

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Monday, June 1, 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, June 1, 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, Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Jhonny Pineda and Marilyn Sanabria. Other City Officials and employees: John Ornelas, Interim City Manager, Edgar Cisneros, Assistant City Manager, Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney, Jorge Cisneros, Chief of Police, Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation, Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director, Michael Ackerman, City Engineer and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Pineda. Elizabeth Enriquez, 4th grade, Huntington Park Elementary School – not in attendance.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mayor Macias.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council presented a “Certificate of Recognition” to Ms. Elsa G. Rivas for Her 35 Years of Service to the Community as a Teacher for Nimitz Middle School

Council presented “Certificates of Recognition” to the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the Following Schools in Huntington Park: Huntington Park High School, Alliance Huntington Park College Ready High School, Linda Marquez High School and Aspire Huntington Park Charter School.

At 6:25 p.m. Mayor Macias called for a 5minute recess, Council concurred.

At 6:30 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened the meeting with all Council Members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Ruben Aburto, Huntington Park Institute of Applied Medical at Marquez High School, acknowledged and thanked Council for their support to the community and announced the various programs the school offers.
2. Wally Shiedler, Director of Walnut Park Mutual Waters, commented on a letter that was addressed to Council Member Amezcuita from the Los Angeles Historic Theater Foundation stating that the County was interested in purchasing and restoring the Warner Theatre. Mr. Shiedler confirmed with the County that they are not purchasing the Warner Theatre there are no funds available.
3. Betty Retama, resident and member of 90255 Association, commented on 90255 Association and the support that was offered to Council to assist with City issues in the community.
4. Victor Caballero, Metro Transit Services, spoke in support of the new service they started to provide noting the service had effectively took place with a smooth transition.
5. Edmundo Perez, resident, thanked Council for public comment, spoke in regards to 90255 Association and the support and service they offered to the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

6. Sandra Orozco, Maywood resident, thanked staff and Council for their support to the community and made comment in reference to City Attorney, new Assistant City Manager and recent candidate's campaign manager.
7. Jorge Sepulveda, resident and member of 90255 Association, commented on the working class citizens and their support to the business owners, 90255 Association and their support to the City, procurement process, City funds with regards to the proposed Pacific Boulevard Improvements project and recent candidate's campaign manager.
8. Rodolfo Cruz, resident and member of 90255 Association, commented on the recent elections, procurement process, Combi Service and the Assistant City Manager position.
9. Alex Reynoso, resident, commented on recent elections, candidate's campaign manager, procurement process and noted that Council is elected by the people.
10. Nick Ioannidis, resident, spoke in regards to his life in the City, issues he has faced and asked for a solution and proud to be an American Citizen.
11. Juliano Jarquin, Educator/Grant Writer, The Human Element Passage & Aztlan Athletics, spoke in regards to health and wellness as a whole, supports businesses and invites Council to a Community Forum on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at South Gate Park, Municipal Auditorium.
12. Pouya Abdi, property owner, spoke in response to the letter written by the Los Angeles Historic Theater Foundation regarding the County interested in leasing the Warner Theatre stating also that it was not true and that his company, who purchased the theatre, are moving forward with their proposed plan.
13. Edgar Gordillo, resident, commented on economics, infrastructure, how he volunteers his time to the community. He suggested the City file a BK and commented on the Assistant to the City Manager position.

STAFF RESPONSE

Interim City Manager Ornelas stated that there are four buses currently operating and two more being repaired with a goal of having six buses running. Mr. Ornelas stated that the transition of the new operating service went smoothly.

Interim City Manager Ornelas responded to the comment regarding the Assistant City Manager position stating that the newly appointed Assistant City Manager went through the process for the position, has the background and qualifications to help the City move forward and is committed.

Mayor Macias suggested staff provide a memo to Council with regard to the status of Warner Theatre. Interim City Manager Ornelas gave a brief overview stating the theatre had been vacant for some time and has gone through several processes to be developed. That historical associations and committees have reviewed the development plans as well as toured the theatre and stated that the owner has incorporated in the plans some of the architectural features that are considered historical knowing it could cost more but keeping in mind the historical value.

Council Member Amezcua noted the comment made regarding the proposed Pacific Boulevard Improvement project by Mr. Sepulveda.

Interim City Manager Ornelas stated that the proposed project has been presented to Council several times that it is a step-by-step process with Proposition A funds being used. It is at the final design phase which will again be presented to Council and that banners will be put up noticing the beautification project of Pacific Boulevard.

Council Member Amezquita would like to add public bathrooms in the next phase.

At 7:30 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 -
Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency representative: John Ornelas
Employee Organization: General Employees Association
2. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) -
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: [Two (2) potential matters]
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54947
Public Employee Employment
Name of Position: Interim City Manager
4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) -
Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
City of Huntington Park v. Patient Benefit Association ("Earth Green Mile") (LA Superior Court case no. VC063977)
5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) -
Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Pacific Bell Telephone Company v. City of Huntington Park (LA Superior Court case no. BC579659)

At 8:28 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened the meeting with all Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced that Council discussed closed session items 1 through 5, direction given no action taken and noted closed session items 1 and 3 are also under the consent calendar for action.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

ROLL CALL:

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

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. Approved Minutes of the following City Council Meetings:
1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, May 18, 2015
2. Waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 939-NS, Establishing a Youth Commission and Adding Title 2, Chapter 11 to the Huntington Park Municipal Code

FINANCE

3. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated June 1, 2015

CITY MANAGER

4. Approved First Amendment to Employment Agreement with Interim City Manager.
5. Approves Agreement of Understanding to Extend the Memorandum of Understanding with the Huntington Park General Employees Association and adopted Resolution No. 2015-20, Extending the life of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Huntington Park General Employees Association.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

6. **Resolution to Reflect Current and Future Water Conservation Standards and Water Use Prohibitions Promulgated by the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board)**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-21, Implementing Water Conservation Measures to Comply with Recent Amendments to Regulations Governing Water Conservation.

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2015-21, Implementing Water Conservation Measures to Comply with Recent Amendments to Regulations Governing Water Conservation, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

7. **Approve Agreement for Cost Sharing for the Installation and Operation of Monitoring Equipment and Monitoring Pursuant to the Harbor Toxic Pollutants TMDL Program**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve Agreement Between Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority and City of Huntington Park for the estimated share cost of \$1,764.00 (1st year installation and operations) and \$962.00 (2nd year and subsequent years); and
2. Authorize Interim City Manager to execute the agreement.

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to Approve Agreement Between Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority and City of Huntington Park for the estimated share cost of \$1,764.00 (1st year installation and operations) and \$962.00 (2nd year and subsequent years) and authorize Interim City Manager to execute the agreement, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita – requested in the future to discuss the City offering college scholarships, announced he’s attendance at the California Contract Cities Association’s Annual Conference and the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Conference noting that the City needs to start thinking about future development and prepare a plan for next years conference. Mr. Amezcuita requested to add to agenda to discuss water fund and an update on water rates and water wells and congratulated the new Assistant City Manager and commented on the procurement process.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda – congratulated the new Assistant City Manager and acknowledged his experience. Mr. Pineda commented on supporting the youth with summer jobs and scholarships. Also agrees with the city discussing new ways to bring in new development, recognized the 90255 Association and the aid of their support to help promote shopping in the city. Mr. Pineda thanked all those who speak during public comment and encouraged them to remain until the end of the meeting.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria – thanked all those who attended the meeting, noted her previous request to staff of bringing to Council discussion on new development and acknowledged all those who were recognized during the presentations and welcomed the new Assistant City Manager.

Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz – thanked all those who attended the meeting and supporting the youth. Ms. Ortiz encouraged the residents to reach out to her with any questions and or concerns and welcomed the new Assistant City Manager and thanked the Interim City Manager for his continued support.

Mayor Karina Macias – thanked those who attend the meeting and voice their concerns, reiterated no decision is taken lightly, public records are open to everyone. Ms. Macias asked City Attorney to bring back to the next meeting the Rules of Decorum, welcomed the new Assistant City Manager and thanked staff for all their support in the preparation of the city’s budget and thanked the Interim City Manager for his continued support.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15.p.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the meeting in memory of Ignacio Gomez, a longtime resident, to a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk