

MINUTES
Special Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Thursday, February 5, 2015

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on Thursday, February 5, 2015, in the Council Chamber of City Hall at 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Rosa E. Perez presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Rosa E. Perez; Council Members: Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Mario Gomez, Ofelia Hernandez (arrived at 6:04 p.m.) and Vice Mayor Macias (arrived at 6:05 p.m.). Other City Officials and employees: John Ornelas, Interim City Manager, Isabel Birrueta, City Attorney and Jessie Gomez, Jr. Deputy City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Amezcuita.

At 6:03 p.m. Mayor Perez recessed to closed session.

At 6:04 p.m. Council Member Hernandez arrived

At 6:05 p.m. Vice Mayor Macias arrived

CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2), 54956.9(d)3, and 54956.9(d)(4) –
Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Matter Involving Potential Litigation and/or Significant Exposure to Litigation – [One (1) potential matter]

At 6:31 p.m. Mayor Perez reconvened the meeting with all Council Members present with the exception of Vice Mayor Macias who excused herself due to conflict of interest.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Birrueta announced direction on closed session item 1. Item 1 is to be reviewed and investigated by Special Council regarding the use of the City Seal by Vice Mayor Macias.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Linda Caraballo, resident; Nick Ioannidis, business owner; Betty Retama, resident; Rodolfo Cruz, resident; Henry Garcia, resident; Elba Romo, resident; Alex Reynoso, resident, Sandra Orozco, resident of Maywood; Andy Molina, resident; Emma Gutierrez, resident; Ana Peña, resident; Leticia Martinez, resident; Elba Guerrero, resident; Edgar Gordillo, resident, all commented on prior elections regarding Karina Macias and to the current issue of the use of the City Seal. Speakers feel there should be residency requirements for candidates for future elections.
2. Carlos Pando Sr., resident, also spoke in regards to the current issue of the City Seal and spoke in support of the current trash handler.

STAFF RESPONSE – None

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY ATTORNEY

1. **Consideration of a Resolution Restricting the Use of the City’s Official Seal, Logo, or Emblem**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-06 to restrict the use of the official City seal, logo, or emblem.

Motion: Council Member Amezcuita motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2015-06 restricting the use of the official seal, logo, or emblem of the City, seconded by Council Member Gomez. Motion passed by the following vote with requested corrections:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezcuita, Gomez, Hernandez and Mayor Perez
NOES: Council Member(s): None
ABSTAIN: Council Member(s): Vice Mayor Macias

Council Member Amezquita – made mention of Government Code Section 34501.5 pertaining to use of the City Seal and read poems by Emily Dickenson and from an anonymous source.

Council Member Gomez - noted for the record that the issue regarding the City Seal will be forwarded to the District Attorney. He feels that he has done his part as a public official, voiced concern of the other candidates and supports a residency requirement for future candidates.

Council Member Hernandez – commented on the issue regarding the City Seal, apologized to the candidates, feels that the City Seal should be respected and represents honesty to the City of Huntington Park families. She closed with noting that the laws and rules of election should be followed.

Vice Mayor Macias - thanked those in attendance and spoke in support of her position and the use of the City Seal.

City Attorney Birrueta - recommended City Council to have independent council review the matter and give a legal opinion.

Mayor Perez – spoke in regards to the current issue of the City Seal, commented on the behavior at previous city council meetings and thanked the community for all their support.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:52 p.m. Mayor Perez adjourned the meeting to an Adjourned Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Gomez
Jr. Deputy City Clerk