

## **MINUTES**

Adjourned Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:09 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Karina Macias presiding.

Sergeant at Arms read the Rules of Decorum.

Mayor Macias reminded the public that headsets for translation were available and asked those in attendance with signs be respectful to those seating in front of them

### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mayor Karina Macias; Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz and Council Members, Valentin Palos Amezcua, 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, Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police, Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation, Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director, Michael Ackerman, City Engineer, Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager, Christina Dixon, Staff Analyst and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Ortiz

### **INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Mayor Macias.

### **PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition" to volunteers and organizations for their Participation in the "Citizenship Workshop" held Saturday, August 15, 2015 at Salt Lake Park.

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition" to businesses for making the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Los Angeles County Sanitation District's "Good Corporate Citizens" list.

Christina Basurto of Tree People presented a PowerPoint highlighting their "2015 Summer Tree Care Program."

Mike Kodama of Eco-Rapid Transit presented a PowerPoint on Regional Transportation.

Christina Dixon, Staff Analyst, Public Works Department presented a PowerPoint on the City of Huntington Park's Hazardous Waste program.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman briefed the public on the Rules of Decorum.

1. Francisco Rivera, commented on the City needing places to go, Pacific Boulevard looking like a swap meet, State & Federal regulations and laws and would like to see Pacific Boulevard cleaned up.
2. Amanda Pantoja, Jennifer Vargas, Rosemarie Molina, Elizabeth Aramillo, Melinda Amato, Magaly Zapien, Patrick Valdez, Serfio Infanzon, Ricardo Perez, Alberto Espiricueta, Javier Duran, Ivan Rodriguez, Janeth Lopez, Victor Picena, Diego Coaguila, Allison Mannos, Don Garza, Ana Garcia, Milton Mimatuj, Amanda Padilla, Sandra Mendoza, spoke in support of the two appointments.

3. Jesus Moran, commented on closed session and action by City Attorney during public comment.
4. Jorge Sepulveda, resident, commented on the closed session item, communication by Council with regards to the businesses and asked that they get involved.
5. Betty Robinson, Dr. Newman, Anita Hynds, Robin Hvidston, Etta Harbin, Janet West, Greg Aprahamian, Treva Wishart, Carol Shlaepfer, Loree Masonis, Chanell Temple, Raul Rodriguez Jr., spoke in opposition to Council's decision to appoint the undocumented immigrants.
6. Talia Leon, Office of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, invited residents to attend the U.S. Services Academy Workshop.
7. Kimberly Ruiz, thanked Council for their student involvement and for their action with the students.
8. Mike McGett, feels fault is Council's, not the two commissioners.
9. Maria Torres, spoke in support of the two appointments, noted they are not getting paid and stated Huntington Park has violated no Federal or State laws.
10. Juliano Jarquin, The Human Element Passage, spoke in regards to health and education, health and wellness and encouraged the public to come to a health and wellness community meeting.
11. Wes Parker, We the People Rising, acknowledged Nick being a role model and commented on corruption.
12. Sandra Orozco, commented on Immigration laws and Federal laws being broken and on previous political issues in various cities.

At 7:55 p.m. Mayor Macias called for a recess.

At 8:07 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened the meeting. All Council Members present.

13. Betty Retama, commented on a request made to City Clerk's Office regarding a law and laws being broken.
14. Jackie, We the People Rising, commented on laws being broken, morals and doesn't want to see the law broken.
15. Von Beck, commented on local government, corruption and how government should be run.
16. Valentin Amezcuita, thanked those in attendance, commented on the law, citizenship, questioned who swore in the illegal immigrants and who gave the direction and also commented on the budget.
17. Stella Stephens, Concerns Citizens in CA, feels laws have been broken, claims appointments worked on Pineda's campaign, asked for Council to resend appointments, and commented on sections of immigration laws.
18. DeAnn D'Lean, commented on City being in debt, City funds, children suffering, bankruptcy, laws applied and mentioned a recall.
19. Arthur Schaper, Torrance resident, commented on Council taking an oath, info requested from City Clerk's Office, swearing in of commissioners and commissions for citizens.
20. Patricia Lynes, commented on entering the U.S. legally, immigration laws broken, opposed the two appointments and wants American's appointed.

21. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on closed session item, property tax, budget, late night meetings, Rules of Decorum and the Brown Act.
22. Linda Carballo, commented on comments made by previous speakers, Council registering to vote, Rosa Parks and illegal immigrants.
23. Robert Cabrales, spoke in regards to the I710 and announced the next meeting, announced a fundraiser, thanked Council for appointing him to the Health & Education Commission and illegal dumping in the City.
24. Ceaser Garcia, Toro Plus Insurance Service, announced his grand opening.
25. Nick Ioannidis, invited staff to tour his business and spoke in regards to his life in the City of Huntington Park.
26. Leticia Martinez, CEO, HP Chamber of Commerce, acknowledged the State of Address event was a success, spoke in support of agenda item 6 and noted that the Chamber events attract people to downtown.

### **STAFF RESPONSE**

Interim City Manager Ornelas responded to the comment regarding the swearing-in of the commissioners. Mr. Ornelas stated the City Clerk was directed to perform Livescan and swearing in of all appointed commissioners.

Council Member Sanabria asked for clarification of the Combi Service.

Interim City Manager Ornelas stated the City received from the Oldtimers Foundation a 30-day notice they were no longer going to be providing service. The City didn't want a break in service and were given direction by Council to move forward in procuring another service provider in order to continue service which is still in negotiations.

Council Member Amezcua asked for confirmation on the swearing in of the two appointees and an explanation to the bar chart in the budget and noted his concern with the trend of revenues and expenditures.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros stated that the two appointees have been live scanned and sworn in by the City Clerk.

Interim Finance Director explained that the bar chart shows fund balance given revenue projections and expenditures for the upcoming Fiscal Year.

Interim City Manager Ornelas stated that it also indicates a historical prospective of the expenditures in previous years.

Mayor Macias announced her home address to the public.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:35 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session

#### **1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

Government Code Section 54956.8

Property Location: 6325 and 6613-6725 Rita Ave, Huntington Park, CA

APN#: 6320-030-906 and 6322-017-901 through 910

Agency Negotiator: John Ornelas, Edgar Cisneros, Manuel Acosta

Negotiating Parties: Pacific Blvd. Holdings 26 LLC

Under Negotiation: Terms of payment and price

At 10:15 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened to open session. All Council Members present.

### **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated Council discussed Closed Session Item 1, direction given, no action taken.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve Consent Calendar items, seconded by Council Member Pineda. 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, August 3, 2015
- 1-2 Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, August 17, 2015

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

2. Waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 941-NS, amending Title 8 by adding a new Chapter 18 relating to Small Residential Rooftop Solar Systems.

### **FINANCE**

3. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated September 8, 2015.

Mayor Macias asked staff if there was a cell phone policy.

Interim City Manager Ornelas not at this time but that one is in the process of being developed.

Council Member Amezquita noted it should be written the City phone should be used for City business.

Mayor Macias wants to see a policy for vehicle and phone use.

## END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

## REGULAR AGENDA

### **CITY MANAGER**

4. **Discussion and/or Action of Holiday City Hall Closure**

Interim City Manager Ornelas opened the discussion explaining that the City every year closes City Hall for the holidays. This year's closure will be December 24, 2015 (half day) through January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 and reopening Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for a total of 45 hours. Also noting that the City in the past approved the closure after survey has showed during this time it is slow and reduces cost in overhead expenditures.

Council acknowledged the closing of City Hall during the holidays.

### **CITY COUNCIL**

5. **Approve Resolution in Support of Senate Bill (SB) 350 (De Leon, Leno) which will Increase California's Renewable Portfolio Standard and Reduce Petroleum Use, and Senate Bill (SB) 185 (De Leon), Directing Use of States Pension Funds.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2015 - 38, in Support of Senate Bill (SB) 350, introduced by Senators Kevin De Leon and Mark Leno, which will Increase the California's Renewable Portfolio Standard and Reduce Petroleum Use, and Senate Bill (SB) 185 (De Leon), Directing use of States Pension Funds to Move Investments Toward Clean Energy.

Council Member Pineda noted what the Resolution was for, mentioned he had the opportunity to survey many companies who had submitted a proposal to the Energy Commission for some reason hadn't been awarded. He feels the bills are being too aggressive by reducing 50% believes it would have a negative effect by adding more to the consumers. He knows amendments will be made by legislation and wants to see what they offer before voting on resolution.

Council Member Amezcuita would like to include cost effectiveness and other options to the resolution.

Interim City Manager Ornelas clarified the request by Councilmember Amezcuita noting to add future amendments. Council Member Amezcuita stated yes.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2015 - 38, in Support of Senate Bill (SB) 350, introduced by Senators Kevin De Leon and Mark Leno, which will Increase the California's Renewable Portfolio Standard and Reduce Petroleum Use, and Senate Bill (SB) 185 (De Leon), Directing use of States Pension Funds to Move Investments Toward Clean Energy, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezcuita, Sanabria, Vice Mayor Ortiz and Mayor Macias.

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSTAINED: Council Member(s): Pineda

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### 6. Consideration of Approval for Activity in Public Places Permit for the Annual "Sabor de Mexico Lindo Street Festival" (S15-13)

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Consider the Approval of an Activity in Public Places Permit request from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual "Sabor de Mexico Lindo" Downtown Street Festival along Pacific Boulevard, between Florence Avenue and Randolph Street, on October 2-4, 2015.

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented the item and introduced Economic Development Manager Manuel Acosta who briefed the Council on the request made by the Chamber of Commerce to conduct the Annual "Sabor de Mexico Lindo" event.

Council Member Sanabria questioned if this item is only for Sabor de Mexico and all other events will have to come back one at a time.

Economic Development Manager Acosta stated correct but that the petition submitted was for all the events.

Council Member Sanabria thanked Ms. Martinez from the Chamber for reaching out to the business, will approve with the condition that any and all vendors selling or providing a service obtain a business license and that this approval is only for this event.

Council Member Amezcuita agrees with staff but would like the Chamber to consider different locations for this activity and other future events.

Mayor Macias agrees with vendors procuring a business license and would like to somehow track the number business license that are being issued.

Economic Development Manager Acosta stated that the City charges the vendors a flat fee since they are only in town three days. To know how much they make they would have to report to the City an uncertain if the City can do this but will look into it.

Interim City Manager Ornelas stated we will look into and see what the best approach will be.

Council Member Sanabria amended her motion to add only the owner of the business or the name on the business license be the only one sign the petition.

Staff stated they will bring back a petition for their review.

Council Member Amezcuita questioned if cleaning the site is included in their application. Staff stated yes.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to, with the condition that all vendors procure a business license and only owners can sign petition, approve an Activity in Public Places Permit request from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual "Sabor de Mexico Lindo" Downtown Street Festival along Pacific Boulevard, between Florence Avenue and Randolph Street, on October 2-4, 2015, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

Mayor Macias clarified direction to staff is to bring back a complete application packet to Council on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Council Member Sanabria would like the event name, hours of operation and what it is for on the petition so the signers can see what it is for

**7. Approve Resolution Appropriating \$319,000 of Metro Transit Oriented Development Grant Funds for Costs Associated with the Focused General Plan Update**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-35, Appropriating \$319,000 of METRO Transit Oriented Development Grant Funds for Costs Associated with the City's Focused General Plan Update; and
2. Authorize appropriation of \$319,000 for within FY 15-16.

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented the time.

Mayor Macias questioned if the item can be continued concerned with the amount of monies being appropriated and would like a presentation on the General Plan Update. Concerned with the amount of monies appropriated and wants to see where they are at and what they are doing.

Interim City Manager Ornelas stated yes and will bring back at the next City Council Meeting as a presentation.

Council Member Amezcuita questioned if they have been paid.

Interim City Manager Ornelas yes they have been paid for last Fiscal Year work this is appropriation for the coming Fiscal Year.

**Motion:** Mayor Macias motioned to continue item to next City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed unanimously by one motion.

## FINANCE

### 8. Authorization of Expenditures that Exceed the Amended Budget Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15

#### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the payment of expenditures that exceed the Amended Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015.

Interim Finance Director Mazyck presented the item.

Interim City Manager Ornelas explained that typically these types of items don't come before Council that this is new and done for transparency and that Council approves everything.

Council Member Amezquita concerned with making legitimate transfers.

Interim Finance Director Mazyck stated these items are over budget and were expenditures that were excluded from the Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget.

Council Member Sanabria noted for staff to try and not bring these types of items in the future.

Mayor Macias agrees with Council Member Sanabria.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to authorize the payment of expenditures that exceed the Amended Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15, 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

## POLICE

### 9. Authorization to Renew Agreement with All City Management Services, Inc.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve renewal of agreement with All City Management Services, Inc. for Crossing Guard Services; and
2. Authorize Interim City Manager to execute the agreement.

Chief of Police Lozano presented the item.

Mayor Macias questioned if there would be a potential savings if we were to go out for RFPs and asked if the City previously reached out to the local schools.

Council Member Sanabria agrees with Mayor to look into obtaining other RFPs and reaching out to the surround school as well as the charter schools.

Council Member Amezquita asked staff to seek funds for stop lights.

Interim City Manager Ornelas informed Council Member Amezquita that this is something staff can look into.

Mayor Macias understands Council Member Amezquitas comment regarding stop lights but feels that crossing guards are still needed.

Vice Mayor Ortiz would like for the City to look, not only with the District, but also with the Charter Schools to see if they are using Crossing Guards.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria for the crossing guard services to go out to request for proposal (RFP) and for staff to reach out to the schools and the charter schools, for possibilities of splitting the cost, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed 3-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**10. Approve Acceptance of 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funding**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the Police Department to accept funding provided through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program totaling \$30,033;
2. Designate the Chief of Police as the Authorized Grantee Official for the purpose of executing grant documentation;
3. Appropriate the amount of \$30,033 in the City's FY 15-16 Budget for the equipment purchases as specified within this report; and
4. Authorize the Police Department to sole source Taser equipment from Pro Force.

Chief of Police Lozano presented the item.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve the Police Department to accept funding provided through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program totaling \$30,033, designate the Chief of Police as the Authorized Grantee Official for the purpose of executing grant documentation, appropriate the amount of \$30,033 in the City's FY 15-16 Budget for the equipment purchases as specified within this report and authorize the Police Department to sole source Taser equipment from Pro Force, 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

**11. Approval of Amendment Number Two to Agreement with the County of Los Angeles for Food Services**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve amendment to agreement between the City of Huntington Park and the County of Los Angeles for Food Services; and
2. Authorize Interim City Manager to execute agreement.

Chief of Police Lozano presented the item.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve amendment to agreement between the City of Huntington Park and the County of Los Angeles for Food Services and authorize Interim City Manager to execute agreement, seconded by Council Member Amezquita. Motioned 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

**12. Authorization to Renew Agreement with the City of Vernon for Inmate Housing**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve renewal of agreement with The City of Vernon for Inmate Housing Services; and
2. Authorize Mayor to execute agreement.

Chief of Police Lozano presented the item.

Mayor Macias questioned if City of Bell has been approached for use of their jail.

Chief of Police Lozano stated no.

Council Member Amezquita feels we should market our capacity to other agencies for a source of revenues.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve renewal with the City of Vernon for Inmate Housing Services and authorize Mayor to execute agreement, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motioned 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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**13. Approval of Process for Purchase of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for City Vehicles**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve competitive procurement process for the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel for a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 with up to 6 vendors, according to best written price quoted; and
2. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a purchase order in a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000 for FY 2015-16.

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented the item noting this item was previously continued by Council and introduced City Engineer Michael Ackerman who gave a brief explanation of the recommendation.

Council Member Amezquita asked if there was a plan to purchase more electric vehicles. Staff stated yes and to also salvage some vehicles and that this would be coming back to Council for consideration.

Council Member Sanabria questioned a policy with regards to fuel policy would be coming back to Council. Staff stated this is currently being prepared.

Interim City Manager Ornelas stated vehicle usage, cell phone usage and fuel will all be looked at.

Council Member Sanabria questioned when the policy would be coming to Council.

Interim City Manager Ornelas responded the policy should be coming within 30 days.

Council Member Sanabria questioned how often would the vendors be looked at. Staff stated vendors can be researched prior to every purchase if Council would like.

Mayor Macias asked that a draft be provided by next Council meeting.

Council Member Amezcua feels staff should be given time to work on it.

Mayor Macias stated she is looking for at least a draft.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve competitive procurement process for the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel for a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 with up to 6 vendors, according to best written price quoted and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a purchase order in a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000 for FY 2015-16 with an added condition that a draft policy on fuel usage be brought back to Council at the next City Council meeting. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezcua, Pineda, Sanabria, Vice Mayor Ortiz and Mayor Macias.

NOES: Council Member(s): None

**14. Approve Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance and Execution of a Funding Agreement with Caltrans for the Randolph Street Shared Use Rails-to-Trails Study**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-36, Authorizing the Acceptance and Execution of a Funding Agreement with Caltrans for the Randolph Street Shared Use Rails to Trails Study;
2. Appropriate \$200,000 in the City's FY 2015-16 Budget; and
3. Authorize Interim City Manager to direct staff to proceed with the study's implementation.

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented the item and asked City Engineer Michael Ackerman to give a brief presentation. Mr. Ackerman introduced Art Cueto who was previously a consultant for the City. Mr. Cueto explained the funding agreement.

Mayor Macias questioned if and RFP would be draft and presented to Council for review before going out.

Interim City Manager Ornelas stated yes.

Council Member Amezcua commended staff for procuring the funds and questioned how the funds were applied for. Mr. Cueto stated it was a combination of in-house and a consultant, it being himself.

Council Member Amezcua noted the choice for the study versus the design for bike paths.

Mr. Cueto continued to explain that the City chose to secure the funds for a study vs for design so the study could look more into a design which was more cost effective.

Council Member Amezcua commented on looking into parking with the study.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-36, Authorizing the Acceptance and Execution of a Funding Agreement with Caltrans for the Randolph Street Shared Use Rails to Trails Study, appropriate \$200,000 in the City's FY 2015-16 Budget and authorize Interim City Manager to direct staff to proceed with the study's implementation, seconded by Council Member Amezcuita. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezcuita, Pineda, Sanabria, Vice Mayor Ortiz and Mayor Macias.

NOES: Council Member(s): None

**15. Approve Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance and Appropriation of an Active Transportation Grant from Caltrans for the State Street Complete Street Project**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-37, Authorizing the Acceptance and Appropriation of an Active Transportation Grant from Caltrans for the City of Huntington Park State Street Complete Street Project;
2. Authorize the appropriation of \$21,000 related to design activities in the FY 2015-16 Budget; and
3. Authorize the Interim City Manager to direct staff to proceed with the project's implementation.

City Engineer Michael Ackerman presented the item.

Mayor Macias questioned if the project is in collaboration with other neighboring cities.

Mr. Cueto explained that this project is within Huntington Park's jurisdiction running from the cities southern boundary from Santa Ana to Randolph Street.

Council Member Amezcuita questioned how the funds were obtained. Mr. Cueto stated the funds were obtained collaboratively in-house and by consultant, being himself. Mr. Amezcuita questioned if the parkways can be included. Mr. Cueto stated not under the scope of this grant it's strictly for street improvements.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2015-37, Authorizing the Acceptance and Appropriation of an Active Transportation Grant from Caltrans for the City of Huntington Park State Street Complete Street Project, authorize the appropriation of \$21,000 related to design activities in the FY 2015-16 Budget and authorize the Interim City Manager to direct staff to proceed with the project's implementation, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezcuita, 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 Amezquita – commented on immigration reform, feels current issue regarding the appointments is bringing negative attention to the City, would like to see additional commissions such as: Utility, Sustainability, Economic Development and Transportation so that the community can get involved and feels City should be selective in making appointments so the City doesn't get sued.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda – noted the City of Hesperia passed a resolution regarding undocumented immigrants applying to commissions. He noted his colleagues' stance on the law, announced Senator Lara's Office is planning a Health Fair next year, noted complaints by residents regarding a right turn and asked Transtech to attend a meeting to present a survey and closed with supporting his decision of his appointments.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria – thanked all those who attended, thanked the Tree People for their presentation, thanked Mayor Macias, Vice Mayor Ortiz and Council Member Pineda for helping with the hauling away of bulky items and thanked staff for all their support.

Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz – thanked all those who helped with the State of Address event and thanked staff for all their support.

Mayor Karina Macias – thanked staff for all their support and patience, acknowledged the City being more transparent, spoke in support of the appointments and thanked her colleagues for attending the State of Address and with the hauling away of bulky items.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:30 p.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, September 21, 2015, at 6:00 P.M.

**NOTE:** *the Regular City of Huntington Park City Council Meetings held the first and third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., is scheduled to change, starting **October 6, 2015** to the first and third **TUESDAY** of each month, location to remain the same: 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California, Council Chambers.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk