

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Monday, December 15, 2014

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:07 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2014, in the Council Chamber of City Hall at 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Rosa Perez presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Rosa E. Perez; Vice Mayor Karina Macias and Council Members Valentin Palos Amezcuita and Mario Gomez. Other City Officials and employees: Julio Morales, Interim City Manager, Isabel Birrueta, City Attorney, Jorge Cisneros, Chief of Police, Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Donna Schwartz, Interim City Clerk.

Absent: Council Member Hernandez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brian Morgan.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Ricardo Lara presented information on Legislative Affairs.

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Brian Morgan for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Police Chief Jorge Cisneros announced the presentation of Badges to Senior Officers Frankie Valle and Alonzo Gonzalez both pinned by their loving wives.

Council presented "Certificates of Appreciation" to City Employee Retirees.

Council presented "Certificates of Appreciation" to those who volunteered at the College Application Workshop.

Council presented "Certificates of Appreciation" to Volunteers from Aspire Pacific Academy Middle School and Linda Marquez High School who provided meals during Thanksgiving at the Salvation Army.

At 7:10 p.m. Mayor Perez asked for a 10 minute RECESS. At 7:18 p.m. Council RECONVENED with Mayor Perez, Vice Mayor Macias and Council Member Amezcuita present with the exception of Council Member Hernandez ABSENT. Council Member Gomez returned at 7:25 p.m.

Zuania Nwaura, representative of California Hispanic Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse gave a presentation on Responsible Beverage Service and Sales (RBSS) Training.

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Attorney Birrueta announced to the public the rules for public comment by citing government code section 54954.3 and Municipal Code section 2-1.207.

1. Sandra Orozco, resident of Maywood, announced she had attended the Senior Christmas Party in Maywood. She commented on the swearing in of Arturo Chacon. Ms. Orozco stated she attended the Cities of Compton and Maywood City Council Meetings and acknowledge the Sheriff's Department. She acknowledged the City of Huntington Park's City Attorney.
2. Francisco Rivera, resident, commented on the trash in the City and street sweeping.
3. Jamie Bravo, resident, commented on the transition between the old company and the new company for refuse service, noting he had not received his trash receptacles and voiced concern with the new billing.
4. Arles Benavides, Spiritt Family Services, spoke in support of the Responsible Beverage Service and Sales (RBSS) Training presentation.

STAFF RESPONSE - None

At 7:45 p.m. Mayor Perez recessed to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(2) – Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Matter Involving Potential Litigation and/or Significant Exposure to Litigation – [One (1) potential matter]
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) - Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation/Initiation of Litigation (Deciding Whether to Initiate Litigation): [One (2) potential matter]
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Location of Property: 6335 Rita Avenue, Huntington Park, CA 90255
City's Negotiator(s): Interim City Manager Julio Morales and City Attorney Isabel Birrueta
Party Negotiating With: Parallel Acquisitions & Holdings

Under Discussion: Discussion of both price and terms of payment as related to purchase of subject property

CLOSED SESSION (continued)

4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 – Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Location of Property: 5959-6169 Alameda Street, Huntington Park, CA 90255
City's Negotiator(s): Interim City Manager Julio Morales and City Attorney Isabel Birrueta
Party Negotiating With: Nicholas Alexander
Under Discussion: Discussion of both price and terms of payment as related to purchase of subject property

5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) – Public Employee Employment
Name of Position under Consideration: Interim City Manager
AND
Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 (a) – Conference
with Labor Negotiator Regarding Unrepresented Employee –
Title of Position Subject to Negotiation: Interim City Manager
City's Designated Representatives for Negotiations: Existing Interim City Manager Julio Morales and Isabel Birrueta, City Attorney

6. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) – Public Employee Employment
Name of Position under Consideration: Parks & Recreation Director
AND
Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 (a) – Conference
with Labor Negotiator Regarding Unrepresented Employee –
Title of Position Subject to Negotiation: Parks & Recreation Director
City's Designated Representatives for Negotiations: Interim City Manager Julio Morales and Isabel Birrueta, City Attorney

7. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) – Conference with Labor Negotiator Regarding Represented Employees
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Julio Morales, Interim City Manager
Employee Organization: General Employees Association
AND
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) – Public Employee Employment
Name of Position(s) Under Consideration: Building Inspector, Permit Technician

At 8:45 p.m. Mayor reconvened to open session. All Council Members present with the exception of Council Member Hernandez ABSENT.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Birrueta announced that for closed session items 1 through 7 there was direction given, no action taken. Item 3 City Council directed the City Attorney to negotiate an exclusive negotiating agreement and bring back for a formal approval at a future time.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made by Council Member Gomez to approve consent calendar items, with the exception of Item 3 to only extend the agreement for 1-year and approve the reading by title of all ordinances and resolutions, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Gomez, Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias
and Mayor Perez

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): Hernandez

FINANCE

1. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated December 15, 2014
2. Approved the professional service agreement with Terry Matsumoto of Matsumoto Consulting LLC for financial management services and authorized the Interim City Manager to execute the professional service agreement.
3. Approved Second Amendment to Agreement for a 1-year extension with Vasquez and Company, LLP for financial auditing services and authorized the Interim City Manager to execute the agreement.

HUMAN RESOURCES

4. Adopted Resolutions 2014-63, Approving and Adopting New Class Specifications for the Position of Police Administration Manager; 2014-64, Approving and Adopting New Class Specifications for the Position of Police Management Analyst; and 2014-65, Repealing Resolution No. 83-29 and Adopting New Class Specifications for the Position of Assistant Chief of Police.

PARKS AND RECREATION

5. Authorized a three year agreement with O Entertainment to produce the City's annual 4th of July Celebration.

CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

PUBLIC WORKS

6. Approved First Amendment to Agreement with United Pacific Waste & Recycling Services for additional refuse service on Pacific Blvd and authorized the Interim City Manager to execute the agreement.
7. Approved Second Amendment to Agreement with Administrative Services Cooperative, Inc. for Dial-A-Ride services and authorized the Interim City Manager to execute the agreement.

CITY ATTORNEY

8. Approved Amendment to Employment Agreement for Interim City Manager Pursuant to Government Code Section 53262 and 54956

CITY MANAGER

9. Approved Appointment of Interim Finance Director Candidate and Ratification and Final Action to Approve Employment Agreement for Interim Finance Director Pursuant to Government Code Section 53262 and 54956
10. Approved Employment Agreement for Parks and Recreation Director Pursuant to Government Code Section 53262 and 54956

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

11. **Resolution Approving the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)**

Community Development Director Acosta presented the staff report and introduced Karen Warner, of Warner and Associates, who presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

Mayor Perez, inquired about the requirements on services animals. Ms. Warner stated that the Fair Housing Foundation would work with the landlord.

Mayor Perez opened up the item for public comment

Public Comment - None

Mayor Perez closed public comment

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 11 (continued)

Motion was made by Council Member Gomez to adopt Resolution No. 2014-66 approving the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for the City of Huntington Park as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), seconded by Council Member Amezcuita. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Gomez, Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias and Mayor Perez

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): Hernandez

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

12. Status Update on Solid Waste Collection Service Transition

Interim City Manager Morales introduced Michael Kandilian of United Pacific Waste who gave an update on the solid waste collection service transition and noted that trash cans were delivered to those who inquired during public comment.

CITY MANAGER

13. Authorization to Draft Resolution Stating City's Preferred Northern Alignment for the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Project

Interim City Manager Morales presented the staff report adding

Council Member Amezcuita supports staff's recommendations and requested to add in the resolution to propose an additional stop sign at Randolph and Alameda.

Motion was made by Council Member Amezcuita to authorize the Interim City Manager to draft a resolution stating the City's preferred northern alignment for the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor Project and to amend the resolution to include in a study at Randolph and Alameda for an additional stop sign, seconded by Council Member Gomez. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 13 (continued)

AYES: Council Member(s): Gomez, Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias
and Mayor Perez

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): Hernandez

14. Discussion/Approval of Tivoli Light Reconfiguration

Interim City Manager Morales stated that the Los Angeles County Fire Department gave a couple of options for the City of Huntington Park's reconfiguration of Tivoli lights to either hang them straight across the street or scallop running parallel to the street.

After further discussion Council directed Staff to proceed with the scallop design.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Amezquita - expressed holiday wishes to all, acknowledged how beautiful Pacific Boulevard looks with the lights and thanked staff and commented on the distribution of the new trash cans and asked the residents to be patient.

Council Member Hernandez - absent

Council Member Gomez – thanked Sandra Orozco for all her support with the turkey give away, sponsored by the Lions Club.

Vice Mayor Macias – expressed holiday wishes to all, thanked all those who attended this evenings meeting, acknowledged those who are retiring and thanked her colleagues for acknowledging those who volunteered during the holidays.

Mayor Perez – noted that the Church Services Center had given away over 500 meals during Thansksgiving Day and her donation of \$500 towards the program. Ms. Perez noted she will be acknowledging all the High School kids who helped

out in the morning putting the items together and expressed holiday wishes to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:28 pm Mayor Perez adjourned the meeting to the next Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park City Council on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC
Interim City Clerk