

Minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Vice Mayor Perez. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez; Absent: Mayor Mario Gomez.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Amezcuita, to establish as “**subsequent need**”, a request for approval of an emergency expenditure in the amount not to exceed \$125,000 for the repair of sinkholes on Zoe Avenue between Cottage Street and Albany Street, as the item arose after the posting of the agenda, necessitating City Council's immediate consideration and/or action, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Vice Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Gomez.

#### **4. HEARING**

(This item was continued from May 6, 2013)

##### **4.1 Public hearing to consider adoption of the City of Huntington Park's Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan and Substantial Amendment of the five-year Consolidation Plan (Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to Fiscal Year 2014-2015).**

Director of Finance Morales displayed PowerPoint presentations regarding sales tax in the City of Huntington Park and the proposed 2013-2014 HOME and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget.

Following comments by City Council, Vice Mayor Perez recessed the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:12 p.m. by Vice Mayor Perez. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez; Absent: Mayor Mario Gomez.

Director of Finance Morales displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding Propositions A and C and Measure R budgets.

Hal Suegtsu and Art Cueto briefed City Council on the findings of an analysis of the Combi program and distributed copies of the analysis report to City Council.

#### **RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

1. Open the public hearing to receive any comments.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed concerns with the quality of education in the City of Huntington Park, lack of funding for the Huntington Park Library, and salaries of City administrators.

Linda Caraballo addressed a concern regarding the salaries of City Council and City administrators, including pension benefits. Ms. Caraballo urged City Council to consider funding non-profit organizations in the City.

Maria, secretary of the Friends of the Library, addressed City Council in support of the Huntington Park Library Homework Center and asked City Council to consider funding the homework center.

A gentleman addressed his concern with the deteriorating condition of parks in the City.

2. Close the public hearing.
3. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan and approve a Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal-Year Consolidated Plan, inclusive of any comments received during the 30-day public review period at the close of the public hearing.
4. Authorize City staff to reduce Community Development Block Grant and/or HOME Investment Partnerships Act funding of projects allocated in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan in proportion to the amount of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 formula allocations sequestered by HUD.
5. Authorize the City Manager to execute all required documents for transmittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Department.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Amezcuita, to **adopt the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan and approve a Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal-Year Consolidated Plan, inclusive of any comments received during the 30-day public review period at the close of the public hearing; authorize City staff to reduce Community Development Block Grant and/or HOME Investment Partnerships Act funding of projects allocated in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan in proportion to the amount of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 formula allocations sequestered by HUD with the following funding changes: 1) City of Huntington Park, Department of Public Works Community Beautification Program (Graffiti Removal)-\$65,000; and 2) Huntington Park Library Homework Center-\$5,000; and authorize the City Manager to execute all required documents for transmittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Department,** carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Vice Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Gomez.

## 5. REGULAR AGENDA

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- 5.1 **Resolution eliminating negative equity fund balances in various funds for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012 with available General Fund Reserves and to reflect said changes in the City of Huntington Park Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.**

#### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-15 eliminating negative equity fund balances from the Water Fund, Retirement Fund, Lighting and Landscaping Fund, and Parking Fund for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013 with available General Fund Reserves and to reflect said changes in the City of Huntington Park Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 was presented. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Macias, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-15, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Vice Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Gomez.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Amezcuita, to **approve an emergency expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for the repair of sinkholes on Zoe Avenue between Cottage Street and Albany Street**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Vice Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Gomez.

Vice Mayor Perez opened oral communications, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on any matter of City business.

The following individuals addressed their concern to City Council regarding records requests submitted to the City: 1) Linda Caraballo; and 2) Edmundo Perez.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed a concern regarding documentation pertaining to the Rugby Plaza Senior Housing.

Yvonne Correa inquired about flyers the City will be providing to the public regarding firework safety.

Vice Mayor Perez called for any other oral communications, and hearing none, declared oral communications closed.

Interim City Attorney Litfin requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for the following:

## **7. CLOSED SESSION**

- 7.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(b): (1)

Vice Mayor Perez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:23 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 9:54 p.m. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez; Absent: Mayor Mario Gomez.

Interim City Attorney Litfin reported out that no action was taken in closed session.

Vice Mayor Perez declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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Rosa E. Perez, Vice Mayor

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Rocio Martinez, Acting City Clerk