

## **MINUTES**

Adjourned Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Monday, September 21, 2015

Sergeant at Arms read the Rules of Decorum.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:17 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 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 Amezcua, Jhonny Pineda and Marilyn Sanabria. Other City Officials and employees: Edgar Cisneros, Assistant City Manager, Noel Tapia, Assistant 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, Fernanda Palacios, Redevelopment Project Manager, Carlos Luis, Sr. Planner and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Yodeli Rosales, Age 9, Loma Vista Elementary School

### **INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Mayor Macias

### **PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Yodeli Rosales for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to Lorena and Marilyn Gonzalez, for Coordinating the "Walk/Run Together" Event.

Claude Bilodeau, City of Huntington Park Public Works Superintendent, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Illegal Dumping.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Edgar Gordillo, commented on illegal dumping and noted that outside residents are coming into the City and dumping.
2. Francisco Rivera thanked Council and the Public Works Department, he commented on illegal dumping and announced how he volunteers his time cleaning up along Pacific Boulevard, glad the community is coming together, would like to see a mall, an Arby's or an Olive Garden, sad he has to go elsewhere and reiterated beautifying Pacific Boulevard.
3. Omar Martinez and friend, commented on the food stand that closed in Keller Park and is interested in bringing in a lunch truck and his friend is interested in coordinating events for the youth.
4. Henry Garcia, stated people drop things off in the City and in his surrounding neighborhood, wants this to stop, people are parking in the City that don't live here, wants tickets given out and people who have garages aren't using them.
5. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on item 2 on the Successor Agency agenda, Council volunteering their time planting trees, public employees, the .21% tax that was approved, illegal dumping, issues on Pacific Boulevard and safety of others.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)**

6. David Sanchez, commented on civil rights with regards to the two appointments not being citizens, himself being questioned about not living in the city while running for Council, corruption in various cities, asking to be considerate to people in Huntington Park and Valentine Amezquita.
7. Nick Ioannidis, spoke in regards to his business being used as a campaign headquarters while Macias was running, noted his citizenship and talked about his life in the City.
8. George Franco, noted the meeting held regarding the new school in Huntington Park, wasn't very eventful. He questioned why there wasn't any crossing guards at the school and that people would like more information.
9. Melinda Amato, spoke in support of the two appointments and commented on Immigration Laws and the undocumented population.
10. Joel Frost Tift, commented on his previous public comment at the last meeting and previous laws that were cited, noted he is an Immigration Lawyer and proceeded to state "no law was broken for appointing the two commissioners" and commented on the signs in the audience.
11. Mark Forte, stated everyone should be supporting all people in their cities no matter where they are from.
12. Dr. Newman, commented on the City having a high percentage of gangs, too many homeless, bicycle riders on sidewalks, suggested cooperating with the neighboring cities regarding illegal dumping and read from a book.
13. Juliano Jarquin, spoke in regards to grants, various health events, would like to present information at a later date and feels cities should be working together.
14. Wes Parker, spoke on sovereign laws, illegal dumping, hypocrisy and deportation.
15. Arthur Schaper, commended Council Member Amezquita, commented on pension liabilities, forensic audit, commissioners on commissions, commented on previous comments and decisions by council.
16. Robin Hvidston, We the People Rising, commented on slave labor, civil rights violations, feels the focus should be on Veterans and foster children and opposed the appointments and commented on forensic audit.
17. Betty Retama, clarified a comment made towards Ms. Caraballo, commented on the oath of office taken by Council, commended Francisco Rivera for his volunteerism and spoke in opposition to the current Council.
18. Sandra Orozco, commented on the City of Bell, the two appointments and laws being broken, contracts not going through the RFP process, commented on a forensic audit and spoke in opposition of the current Council.
19. Von Beck, commented on poor decisions made by Council.
20. Chanell Temple, We the People Rising, spoke in regards to equal rights, City's policy of appointing and asked to reconsider decision.
21. Valentine Amezquita, commented on civil rights, previous comments, oath of office taken by Council, vision of the City being successful, candidate campaign promises to decrease water rates, additional commissions and on-line translation.
22. Linda Caraballo, noted the comment that was made towards her, residency of the Council, commented on the appointments and applications that were submitted, and commented on previous speakers.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)**

23. Janet West, spoke in regards to the decision to appoint the two immigrants, live scan process, lawlessness and oath of office taken by Council.
24. Etta Harbin, feels laws should be enforced, spoke in opposition to the current Council and commented on citizenship.
25. John Wesley Nobles, announced he was a citizen and a Veteran, spoke about honor, country and Americans.
26. Betty Robinson, We the People Rising, commented on the decision by Council to appoint the two immigrants, acknowledged We the People is a diverse group and referenced and read a column.
27. DeAnn D'Lean, spoke about honesty, trust and respect for Veterans, those in the work force and tax payers and how respect needs to be practiced.
28. Stella Stephens, addressed illegal dumping, culture problems, manners, health & safety code, diseases that can come from illegal dumping and laws being flawed.
29. Raul Rodriguez, America First Latinos, spoke in opposition to illegal immigrants, acknowledged Nick as a patriotic citizen, was thankful for the presentation on illegal dumping, and commented on a forensic audit and Department of Justice.

## **STAFF RESPONSE**

Mayor Macias asked Assistant City Manager Cisneros to respond to the comment related to traffic surrounding the new school and the issue of crossing guards.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros stated that these issues are currently being discussed with the school and a follow-up meeting with the community will be scheduled regarding these issues.

City Engineer Ackerman stated there was a community meeting held regarding the new school and the crossing guard issues. He explained that the new school has conditions of approval they have to meet and are currently being reviewed.

Mayor Macias addressed the forensic audit comments stating the City has already requested a state audit which is in the process.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:15 p.m. Assistant City Attorney Tapia recessed to closed session

1. LIABILITY CLAIM- [one potential matter] Government Code Section 54956.95  
Claimant: Martha Lozano  
Agency claimed against: City of Huntington Park
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Regarding Represented Employees - Government Code Section 54957.6(a)  
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: John Ornelas, Interim City Manager and Edgar Cisneros, Assistant City Manager  
Employee Organization: Police Officers Association (POA)

At 8:50 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened to open session. All Council Members present.

## **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Assistant City Attorney Tapia announced for Closed Session items 1 & 2, direction given no action taken.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Council Member Sanabria noted a change to the minutes.

Vice Mayor Ortiz noted a change to the minutes and would like the preparation of the minutes be revisited and asked Assistant City Manager to look into the various ways.

City Clerk Schwartz informed Council that the minutes are summary and explained when more than one comment is made of the same issue it would be summed up in one summary but if comments are the same but with added points it would then be individualized comments. Ms. Schwartz stated if Council would like the minutes to be changed an ordinance would need to come back for approval.

Mayor Macias feels this can come back to council for discussion, however, in the meantime perhaps use action minutes on the other items but for public comment more of a summary.

Council Member Amezcua suggested maybe more time can be given to prepare the minutes.

Mayor Macias stated the minutes are a legal document and should be prepared for the next meeting for approval and recommended to Assistant City Manager Cisneros to bring back the minutes on the next agenda for discussion.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve Consent Calendar items, with noted changes to the minutes, seconded by Council Member Pineda. 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

### **OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

1. Approved Minutes of the following City Council Meetings:

1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, September 8, 2015

### **FINANCE**

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated September 21, 2015

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

3. **Approval and Adoption of Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report CAPER**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Conduct a public hearing;
2. Take public testimony;
3. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER); and
4. Authorize the Interim City Manager to transmit this report to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by September 28, 2015.

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 3 (continued)**

Assistant City Manager Cisneros presented the item and introduced Economic Development Manager Manuel Acosta. Mr. Acosta stated the CAPER is an evaluation report of how CDBG and HOME funds are spent and that the City performed very well considering cut backs throughout the five years and closed speaking in support of staff's recommendations.

Council Member Amezcua questioned if the cuts were across the country and if funds would increase due to unemployment.

Mr. Acosta stated this was across the country based on formula and as far as increase in funds it's based on population and census.

Council Member Amezcua feels if facilitating improvements to Pacific Boulevard it could possibly increase funds and would like to somehow include improvements in future funds.

Mr. Acosta stated increase to funds is based on formulas across the country and that in the future some funds can be allocated into improvements on Pacific Boulevard.

Council Member Pineda recommends reviewing and comparing reports to find where funds can be used toward residential improvements in the community.

Mr. Acosta stated in the five year plan this was addressed but due to cuts and previous direction programs were reduced and/or cut but this year monies are included for residential rehab and partnering with other programs.

Council Member Pineda also suggested staff look into other grants.

Mr. Acosta stated there are grants that are being applied for.

Mayor Macias questioned if the neighborhood improvement action plan was new.

Mr. Acosta stated HUD requested they prepare the plan.

Mayor Macias requested that the fence at 6700 Middleton Street be looked into for repair.

Mr. Acosta stated they have been made aware of the issue.

Council Member Sanabria agrees with having someone look into the fence being repaired.

Council Member Pineda questioned if budget cuts have effected code enforcement.

Mr. Acosta explained that this program was put on hold because of cost.

Mayor Macias opened the item for public comment.

**Public Comment** – None

Mayor Macias closed public comment.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to adopt the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and authorize the Interim City Manager to transmit this report to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by September 28, 2015, seconded by Council Member Amezcua. 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

## **PUBLIC HEARING (continued)**

### **4. Ordinance Amending Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 3 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code relating to Allowed Land Uses and Approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), Development Permit (DP), Parcel Merger (PM) and Adoption of a Categorical Exemption**

#### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Conduct a public hearing;
2. Consider public testimony and staff's analysis; and
3. Waive further reading, and introduce Ordinance No. 942-NS, Amending Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 3 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code relating to allowed land uses;
4. Schedule the second reading and adoption of the Ordinance for October 6, 2015; and
5. Approve a Conditional Use Permit, Development Permit, Parcel Merger, and adoption of a categorical exemption to expand an existing commercial building to establish a medical facility located at 1900 Slauson Avenue, within the Manufacturing Planned Development (MPD) Zone.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros presented the item and introduced Sr. Planner Carlos Luis who presented a PowerPoint presentation stating that the applicant Camfield Partners is requesting approval of the ordinance to allow land uses and a conditional use permit and adoption of a categorical exemption to expand an existing commercial building into a medical facility. Mr. Luis gave an over view of the vicinity map, zoning map, parcel map, aerial view, existing conditions, project background, project/site data, site plan, floor plan, elevations, analysis of the zoning ordinance amendment, conditional use permit, development permit and the parcel merger and closed with speaking in support of staff's recommendations.

Vice Mayor Ortiz questioned if the City owned any of the property and would like to show that the Planning Commission recommended adding to the conditions that the applicant would promote employment opportunities.

Mr. Luis stated the property is privately owned and that the recommendation will show in the conditions and the Planning Commission minutes.

Council Member Pineda also recommended adding employment opportunities to the conditions.

Council Member Amezcua questioned if the zoning amendment would apply to other zoning areas and on allowed uses.

Mr. Luis stated yes it is an additional use for property that is currently zoned manufacturing and would have that opportunity to have this condition via a use permit.

Council Member Amezcua announced City of Huntington Park is a very business friendly City.

Council Member Sanabria questioned the amount of revenue this proposed project would bring.

Mr. Luis defaulted to the representative of AltaMed.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros also noted the sales tax that would arise from the employees and patients that would potentially shop at the local businesses.

Vice Mayor Ortiz questioned the number of parcels being merged. Ms. Ortiz voiced concern with the parcels that are not merged if it would be difficult to sell in the future.

## **PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 4 (continued)**

Mr. Luis stated staff will be working with the applicant to determine which is the most optimal consolidation for the property and stated that the Council, at its discretion, can require that all the lots be consolidated or not, but noted it would be an additional cost to the applicant.

Vice Mayor Ortiz commented on sizes of the lots and WHAT CAN be merged.

Mayor Macias opened the item for public comment.

### **Public Comment**

1. Ken Jackson, Camfield Partners, commented on the additional cost to merge more parcels stating it would tip them into more planning actions and then introduced Ms. Roberts of AltaMed.
2. Angela Roberts, Sr. Executive, AltaMed, explained the opportunity AltaMed has to expand to the City due to the increase in patients at their current facility, noted the employment opportunities to the City and further described what AltaMed represents.

Council Member Amezcua questioned the development of the project and employment.

Ms. Roberts assured Council that AltaMed will have an exceptional facility once it is finished and that previous projects have employed locally.

Council Member Pineda reiterated the employment opportunity be added to the conditions

Mayor Macias closed public comment.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 942-NS, Amending Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 3 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code relating to allowed land uses, schedule the second reading for adoption of the Ordinance on October 6, 2015, approve a Conditional Use Permit, Development Permit, Parcel Merger, and adoption of a categorical exemption to expand an existing commercial building to establish a medical facility located at 1900 Slauson Avenue, within the Manufacturing Planned Development (MPD) Zone, with the condition that the motion be identical to the Planning Commission's motion that jobs for local residents be a priority, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. 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

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

5. Continued from 9-8-15 City Council Meeting: **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 2015-2016.

### **REGULAR AGENDA (continued)**

Assistant City Manager Cisneros presented the item and introduced John Yonai, Consultant with Tierra West Advisors who introduced Jason Chiang with Tierra West Advisors and Marc Blodgett with Blodgett Baylosis Environment Planning and then proceeded with a PowerPoint presentation giving an update on the General Plan, how the project is funded, project goals, project team, project area, zoning map, Work Plan overview, City of Huntington Park's goals, existing conditions in Huntington Park, project progress completed to date, initial background research review, PlanHP.com website production (Live), next step and additional tasks needed to satisfy scope of grant agreement.

Council Member Sanabria questioned when the PlanHP.com will go live and how many responses.

Mr. Chiang stated the PlanHP.com is live now and within a week there were a few dozen responses.

Council Member Sanabria questioned the type of plan for outreach to the public.

Mr. Chiang stated the outreach will be conducted by LA Más doing a mix of unique events and piggy backing with City events.

Council Member Amezcuita questioned the cost of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Mr. Blodgett stated the EIR is part of the "Work Plan" and is not an extra cost.

Council Member Amezcuita would like to foster mix use and high density residential and add a 3<sup>rd</sup> stop in the area of Alameda and Randolph, hopefully with potential funding from Metro in the future.

Mr. Yonai collaboration is really a requirement to take a look at, what can be done in the future.

Mayor Macias commented on how difficult it is to obtain funding from Eco Rapid and would like outreach to the non-profits, communities for local environment etc.

Mr. Yonai stated the outreach will go out to the local schools, churches, non-profits, markets, etc.

**Motion:** Council Member Amezcuita motioned to 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 authorize appropriation of \$319,000 for within FY 2015-2016, 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

### **6. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance and Execution of a Funding Agreement with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Lead Based Paint Hazard Control (LBPHC) Program**

#### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-39, Authorizing the Acceptance and Execution of a Funding Agreement with HUD to receive a total of \$1,676,997 in grant funds for the Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Program (LBPHCP);
2. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute all documents required for the participation of the program; and

3. Authorize the Interim Finance Director to appropriate \$558,999 of the total grant funds in the City's FY 2015-2016 Budget;

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 6 (continued)**

Assistant City Manager Cisneros presented the item.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to Adopt Resolution No. 2015-39, Authorizing the Acceptance and Execution of a Funding Agreement with HUD to receive a total of \$1,676,997 in grant funds for the Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Program (LBPHCP), authorize the Interim City Manager to execute all documents required for the participation of the program and authorized the Interim Finance Director to appropriate \$558,999 of the total grant funds in the City's FY 2015-2016 Budget, 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

**7. Resolution Approving a Loan Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and the Successor Agency in an Amount not to exceed \$1,234,000 which includes an \$800,000 Existing Loan from DTSC and \$434,000 General Fund for Costs Associated to the Cleanup of the Southland Steel Property**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-40, Approving a Loan Agreement between the City and Successor Agency in an amount not to exceed \$1,234,000 (\$800,000 DTSC Loan/\$434,000 General Fund) to pay for costs associated with the cleanup of the Southland Steel property;
2. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the Agreement in a form approved by legal counsel; and
3. Authorize the Interim Finance Director to transfer from the City's General Fund the amount of \$434,000 to the Successor Agency, as a loan to be used solely for the purposes described herein.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros presented the item and introduced Economic Development Manager Manuel Acosta and Redevelopment Project Manager Fernanda Palacios. Mr. Acosta briefly explained that the item was previously approved during the Successor Agency meeting and is before Council for approval.

Council Member Pineda commented on the interest rate and repayment of the loan.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to Adopt Resolution No. 2015-40, Approving a Loan Agreement between the City and Successor Agency in an amount not to exceed \$1,234,000 (\$800,000 DTSC Loan/\$434,000 General Fund) to pay for costs associated with the cleanup of the Southland Steel property, authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the Agreement in a form approved by legal counsel and authorize the Interim Finance Director to transfer from the City's General Fund the amount of \$434,000 to the Successor Agency, as a loan to be used solely for the purposes described herein, 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

**COUNCIL**

## 8. Appointments to Planning, Civil Service, Historic and Youth Commissions

### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION: **REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 8 (continued)**

1. Make appointments to the Planning, Civil Service, Historic and Youth Commissions consistent with the newly adopted provisions set forth in Resolution No. 2015-19; and
2. Approve additional appropriations in the amounts of \$5,000 to account 111-0126-413.19-05 and \$3,150 to account 111-0122-413.19-05 to ensure budgetary sufficiency for FY 2015-2016; and /or
3. Direct Staff to extend the filing period.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros presented the item and introduced City Clerk Donna Schwartz who briefed the Council on the recommendations of the appointments and appropriations.

Council Member Amezquita questioned his appointment to the Planning Commission.

Mayor Macias explained the process and asked Assistant City Attorney Tapia to confirm.

Mr. Tapia reiterated the approval of the resolution that was previously approved regarding the appointment process noting that it was the Mayors authority to appoint if an appointment wasn't made after 60 days form approval of resolution.

Council continued to discuss the process.

Mayor Macias again reiterated the process.

Council proceeded with the appointments as follows:

#### **Planning Commission** (1 vacancy)

Mayor Macias appointed Angelica Montes to a two year term ending March 2017.

#### **Civil Service Commission** (5 vacancies)

Council Member Amezquita appointed Edmundo Vicente Perez to a two year term ending March 2017.

Council Member Sanabria appointed Elsa Avalos to a four year term ending March 2019.

Vice Mayor Ortiz appointed Maria Magana to a four year term ending March 2019.

No appointment at this time – Council Member Pineda

No appointment at this time – Mayor Macias

#### **Historic Preservation Commission** (5 vacancies)

Council Member Amezquita reappointed Wally Shidler to a two year term ending March 2017.

Vice Mayor Ortiz appointed Luz Gomez to a four year term ending March 2019.

No appointment at this time – Mayor Macias

No appointment at this time – Council Member Pineda

Council Member Sanabria appointed Kathy Gaytan to a four year term ending March

2019.

**Youth Commission** (2 vacancies)

No appointments at this time – Amezquita  
**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 8 (continued)**

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve additional appropriations in the amounts of \$5,000 to account 111-0126-413.19-05 and \$3,150 to account 111-0122-413.19-05 to ensure budgetary sufficiency for FY 2015-2016, 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

**Motion:** Council Member Pineda motioned to direct staff to extend the filing period 30 days for the current vacancies, seconded by Mayor Macias. 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

**9. Approve Letter of Support Senate Bill 485 – County of Los Angeles: Sanitation Districts**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize Mayor to execute letter of support for Senate Bill 485 which would provide Sanitation Districts with the authority to assist local jurisdictions with stormwater and urban runoff projects.

Mayor Macias announced she sits on the District Board, understands stormwater runoff projects don't have a lot of funding and expressed her support.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to authorize Mayor to execute letter of support for Senate Bill 485 which would provide Sanitation Districts with the authority to assist local jurisdictions with stormwater and urban runoff projects, 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

**FINANCE**

**10. *Continued from 8-17-15 City Council Meeting:* Approve Resolutions to Execute Certain Documents Required State Board of Equalization for Implementation of the Local Prepaid Mobile Telephony Service Collection Act and the Examination of Prepaid Telephone Services Surcharges and Local Records**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-31, Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Execute an agreement with the State Board of Equalization (BOE) for Implementation of the Local Prepaid Mobile Telephony Services Collection Act ("Act"); and

2. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-32, Authorizing the Examination of Prepaid Mobile Telephone Services Surcharge and Local Charge Records by designating the Interim Finance Director to conduct such examination.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 10 (continued)**

Assistant City Manager Cisneros presented item and introduced Finance Manager Annie Ruiz who gave a brief overview of the resolutions that authorize an agreement with the State Board of Equalization (BOE) to implement collection of utility taxes.

Council Member Amezcuita concerned with the effect this will make on the residences who are low-income and will be voting no.

Council Member Pineda questioned the number of users.

Ms. Ruiz stated the number of users are unknown at this time but that the BOE will be able to track them.

Vice Mayor Ortiz questioned if the residents are currently being taxed.

Ms. Ruiz stated not at this time that this utility tax is on wireless prepaid mobile services.

Council Member Sanabria noted this is part of legislation.

Mayor Macias clarified signature authority.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to Adopt Resolution No. 2015-31, Authorizing the Interim City Manager to Execute an agreement with the State Board of Equalization (BOE) for Implementation of the Local Prepaid Mobile Telephony Services Collection Act ("Act") and Adopt Resolution No. 2015-32, Authorizing the Examination of Prepaid Mobile Telephone Services Surcharge and Local Charge Records by designating the Interim Finance Director to conduct such examination, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4 to 1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**PARKS & RECREATION**

**11. Discussion and Consideration of Concession Stand at Keller Park**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Consider demolition of the current Concession Stand at Keller Park; and/or
2. Direct staff to research additional vendors and provide Council with additional options.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros presented item and introduced Parks & Recreation Director Espinosa who explained the current condition of the facility noting there is major damage to the structure and the cost to rebuild would be costly. Ms. Espinosa stated there are options such as food trucks, portable vendors, and different types of kiosk or for Council to give staff direction.

Council Member Amezcuita questioned if city could give a tenant an option to repair while leasing.

Ms. Espinosa stated the structure is not in compliance and would need to be repaired before utilizing the structure.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros stated if this is Council's wish this is an option however the item today is perhaps to consider staff to demo or leave the structure standing and to go out and see who can provide us service through one of the vendor options.

### **REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 11 (continued)**

Council Member Amezcua recommended to engage potential vendors to see what options are available.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros agrees.

Council Member Sanabria would like all ideas looked into before any demolition occurs.

Mayor Macias agrees but would like extended outreach to the local community.

Vice Mayor Ortiz recommended healthy options.

Council Member Pineda recommends something more permanent versus a food truck.

Ms. Espinosa stated she has been speaking to the local businesses.

Council directed staff to research additional vendors and provide Council with additional options at a later date.

### **POLICE**

#### **12. Approve the 2015-2016 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant Agreement**

##### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the Police Department to accept funding provided through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program totaling \$126,000.00;
2. Authorize the Chief of Police, Interim Finance Director, Grant Director (Traffic Sergeant) to execute the Standard Agreement for FY 15-16 for Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), between the City of Huntington Park and the State of California Office of Traffic Safety; and
3. Appropriate the amount of \$94,500 in the City's FY 15-16 Budget for the overtime, equipment purchases, and training specified within this report.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros introduced Chief of Police Lozano who presented the item speaking in support of staff's recommendation to approve the acceptance of funding for safety measures noting it is a reimbursement fund, no matching funds.

Council Member Pineda questioned if the funds have been awarded yet.

Chief Lozano stated the funds at this time have not been awarded but will be received once we request reimbursement.

Interim Finance Director Mazyck stated that typically grant funds are spent up front and reimbursed after.

Council Member Pineda recommends to request reimbursement of funds so that the monies are put back where it was spent.

Mayor Macias questioned the equipment that will be purchased.

Chief Lozano stated equipment purchased can include barricades, cones, generator, mobile message board etc.

Mayor Macias questioned if funds would cover overtime.

Chief Lozano stated the funds cover all staff working the check points.

Council Member Pineda questioned the last time the city had a check point.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 12 (continued)**

Chief Lozano stated the last one was a couple of years ago that funding wasn't requested last year.

Council Member Pineda commented on the City having a high rate of drunk driving.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve the Police Department to accept funding provided through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program totaling \$126,000.00, approve the Police Department to accept funding provided through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program totaling \$126,000.00, and appropriate the amount of \$94,500 in the City's FY 15-16 Budget for the overtime, equipment purchases, and training specified within this report, 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

**13. Authorization to Renew Agreement with All City Management Inc. for Crossing Guard Services**

1. Approve renewal of agreement with All City Management Services, Inc. for Crossing Guard Services;
2. Authorize Interim City Manager to execute the agreement; and/or
3. Direct staff to determine if there are other companies that provide crossing guard services and consider advertising a request for proposal (RFP).

Assistant City Manager Cisneros introduced Chief of Police Lozano who presented the item briefing Council that the item was previously presented to Council and asked Council to reconsider staff's recommendations stating that the agreement at present time has expired however, service is still being provided and that the current agreement does have a 30 day term. Chief Lozano stated that staff has looked into others that provide the service and who uses them. He asked that Council consider directing staff to go out for RFPs.

Mayor Macias agrees with allowing staff time to go out for RFPs and to see who else uses this type of service.

Assistant City Attorney Tapia noted that the current agreement for approval has a fix term ending June 2016 but also has a 30 day term which gives the City the right to terminate agreement with a 30 day notice.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros stated the agreement before Council protects the City and allows the service to continue and time for staff to go out for RFPs.

**Motion:** Council Member Pineda motioned to approve renewal of agreement with All City Management Services, Inc. for Crossing Guard Services, authorize Interim City Manager to execute the agreement and directed staff to determine if there are other companies that provide crossing guard services and consider advertising a request for proposal (RFP), 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

## **REGULAR AGENDA (continued)**

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **14. Approve Agreement with Landcare for Landscape Maintenance Service**

##### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve agreement with LandCare for Landscape Maintenance Services for an amount of \$277,000 with a maximum of two 1-year extensions of term;
2. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the agreement; and
3. Encumber the amount of \$207,750 for the payment of LandCare services for 9 months of the overall one-year contract period for FY 2015-2016.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros introduced City Engineer Michael Ackerman who presented the item explaining the approval is for an agreement for landscape services with Landcare and spoke in support of staff's recommendations.

Mayor Macias noted that LandCare was not the lowest bidder and questioned staff's recommendations.

Mr. Ackerman explained what was taken into consideration was the number of staff that was going to be provided versus cost, current landscaper knowing the City's property and also provided additional services i.e. in-house arborist, landscape architect and irrigation designer which could help with current Capitol Improvement Projects.

Council Member Amezcuita questioned if the city would be charged for the additional services.

Mr. Ackerman stated that the contractor just asked for the opportunity to be able to bid when a project goes out for bid.

Council Member Sanabria questioned why the information wasn't previously provided.

Mr. Ackerman noted the question.

Vice Mayor Ortiz would have liked to see the companies come before Council to interview.

Mr. Ackerman stated that is at Council's discretion.

Mayor Macias would like a policy come back to Council on the RFP process. Concerned with the current agreement showing a maximum of two 1-year extensions and would like this changed to after a year to come back to Council or go out for RFPs. Ms. Macias motioned to go with the lowest bidder. Council Member Sanabria seconded.

Council Member Pineda questioned what the difference of service is between the current recommended contractor versus the lowest bidder.

Mr. Ackerman explained the difference is with the number of staff the contractor would provide in order to perform the scope of work, as far as, the term in the contract it is negotiated at every year.

Council Member Pineda questioned if any residents work for LandCare.

Mr. Ackerman stated he would return with the information.

Vice Mayor Ortiz questioned if the lowest bidder would be hiring.

Mr. Ackerman stated they had stated they would be hiring.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 14 (continued)**

Assistant City Attorney Tapia stated that the City can direct staff to change the contract to have no renewal and terminate upon 1 year.

Mayor Macias questioned the term.

Assistant City Attorney Tapia stated Council direct to change.

Mayor Macias amended her motion to approve agreement with Bennett Landscape with noted change to agreement to bring back to Council after a year for renewal.

Council Member Amezcuita questioned the expertise of LandCare.

Mr. Ackerman stated they have the experience because they have been maintaining the city's landscaped areas and are well aware of the irrigation systems and functions.

Council Member Amezcuita questioned LandCare versus Bennett.

Mr. Ackerman stated Bennett would be taken on a tour and would need to familiarize themselves with the program.

Council Member Amezcuita questioned the cost for landscape or irrigation design if LandCare were to bid on this type of design work.

Mr. Ackerman stated it could run up tens of thousands of dollars.

Council Member Sanabria noted with regards to additional services provided by LandCare these services could be bid by other contractors and feels the City isn't losing or gaining anything.

Vice Mayor Ortiz would like to table the item for next City Council Meeting and have the bidders present so that Council can interview all three bidders.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Ortiz motioned to table the item to next City Council meet so that Council can interview the three lowest bidders, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. 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 Agreement with Trimming Land Company Inc. for Tree Maintenance Services**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the agreement with Trimming Land Company Inc., for Tree Maintenance Services for an amount of \$153,000 with a maximum of two 1-year extensions of term;
2. Encumber the amount of \$114,750 for the payment of Trimming Land Company Inc. services for 9 months of the overall one-year contract period for FY 2015-2016; and
3. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the contract.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros introduced City Engineer Michael Ackerman who briefed the Council on the recommendation to approve agreement with Trimming Land Company for tree maintenance services noting the bids received, the recommendation to encumber said amount and authorize execution of the contract.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 15 (continued)**

Council Member Amezquita questioned the difference in the bids between the bidders.

Mr. Ackerman stated the difference was between the price per tree.

Council Member Sanabria is concerned with the need for the trees to be trimmed immediately before any storms.

Council Member Amezquita agrees and motioned to approve.

Assistant City Attorney Tapia noted that the contract has the same terms as mentioned and Council can give direction to staff to change as previously requested.

Mayor Macias agrees.

Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve with the condition that all trees to be trimmed within four months of this contract and to change contract to remove automatic renewal.

Angel Sotelo, representative for Trimming Land Company stated they have the capacity to trim the trees within four months.

Council Member Pineda questioned the service after the trees are trimmed.

Mr. Sotelo stated after the trees are trimmed they would be on an on call service to the City.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve the agreement with Trimming Land Company Inc., for Tree Maintenance Services for an amount of \$153,000 with the condition that all trees be trimmed within four months and change to contract that it comes back to Council after a year for approval, approve encumbrance in the amount of \$114,750 for the payment of Trimming Land Company Inc. services for 9 months of the overall one-year contract period for FY 2015-2016 and authorize the 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

**16. Discussion on Graffiti Removal Services**

Mayor Macias voiced concern with the RFP process, the language regarding mobile app., extension of receiving bids and a policy for RFP processing.

Assistant City Attorney Tapia stated they will work with staff regarding the policy.

Council Member Sanabria agrees to extension.

Council Member Amezquita suggested looking in-house for the graffiti removal.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros stated the City currently is short staff and bringing it in-house is not feasible but if it is Councils intention to bring in-house with hiring additional staff, we can certainly look into it.

Council Member Amezquita noted the cost for the graffiti RFP and would like staff to

review cost of the service versus in-house.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros stated during the 30 day extension staff will look into it.

### **REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 16 (continued)**

Council Member Amezquita noted equipment that was previously purchased with regards to graffiti removal.

Mayor Macias requested the number of web based app users.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros stated the web based app is the City's app which goes through to the graffiti contractor.

City Engineer Ackerman explained the RFP process with regards to graffiti removal and the web based app.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros stated that staff will report back at a future date with requested information.

Mayor Macias directed staff to bring a draft RFP Policy back to Council.

Council Member Amezquita suggested adding to RFP no task be overlooked but is being done.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros stated draft RFPs are being distributed to Council for review.

Mayor Macias agrees with having Council review.

Chief of Police Lozano commented on graffiti removal stating the City previously had this program in-house in Field Services and had to contract it out due to the amount of time involved, amount of staff, and equipment related supplies. Mr. Lozano suggested to add to policy 2<sup>nd</sup> level buildings and color matching.

Mayor Macias agrees and to add steam cleaning.

Council Member Amezquita suggested adding that the contractor itemize their proposal.

Council recommended extending the time to submit RFPs to 30 days.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS** (Information only)

### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** - None

### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita – reiterated his request to agendize water rates for discussion, would like to develop more commissions (Economic Development, Utilities, Transportation, Sustainability & Environment), announced that he is unable to attend all events due to his busy schedule and would like to look into resources to use for these events, commented on Council Members living in the City, wants to move forward and would like not to be interrupted while speaking.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda – clarified he did not promise to decrease water rates but to not increase the rates and that he campaigned to increase jobs. Mr. Pineda commented on helping out in the community he feels part of Council's job is to help out and move city forward.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria – clarified she did not promise to decrease water rates during her campaign but to not increase the rates. She stated she wants to lead

by example so the community participates wanting the community to be its best. Ms. Sanabria also stated she takes her obligation seriously even if it means picking up trash, she thanked those who spoke during public comment and those who attended and closed by thanking Chief of Police for inviting her to the special warrant search.

Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz – stated she did not promise to decrease water rates during her campaign, thanked staff for all their hard work & patience, stated Council's decisions are for long term, thanked Chief of Police for inviting Council to a special warrant search and announced that two Huntington Park schools football teams won.

Mayor Karina Macias – thanked staff for all their support, clarified she did not promise to decrease water rates, feels Council Member Amezcuita's comments regarding helping out in the community and her residency were insulting. Ms. Macias also commented on his participation with those who are opposed to the two appointments are discerning that the two appointees have already been sworn-in, also noting that those opposed are insulting the community and this behavior affects her personally. Mayor Macias closed by thanking staff for all their support.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:41 p.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to the **NEW** Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk