

Final Minutes Approved November 17, 2015

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, November 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Karina Macias presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Karina Macias; Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz and Council Members Jhonny Pineda and Marilyn Sanabria. Other City Officials and employees: John Ornelas, Interim 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 and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

ABSENT: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita and Edgar Cisneros, Assistant City Manager.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mariajose Alvarez, 7 year old student from San Gabriel Elementary School.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mayor Macias.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Mariajose Alvarez for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sergeant at Arms read the Rules of Decorum.

Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to Mr. Noel Parker, Special Education Teacher from Middleton Elementary School.

Hector Corral, Principal and Lilian Calderon, Teacher, from San Antonio Elementary School presented a brief update on the schools "Tackling Childhood Obesity" program and thanked Council for their support.

Council presented a proclamation to the Huntington Park Kiwanis Club in Honor of "Key Club Week," November 2 - 6, 2015.

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition" to the City of Huntington Park Public Works Department Employees for their support and participation in the "Haunt"ington Park Halloween Festival.

Council Member Pineda suggested two public comment periods, one at the beginning of the agenda for agenda items only and the other at the end of the agenda for non-agenda items and asked City Attorney for his opinion.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman briefly explained the Brown Act and recommended to Council to go through the speaker cards and take out those wishing to address the Council on agenda items and then at the end of the business portion of the agenda to open Public Comment for those wishing to address the Council on non-agenda items. Mr. Alvarez-Glasman again explained the requirements of the Ralph Brown Act and affording the public an opportunity to address the Council with any matter within the City's subject jurisdiction and stated that Council Member Pineda's motion is appropriate and common with many other jurisdictions throughout California.

Motion: Council Member Pineda motioned for the first Public Comment period to be on agenda items only and to add an additional Public Comment at the end of the agenda for non-agenda items, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Karina Robles, Mexican American Opportunity Fund (MAOF), announced their 9th Annual Health Fair on November 21, 2015, and thanked Council for considering their event.

STAFF RESPONSE - None

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:45 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
One potential case
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
Employee Organization: General Employees Association (GEA)

At 7:16 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened to open session. All Council Members present with the exception of Council Member Amezcuita ABSENT.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Tapia announced Council discussed Closed Session items 1 and 2, direction given, no action taken.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve Consent Calendar items, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. Approved Minutes of the following City Council Meeting(s):
1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, October 20, 2015
2. Waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 943-NS, Authorizing Action Minutes to be the Format Used for the Official Record of the Proceedings of City Council and Advisory Board Meetings.

CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

FINANCE

3. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated November 3, 2015

POLICE

4. Waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 944-NS, Amending Ordinance No. 1394 NS and Repealing and Replacing Article 2. of Title 6, Chapter 1, Relating to Regulations of Dogs.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

5. **Consideration of an Activity in Public Places Permit for the Chamber of Commerce's Annual "Christmas Lane Parade" (S15-27)**

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to direct staff to assist the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce with outreach to the businesses that have been difficult to contact and with conditions that signatures are collected by November 8, 2015 and that within two weeks after the event, Chamber submit documentation showing any loss or deficit before City will assist and approve an Activity in Public Places Permit request from the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual "Christmas Lane Parade" along Pacific Boulevard, between Slauson Avenue and Florence Avenue, on November 21, 2015, at 6:00p.m., seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

COUNCIL

6. **Approve Resolution in Support of Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program**

Motion: Council Member Pineda motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2015-43, in Support of Earned Income Tax Credit/Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

FINANCE

7. **Continued from October 20, 2015 City Council Meeting: Approve Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with LAN WAN Enterprises Inc.**

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve second amendment to professional services agreement (the "Amended Agreement") with LAN WAN Enterprises Inc. ("LAN WAN") for the addition of network support and maintenance services for the Police Department, and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the Amended

Agreement, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 7 (continued)

FINANCE (continued)

ROLL CALL:

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

PARKS AND RECREATION

8. Consideration of an Activity in Public Places Permit for Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF) Annual Family Health Expo

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve an Activity in Public Places permit to MAOF for use of parking lot located in Salt Lake Park, to host their "Vive tu Vida! Get Up! Get Moving!" family health expo event, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

9. Authorize Purchase of Energy Efficient Field Lighting Equipment

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to authorize the use of \$58,462 of budgeted CDBG funding to purchase MUSCO's SportsCluster Green™ Lighting System to be installed on the Kevin De Leon Campo De Futbol at Salt Lake Park and authorized the Department of Parks and Recreation to solicit MUSCO as provider of the SportsCluster Green™ Lighting System and waive the formal bidding requirements, allowable under Huntington Park Municipal Code, section 2-5.1, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

POLICE

10. Approve Purchase of Two Police Department Patrol Operations Division Police Vehicles and Supplementary Equipment

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve purchase of two new Police Department Patrol Operations Division police vehicles from the FORD MOTOR COMPANY and supplementary equipment and authorized additional budget appropriation of \$101,671 from Asset Forfeiture Funds, Account #229-7010-421.74-10, with the condition that the vehicles are used for patrol. Additionally she directed staff to bring back to Council for consideration, options for possibly purchasing an additional patrol vehicle, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

Mayor Macias

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): Amezquita

REGULAR AGENDA (continued)

PUBLIC WORKS

11. Approve List of Vehicles as Surplus and Authorization to Sell Via Auction

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to table item to next City Council Meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): Amezquita

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Shirley Husar, noted "We the People" will continue to attend the City Council meetings, commented on a sign she held up, the Constitution of the United States not being followed, opposed to the two recent appointments and stated respect American citizenship.
2. Omar Navarro, voiced his disappointment of the two recent appointments, stated his family came to America legally, read the sign behind Council and remarked recall.
3. Nick Ioannidis, spoke in regards to Immigrants Day and a ceremony he hosted, he commented on discrimination, citizenship, crime, conspiracy and himself being an American Citizen.
4. Ivan Meza, thanked the Traffic Authority for completing projects on California Avenue, thanked the Chief of Police for adding more patrols on the streets, commented on code enforcement in relation to illegal vendors along the boulevard and spoke in support of Council.
5. Rodolfo Cruz, feels time should be noted on speaker cards, commented on closing down marijuana dispensaries, trash in the streets, stated there are robberies occurring in his neighborhood, feels there are big problems in the City, commented on bankruptcy, tax increases, water rates, monies for Police Department and remarked recall.
6. Robert Lauten, referenced an immigration chapter in a document, commented on Trans Pacific Partnership and politicians.
7. Robin Hividston, commented on the closed session period, acknowledged the Immigrants Day ceremony hosted by Mr. Ioannidis, and meetings in the overflow room.
8. Francisco Rivera, noted his support in cleaning the community, commented on a remark made by someone regarding vendors in the City, acknowledged the Police Department, commented on the illegal vendors on Pacific Boulevard, would like to see better restaurants and see code enforcement being more effective.
9. Dr. Robert Newman, apologized for saying "yes," commented on the English and Spanish language being spoken, Immigrants Day and Mr. Ioannidis, requested

the two appointments be removed, asked for public comment to be expanded, thanked the City for the overflow room and his attendance at the City Council meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

10. Raul Rodriguez, commented on 1st amendment rights and the Constitution, noted Mr. Ioannidis hosting Immigrants Day, commented on an article in the paper, the removal of Robert Newman, time on speaker cards, spoke in opposition to Council and his continuance of attending the City Council meetings.
11. Von Beck, commented on the two appointments and empty suits.
12. DeAnn D'Lean, thanked the person who led the Pledge of Allegiance, noted article in paper, and commented on nuances and the English language.
13. Janet West, remarked on 1st amendment rights, closed session meetings, read government code sections pertaining to the Maddy Act, and opposed to the two recent appointments.
14. Channel Temple, quoted Dr. Luther King, spoke in opposition to the two appointments, noted We the People will continue to attend meetings, asked the two appointments to be replaced with legal citizens, referenced the City of Bell and commented on crime.
15. Stella Stephen, defined government words, commented on illegal entry, laws being violated, violation of oath, acknowledged Nick Ioannidis, opposed to the two appointments and showed a sign.
16. Wes Parker, commented on crime, illegal immigrants and placement of the second public comment period.
17. Arthur Schaper, noted his attendance at the previous City Council meetings, commented on the two appointments, removal of a speaker, misuse of the law, "We the People," public comment, provided a copy of a letter from the District Attorney's Office, his Congressman Ted Lieu and a public records request with regard to Council.
18. Arthur Poerides, remarked on the word illegal, oath, responsibilities, noted he was calling the U.S. Attorney's Office for an investigation and expressed his disappointment as a resident of Torrance.
19. Mike McGet, noted his participation with "We the People" and attending numerous meetings, commented on corruption, and opposed to undocumented immigrants.
20. Christopher Castillo, believes in Immigration Reform, feels laws and constitution are being broken, stated politicians need to be an example and respect the law.

STAFF RESPONSE

Mayor Macias asked Chief Lozano to respond to Mr. Cruz's comment regarding marijuana dispensaries and to give an update on the marijuana dispensary on Santa Fe Street. Chief Lozano stated the City Prosecutor is engaged in civil proceedings to obtain an order to shut down the dispensary.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcua - ABSENT

Council Member Jhonny Pineda, thanked all those for attending the meeting and for providing their feedback.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria, thanked all those who attended the meeting and participated during public comment, thanked staff for the Halloween event and her

approval for the purchase of two police patrol vehicles noting the importance of supporting the Police Department and invited the public to attend the Veterans Day ceremony.

Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz, thanked staff for all their support and a great Halloween event.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

Mayor Karina Macias, thanked staff for all their support in the Halloween event, announced a City Clean-up on Saturday, asked City Manager to provide an update at the next City Council meeting on the Keller Park snack bar, and thanked all those who attended and participated in public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 p.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk