

Final Minutes Approved December 1, 2015

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, November 17, 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 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 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: Edgar Cisneros 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Isabel Ornelas, granddaughter of previous Interim City Manager John A. Ornelas.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mayor Macias.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Mr. John A. Ornelas, for his Outstanding Service as the City of Huntington Park's previous Interim City Manager.

Presentation by Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager, City of Huntington Park, Community Development Department and Miguel Núñez, Fehr & Peers on the "Complete Streets" Project.

Presentation by Christina Dixon, Staff Analyst, City of Huntington Park, Public Works Department, on the grant summary of the "Trees for a Better Environment."

Motion: Council Member Pineda motioned for two Public Comment periods, one in the beginning of the agenda on agenda items only and one at the end of the agenda for non-agenda 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Raul Rodriguez, commented on complete street projects and feels there are no monies to be used for such project, opposed to bike lane project and recommended Council vote it down.
2. Dr. Newman, thanked Council for allowing attendees to address items on agenda and non-agenda items. He commented on complete street projects, and suggested asking the residents their views on this project.

STAFF RESPONSE - None

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:15 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4)
Consideration of initiation of litigation – one potential case
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Regarding Represented Employees - Government Code Section 54957.6(a)
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Edgar Cisneros, City Manager
Employee Organization: General Employees Association (GEA)

At 8:11 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened to open session. All Council Members present with the exception of Council Member Amezcua ABSENT.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced Council discussed Closed Session items 1 and 2. Item 1 direction given, no action taken. Item 2 direction given, no action taken, to bring back to Council at a future date.

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): Amezcua

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. Approved Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):
 - 1-1 Budget Workshop Meeting held Wednesday, June 3, 2015; and
 - 1-2 Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, November 3, 2015

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated November 17, 2015

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

3. **Approve First Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Tierra West Advisors for an Amount not to exceed \$319,000 to prepare a Focused General Plan Update**

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for an amount not to exceed \$319,000 to prepare a Focused General Plan Update and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 3 (continued)

ROLL CALL:

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

4. Approve Resolution Amending 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

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2015-44, Amending 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 and authorized City Manager and City Engineer to direct staff to proceed with the study's implementation, 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

5. Approve Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2015-37. Authorizing the Acceptance and Appropriation of an Active Transportation Grant from CalTrans for State Street Complete Streets Project

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-45, Amending 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 Streets Project, and authorize the City Manager and City Engineer to direct staff to proceed with the study's implementation, 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): Amezquita

PARKS AND RECREATION

6. Update, Discussion and/or Action of Concession Stand at Keller Park

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to do upgrades to the current Concession Stand at Keller Park with the assistance of the Public Works Department, 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): Amezquita

REGULAR AGENDA (continued)

7. Approve Award of Contract for Installation of Sports Lighting System

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve award of construction contract to California Professional Engineering, Inc. for installation of sports field lighting system on Salt Lake Park Soccer Field and authorized the City Manager to execute the contract, 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): Amezquita

POLICE

8. Approve Withdrawal from the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Joint Powers Authority Agreement (JPA)

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the proposed notice to withdraw from the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Joint Powers Authority Agreement (JPA) and authorized staff to issue a notice to the LA-RICS Joint Powers Authority of determination to withdrawal from the LA-RICS board, 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): Amezquita

PUBLIC WORKS

9. Continued from the November 3, 2015 City Council Meeting: Approve List of Vehicles as Surplus and Authorization to Sell Via Auction

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the list of vehicles as surplus, and authorize Public Works Department to sell via auction, seconded by Council Member Pineda. 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

10. Approve California Used Mattress Recycling Program Agreement

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve an agreement with the Mattress Recycling Council (MRC), to implement a five-year mattress recycling program from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2021, authorized the City Manager to execute agreement, and directed the Finance Department to send a quarterly invoice to the MRC for reimbursement of staff time, 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)

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Francisco Rivera, noted his dedication to cleaning the community, commented on code enforcement with regards to the vendors on Pacific Boulevard noting they have no permits to do so, would like to see something done and feels the City deserves more.
2. Henry Garcia, acknowledged the support by the Chief of Police to the residents, asked that something be done to resolve the parking issue in his neighborhood and suggested funds used for the bikes projects be given to the Police Department.
3. Stella Stephens, quoted sections of the Brown Act with regard to use of technology and noted letters from the District Attorney.
4. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on a resolution that was voted on regarding an increase in property taxes, remarked recall, commented on the Fiesta Taxi and Combi contracts, stated the Police Department is for the residents and not for the meetings, stated trash company will charge a fee to pick up mattresses and noted a previous speaker that had showed interest in the Keller Park concession stand.
5. Jorge Sepulveda, acknowledged the Chief of Police for his support to the community, spoke in support of public safety and asked the Council to support the local businesses.
6. Alex Reynoso, commented on Mr. Ornelas's speech, noted he voted for Ortiz, commented on closed session, previous interim city manager, Brown Act, he supports law enforcement, and noted a burglary.
7. Robert Lauten, spoke in regards to cap and trade funds, solar activity and ice age.
8. Chanell Temple, We the People Rising, commented on City of Huntington Park breaking history, laws being broken, the two recent appointments, stated We the People Rising will go down in history, commented on the Constitution 1st Rights and Bill of Rights, and spoke in opposition of council.
9. Linda Caraballo, noted top 10 worst cities to live in, commented on the city manager's salary and contract, city attorney, changes to agenda, change of meeting days, voting by council, commissions, and requested the two appointments be removed.
10. Janet West, read articles, referenced Maddy Act, and quoted a previous speaker.
11. Wes Parker, read a holiday story.
12. Isaac Rodriguez, spoke in opposition to the two recent appointments, commented on laws, people coming to America, and stated that he believes in America.
13. Betty Robinson, We the People Rising, commented on the two appointments, best and worst cities in America and ratings used, and suggested appointing citizens to the commissions.
14. Arthur Schaper, We the People Rising, asked to rescind the appointments and council seats, noted a letter from the District Attorney, stated he sent a letter to the District Attorney, noted his interest in becoming a planning commissioner, stated We the People Rising will be visiting various government offices and noted those who weren't able to speak during public comment.
15. Von Beck, commented on and read political quotes.

PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

16. Mike McGet, We the People Rising, stated we are not haters and go all over Southern California, against corrupt politicians, feels city has a lot of potential, noted city doing a good job on graffiti and suggested a power washing crew cleaning sidewalks all year around.
17. William Rodriguez, commented on the sign behind Council and spoke in opposition to Council.
18. Christopher Castillo, spoke in opposition to the two appointments, commented on leadership and debt.
19. Nick Ioannidis, commented on previous elections and his life in the city.
20. Raul Rodriguez, spoke in opposition to council, noted a letter sent to the city regarding Mr. Ioannidis, and commented on respect.
21. Dr. Newman, commented on a sign he held up, spoke in opposition to the two appointments, and commented on trees being planted in the community.
22. Robin Hvidston, held up a sign, commented on the person previously removed from a meeting, the District Attorney and justice, nation of laws, noted appointment of Betty Retama, commented on the two appointments, a previous speaker, left copies of the poem that was read, and suggested appointing citizens to the commissions.
23. Greg Aprahamian, commented on double standards, law enforcement, Federal Law, lawlessness, Brown Act being violated, people's rights, asked staff to be cautious and asked to consider reputation.

STAFF RESPONSE

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman clarified reorder of agenda with regards to public comment.

City Manager Cisneros stated that the Interim Finance Director will return to clarify the comment regarding tax increase and comment made regarding debt, clarified items in his contract, and funds used for the Complete Streets Project.

Chief of Police Lozano clarified comment regarding parking issues in the City, and code enforcement relating to vendors on the boulevard.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita - ABSENT

Council Member Jhonny Pineda, thanked the residents for staying to the end of the meeting, thanked staff for their support, noted residents have told him they would like to attend the meetings but don't want to hear about complaints from those that live outside the city. Mr. Pineda stated Council is trying to give everyone a chance to speak about items on the agenda and non-agenda items and wished everyone a good night.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria, thanked Vice Mayor Ortiz, Councilman Pineda and Vice Mayor Ortiz for participating in the City's clean-up event along with the youth, thanked Chief Lozano for hosting "Coffee with the Chief" through the Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce and feels this will help support the local businesses, announced the Christmas Parade on Saturday and thanked everyone.

Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz, thanked staff for all their assistance with the Veteran's Day event and their support to Council and wished the residents of Huntington Park, as well as staff, a Happy Thanksgiving.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

Mayor Karina Macias, thanked staff for a wonderful Veteran's Day event, thanked Mr. Schaper for his application and noted there are no vacancies at this time, clarified she has no family members that work for the City, encouraged those to do their research but that she is an only child, thanked everyone for attending the meeting and announced she would see the public at the Huntington Park Holiday Parade.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 p.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk