

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Monday, May 18, 2015

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2015, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Karina Macias presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Karina Macias; Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz and Council Members, Jhonny Pineda and Marilyn Sanabria. ABSENT: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcua. Other City Officials and employees: John Ornelas, Interim City Manager, Noel Tapia, Assistant City Attorney, Jorge Cisneros, Chief of Police, Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation, Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director, Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager, Michael Ackerman, City Engineer, Christina Dixon, Staff Analyst and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Amber Rodriguez, Age 7, Lucille Roybal-Allard Elementary.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mayor Macias.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Amber Rodriguez for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition" to Community Members for their Significant Contribution towards the Success of two Parks and Recreation Events: Family Fun Fest and Troops "N" Transition

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition" to Students who volunteered their time in the Library at Middleton Street School during Recess. Talia Leon representative from Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's office also presented certificates to the students.

"Certificate of Recognition" presented to Ms. Elsa G. Rivas for Her 35 Years of Service to the Community as a Teacher for Nimitz Middle School - ***not in attendance***

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mike Ayer, resident, voiced concern with skateboarders and bikes riding on the sidewalks and would like the Police Department to enforce the City's Ordinance.
2. Sandra Orozco, Maywood resident, recognized the following: Memorial Day, staff for assisting her, Porto Ricans and those who served and noted she will be visiting Porto Rico.
3. Francisco Rivera, resident, spoke in regards to a clean environment for the community and the youth, thanked Parks and Recreation for they all they do for the community, thanked Public Works for pressure washing Pacific Boulevard and noting how clean the boulevard now looks.
4. 90255 Association, explained the reason for the formation of the association, expressing the need to be involved with the political and financial activities of the City, requesting the cooperation of the City to achieve goals, noted issues in previous years relating to financial standing and commented on the Combi contract.
5. Leticia Polezzi, new Huntington Park Library Manager, introduced herself and announced the Library's summer programs.

PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

6. Lulu Fonseca, resident, commented on the current issues regarding the Combi service, thanked Council for being on time and requested to speak to the Chief of Police regarding an event that occurred in her neighborhood and asked Council if the surrounding Police Departments assist one another.
7. Nick Ioannidis, resident, commented on his business having parking issues and problems he's facing in the city.

STAFF RESPONSE

Interim City Manager Ornelas responded to the comment regarding the Combi service, stating the contract has been approved with Metro Transit, schedules will remain the same and details are currently being worked on.

Mayor Macias requested information regarding transportation services be added to the City's website and flyers passed out. Interim City Manager stated that the City is working with the new provider on disseminating the information to the residents.

Chief of Police Cisneros responded to the skateboard and bikes on sidewalks comment, stating he will look into the issue and bring back a report and encouraged the community to continue to report things they see to the Police Department. He also responded to the surrounding Police Departments assisting one another, stating yes they do assist one another and information is disseminated to the surrounding cities and counties.

At 6:43 p.m. Assistant City Attorney Tapia recessed to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) -
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: [One (1) potential matter]
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) -
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: [One (1) potential matter]
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) –
Public Employee Employment and Appointment
Name of Position Under Consideration: Assistant City Manager

At 7:15 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened the meeting with all Council Members present (Council Member Amezcua-ABSENT).

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Tapia announced Closed Session items 1 through 3 were discussed, direction was given no action taken and noting item 3 will also be considered under Consent Calendar item 5.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz motioned to approve consent calendar items with noted changes to the Minutes, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Pineda, Sanabria, Vice Mayor Ortiz and Mayor Macias.
NOES: Council Member(s): None
ABSENT: Council Member(s): Amezcua,

CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. Approved Minutes of the following City Council Meetings with noted changes:

1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, May 4, 2015

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated May 18, 2015

PARKS AND RECREATION

3. Approved second amendment to agreement with Unified Nutrimeals for food provider services for the City-sponsored summer lunch and supper program and authorized the Interim City Manager to execute the agreement.

CITY COUNCIL

4. Waived further reading and adopted Resolution No. 2015-18, City of Huntington Park Declaring the Month of May 2015 as "CalFresh Awareness Month."

CITY MANAGER

5. Approved Employment Agreement for Assistant City Manager

Mayor questioned the Terry Matsumoto warrant under consent item 2. Interim Finance Director Mazyck stated the consultant has been working on the recommendations that were provided from the audit. Ms. Mazyck offered a periodic report.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY ATTORNEY

6. **Establishment of Youth Commission and Resolution Governing Commission Policies, Appointments and Other Related Matters**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Waive further reading and introduce for first reading Ordinance 939-NS, Establishing a Youth Commission as one of the City's Commissions;
2. Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 2015-19, adopting revised rules, method of appointment, guidelines for the conduct of meetings and structure for all Commissions of the City and repealing all prior Resolutions or provisions in conflict with the provisions contained herein;
3. Vacate all current City Commission appointments within 30-days from the adoption of Resolution No. 2015-19, in order that the City Council may appoint or reappoint commissioners consistent with the new procedures; and
4. Direct staff to codify the Huntington Park Municipal Code to consolidate the provisions relating to City Commissions.

Assistant City Attorney Tapia presented the staff report and gave an overview of the previous request by Council to create a Youth Commission , review the rules applicable to the Planning Commission and adopt revised rules, method of appointment, guidelines for the conduct of meetings and structure for all commissions of the city.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 6 (continued)

Council Member Pineda asked Interim City Manager if this would be the time to create a Parking Task Force. Interim City Manager stated that the Council could appoint members as well as staff to form a Task Force.

Mayor Macias noted that those currently serving as Commissioners will be able to reapply and be considered.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to waive further reading and introduce for first reading Ordinance 939-NS, Establishing a Youth Commission as one of the City's Commissions, adopt Resolution No. 2015-19, adopting revised rules, method of appointment, guidelines for the conduct of meetings and structure for all Commissions of the City and repealing all prior Resolutions or provisions in conflict with the provisions contained herein, vacate all current City Commission appointments within 30-days from the adoption of Resolution No. 2015-19, in order that the City Council may appoint or reappoint commissioners consistent with the new procedures and directed staff to codify the Huntington Park Municipal Code to consolidate the provisions relating to City Commissions, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Pineda, Sanabria, Vice Mayor Ortiz and Mayor Macias.
NOES: Council Member(s): None
ABSENT: Council Member(s): Amezquita,

POLICE

7. Approval of Appropriation of Additional Funds for the Completion of Automatic License Plate Reader Project (ALPR)

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the Chief of Police to appropriate and expend \$99,966.75 in awarded funds for the completion of the Automatic License Plate Reader Project (ALPR);
2. Authorize the Finance Department to issue necessary payments to facilitate the successful completion of this project; and
3. Authorize the Interim City Manager to sign the Statement of Terms, Conditions and Warranties of Sale with 3M Company.

Interim City Manager introduced the item and Chief of Police Cisneros presented the staff report noting that to use the surrounding systems it must be compatible in order to share information. Mr. Cisneros stated that the funds are being awarded from Homeland Security grants.

Council Member Sanabria voiced concern that this item was presented in a short time. Chief of Police Cisneros explained that there are other channels they have to go through to secure the funds and that an extension was requested from the County but will work harder next time to bring before Council sooner.

Council Member Pineda asked how many cameras will be purchased. Chief of Police Cisneros stated four cameras will be purchased that will view four lanes.

Mayor Macias agrees with Council Member Sanabria about items being presented to Council in a timely manner.

Council Member Pineda questioned where the funds will come from before receiving the grant. Interim City Manager Ornelas stated the funds will come from the general fund but will be reimbursed from the grant funds once received.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 7 (continued)

Interim Finance Director reconfirmed the statement made by Interim City Manager Ornelas.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve authorizing the Chief of Police to appropriate and expend \$99,966.75 in awarded funds for the completion of the Automatic License Plate Reader Project (ALPR), authorize the Finance Department to issue necessary payments to facilitate the successful completion of this project and authorize the Interim City Manager to sign the Statement of Terms, Conditions and Warranties of Sale with 3M Company, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

- AYES: Council Member(s): Pineda, Sanabria, Vice Mayor Ortiz and Mayor Macias.
- NOES: Council Member(s): None
- ABSENT: Council Member(s): Amezquita,

PUBLIC WORKS

8. Approve Installation of Pedestrian Improvements at 58th Street at Pacific Boulevard and 57th Street at Pacific Boulevard

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- 1. Approve pedestrian improvements to increase safety and mobility for school age pedestrians on Pacific Boulevard; and
- 2. Authorize Interim City Manager to proceed with implementation of improvements.

Interim City Manager Ornelas introduced the item and City Engineer Michael Ackerman presented a PowerPoint. Mr. Ackerman gave a brief background explaining that a petition was submitted to the City regarding these improvements and proceeded with the existing conditions and the proposed installation of pedestrian improvements on Pacific Boulevard at 58th Street and 57th Street.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve the pedestrian improvements to increase safety and mobility for school age pedestrians on Pacific Boulevard and authorize Interim City Manager to proceed with implementation of improvements, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

- AYES: Council Member(s): Pineda, Sanabria, Vice Mayor Ortiz and Mayor Macias.
- NOES: Council Member(s): None
- ABSENT: Council Member(s): Amezquita,

9. Approve Preparation and Execution of an Agreement between City of Huntington Park and the City of Bell to Participate in the Florence Avenue Overlay Project

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- 1. Authorize the preparation and execution of an agreement by the City Manager between City of Huntington Park and the City of Bell to appropriate a not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000 from the Proposition C Fund to participate in the Florence Avenue Overlay Project.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 9 (continued)

Interim City Manager Ornelas introduced the item and City Engineer Michael Ackerman noted Al Kaplay, Engineer for the City of Bell was in attendance and proceeded to present a PowerPoint reviewing the Florence Avenue Overlay Project. Mr. Ackerman gave an overview of the project scope, proposed street improvement plan, striping improvement plan and project funding. He concluded with speaking in support of staff's recommendations.

Council Member Sanabria questioned if the project involved railroad crossings. Mr. Ackerman stated that normally the City does not get Union Pacific Railroad involved in these types of projects but is aware of potholes at the railroad crossings and will be contacting them.

Mr. Kaplay, Engineer, City of Bell, announced that the City of Bell is very appreciative for the cooperation from the City of Huntington Park and that their funds are coming from Federal Funds, Service Transportation Planning (STPL) and believes this is a great partnership.

Vice Mayor Ortiz thanked both cities for the collaboration.

Interim City Manager Ornelas also thanked staff for partnering with the City of Bell and moving this project forward. Mr. Ornelas feels these types of collaborations should happen more often which would help the City with much needed improvements.

Mayor Macias agrees and is also pleased with the partnership.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to authorize the preparation and execution of an agreement by the City Manager between City of Huntington Park and the City of Bell to appropriate a not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000 from the Proposition C Fund to participate in the Florence Avenue Overlay Project, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

- AYES: Council Member(s): Pineda, Sanabria, Vice Mayor Ortiz and Mayor Macias.
- NOES: Council Member(s): None
- ABSENT: Council Member(s): Amezquita,

10. Water Conservation Update - Presentation ONLY

Mayor Macias directed staff to look into adopting a resolution regarding water conservation and to bring back to Council at the next meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita - ABSENT

Council Member Jhonny Pineda - thanked all those who attended the meeting, directed staff to look into forming a Parking Task force and would like to see a City Council Meeting at a park and encourage the community to attend.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria - thanked all those who attended the meeting, noted her goal to bring more businesses to the City, directed staff to prepare for the Annual ICSC Business Conference and invited the public and those who are veterans to the Veterans Day event.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz – looking forward to the Commissions as well as the Youth Commission, glad the policy for commissions is under the Municipal Code, encourages those currently serving on the Commissions to reapply, encouraged the residents to participate in community events and thanked all those who attended the meeting.

Mayor Karina Macias – thanked all those who attended the meeting, happy with the approval of creating a Youth Commission, thanked her colleagues who attended the California Contract Cities Association Conference, thanked staff for all their support and acknowledged Angela Cornejo’s Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15.p.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the meeting to a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk