

MINUTES
Special Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Wednesday, December 23, 2015

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 8:23 a.m. on Wednesday, December 23, 2015, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Karina Macias presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Karina Macias; Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz and Council Members Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Jhonny Pineda, and Marilyn Sanabria. Other City Officials and employees: Edgar Cisneros City Manager; Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation; Art Cueto, Sr. Management Analyst; Michael Ackerman, City Engineer and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Ortiz.

INVOCATION - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Laura Herrera, spoke in regards to item 4 and contracts, questioned combi buses in city lot and if there's a lease, questioned if contract is going out to bid for bus services since it was done under an emergency situation, she noted the amount being transferred to the general fund to purchase vehicles, commented on city applying for grants and the special meeting that was arranged.

STAFF RESPONSE

City Manager Cisneros responded stating there is a lease agreement in place and that the vehicles are owned by the City, with regard to the emergency situation the current provider assumed a current contract that has not expired yet. The request to purchase new vehicles is because of the very poor condition the current vehicles are in and to keep the service up and running for the community.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:50 a.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4) - one matter

At 9:25 a.m. Mayor Macias reconvened to open session. All Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced Council discussed item 1, no action taken nothing further to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Ortiz pulled Item 1 for separate discussion.

CITY CLERK

1. **Approve Request for Additional Appropriation to Contract Services with Granicus, Inc.**

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve additional appropriation of \$8,287 to account 111-1010-411.56-41 to ensure budgetary sufficiency for FY 15-16 for Granicus Inc. for upgrade to video streaming software (Granicus Open Platform) and encoder (Granicus Encoding Appliance) and monthly management and hosting services and requested that staff look into other companies that could potentially offer lower monthly rates, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed by one motion.

FINANCE

2. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated December 23, 2015

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve warrants dated December 23, 2015, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed by one motion.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY MANAGER

3. Discussion and/or Action on Agreement with HP Tow for Towing and Vehicle Storage Services for the Huntington Park Police Department and the City of Huntington Park

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve Termination of agreement with HP Tow, authorize the City Manager and/or Chief of Police to Issue Notice of Termination to HP Tow and authorize the City Manager and Chief of Police to prepare Request for Proposals (RFP) for Towing and Vehicle Storage Services, 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

4. Authorization to Replace Bus Numbers 962, 978, 369 and 961 with New Vehicles Purchased in a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$260,000

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to authorize the replacement of bus numbers 962, 978, 369 and 961 with Starcraft Allstar buses purchased from Creative Bus Sales, authorize the Interim Finance Director to transfer the amount of \$260,000 from the City's General Fund to the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Fund, 748-0000-101.10-00 and approve a budget appropriation into account 748-8060-431.74-20 in a not-to-exceed amount of \$260,000, 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): Amezquita

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita, wished everyone a happy holiday, commented on the RFP process and previous request by HP Tow for increases stating he would vote against it and would like for contracts to be competitive, thanked staff, colleagues and residents, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda, commented on transportation and safety and all vehicles city own to be well maintained, asked staff to look at other means for funds and wished everyone happy holidays and to have a great Christmas.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria, thanked those who attended and wished everyone happy holidays and to be safe.

Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz, wished everyone happy holidays.

Mayor Karina Macias, thanked staff, noted items on agenda were important, apologized for special meeting and wished everyone the best of holidays and happy birthday wishes to Chief of Police Lozano.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:06 a.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the meeting in memory of Florencio Gomez, father of Jr. Deputy City Clerk Yesenia (Jessie) Gomez to a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk