All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Gomez who previously recused himself from this item.

The following spoke in opposition to this item:

1. Mr. A. Healey
2. Maribel Lopez
3. Asmita Maheshvari
4. Alan McDonald
5. Savmil Maheshvari
6. Christine Cook
7. Nam Jhung
8. Daniel Jhung
9. Clara Cruz
10. Dee Elsesser
11. Raphael Garcia

RECESS: Mayor Beamish called a recess at 7:52 p.m.

RECONVENE: City Council reconvened at 8:01 p.m. All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Gomez who previously recused himself from this item.

The following spoke in opposition to this item:

12. Baldev Singh Dhiman
13. Vinud Ambastha
14. Jennifer Champagne
15. Sawrav Mukherjee
16. Kerry Killian-White

17. Rajesh Dhamrena
18. Joe Foust
19. Victor Lomeli
20. Julie Lomeli
21. Jerry Callahan
22. Thomas Brown
23. William E. Sanders

RECESS: Mayor Beamish called a recess at 9:13 p.m.

RECONVENE: City Council reconvened at 9:25 p.m. All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Gomez who previously recused himself from this item.

The following spoke in opposition to this item:

24. Robert Hughes
25. Thomas Blaine
26. Imad Dahdal
27. Simon Chan
28. Tarek Yousef
29. Ryan Scotti
30. Cyndy Scotti
31. Byung D. Choi
32. Kay Yoon
33. Carol Babb
34. Carol Hansen

After discussion between the City Council and staff, it was the consensus of the City Council members present to allow Mayor Beamish to extend the meeting beyond 10:30 p.m. in order to allow the remaining public speakers an opportunity to speak on this item.

The following spoke in opposition to this item:

35. Drake Lopez
36. Peter Cruz
37. Diana Alva

RECESS: Mayor Beamish called a recess at 10:57 p.m.

RECONVENE: City Council reconvened at 11:01 p.m. All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Gomez who previously recused himself from this item.

Tyler Lees spoke in opposition to this item.

After further discussion, it was Moved by Mayor Beamish, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Espinoza, and CARRIED (4-0) THAT CITY COUNCIL ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:03 P.M. AND RECONVENE TO WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING TO REMAIN OPEN.

Said motion CARRIED by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: Councilmember Gomez

ABSTAIN: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Beamish adjourned the City Council meeting at 11:03 p.m., with the public hearing remaining open, to Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., 100 East La Habra Boulevard, in the City Council Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Swindell, CMC
City Clerk