

Final Minutes Approved December 15, 2015

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, December 1, 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 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 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, Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director, Michael Ackerman, City Engineer, and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fatima Angulo, 12 year old student from Gage Middle School.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mayor Macias.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Fatima Angulo for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jessica Marquez, Representative from Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis office presented a certificate congratulating newly appointed City Manager Edgar Cisneros.

Council presented a proclamation to Communities for a Better Environment Celebrating "Youth for Environmental Justice 18th Birthday."

Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to the Huntington Park Salvation Army for their Service in Feeding over 300 Families for Thanksgiving.

Michael Ackerman, Acting Public Works Director and Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director, City of Huntington Park, presented an update on the Water System.

Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director, City of Huntington Park presented a brief explanation on the voter approved, tax pension.

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 4-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

STAFF RESPONSE - None

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:14 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 LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)
Significant exposure to litigation – one potential case
3. 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 8:12 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened to open session. All Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced Council discussed Closed Session items 1 through 3 stating for Item 1 direction given, no action taken. Item 2 direction given, no action taken. Item 3. Direction given, no action taken.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve Consent Calendar items, with direction to have staff provide information regarding the El Gallo Giro Corporation warrant, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed 4-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. Approved Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):
1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, November 17, 2015

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated December 1, 2015

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY CLERK

3. **Appointment to Historic Preservation Commission (One Vacancy) and Youth Commission (Two Vacancies)**

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to direct staff to extend the filing period of both commissions to "open until filled," 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

CITY MANAGER

4. Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the 2016 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

Councilmember Sanabria declared that due to a potential economic interest under the rules of the Fair Political Practice Commission (FPPC) she would recuse herself from participating in the matter and removed herself from the Chambers. Ms. Sanabria did not participate directly or indirectly in deciding this matter.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority for the 2016 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count and authorize the Mayor to execute the MOU, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed 4-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

Council Member Sanabria reentered the Council Chambers.

5. Discussion and/or Approval of Mobile Communications Device Use Policy

Motion: Council Member Pineda motioned to approve the Mobile Communications Device Use Policy, authorize the City Manager to publish and apply said policy with city staff, add additional clause of “*an employee must also be able to show their statement to prove they are using their personal device for city business calls,*” 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

FINANCE

6. Approve Resolution Amending Appointment of Representatives to the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority’s Governing Board (ICRMA)

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve appointment of City Manager as Alternate and Interim Finance Director as Substitute Alternate and adopt Resolution No. 2015-46, Amending Resolution No. 2015-17, Appointing an Alternate, and Substitute Alternate Representative to the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority’s Governing Board (ICRMA), 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Francisco Rivera, commented on the City's beautification project, code enforcement with regard to illegal vendors along Pacific Boulevard, would like to see City look more inviting and something done about the vendors.
2. Dr. Newman, recommended that the public be allowed to comment on presentations, noted his experience with water, empowering residents by removing illegals, called for an audit and read a quote.
3. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on Proposition 13, spoke in opposition to Council's decisions, noted illegal mobile homes and improper behavior by owners, and patrol service by Police.
4. Nick Ioannidis, spoke in regards to his residency in the City as well as being a U.S. Citizen.
5. Raul Rodriguez Jr., America First Latino, spoke in opposition of Council, read definition of morals and values, commented on illegal immigration and State and Federal law.

At 8:40 p.m. Mayor Macias called for a RECESS.

At 8:55 p.m. Mayor Macias RECONVENED the meeting with all Council Members present.

6. Robin Hvidston, We the People Rising, displayed a sign, noted a previous speaker, comment by City Attorney regarding council meetings, commented on legal citizenship, appointments to commissions, formal complaints filed, and remarked "appoint citizens" to commissions.
7. Carol Schlaepfer, commented on prayer, decisions made by Council, and spoke in opposition to the two undocumented appointments.
8. Sandra Orozco, noted City of Maywood's elections, commented on City Attorney, Federal Laws being broken, the two appointments, the recent passing of the City of Downey officer and read a scripture.
9. Von Beck, commented on politicians and spoke in opposition of Council.
10. DeAnn D'Lean, spoke about the Constitution, oath taken by Council, noted she was a teacher, and discussed signs she held up.
11. Betty Retama, commented on laws being broken, the recess previously taken by Council, racism, lighting on Pacific Boulevard, and Police services at the meeting and salary.
12. Arthur Schaper, noted comments made by City Attorney, appointments made, commented on city commissions, elected officials, citizenship, and freedom to express yourself.
13. Linda Caraballo, commented on City of South Gate elected officials, opposed to decisions made by Council, noted Police services, and spoke in opposition to Council.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, explained the paper name plate in front of him, noted reasons why he wasn't in attendance at the last two council meetings one, due to family issue and two, had attended a conference in China, commented on motions related to the order of the agenda, commented on El Niño and flood insurance for residents and participation by the City with FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program, recommended that the fire hydrant pressure be looked at on Soto & Slauson and wished all a Happy Holiday and New Years and thanked all those for attending.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda, hoped all had a good Thanksgiving, questioned if Council Members still receive a stipend even if they miss a meeting and asked staff to provide the information. Mr. Pineda mentioned that staff has discussed the city's participation with FEMA, noted that the city can pursue the vendors that are unlicensed but that it is the county when it comes to food and would like information regarding power washing come back to Council.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria, announced she attended funeral services for the late Officer Ricardo Galvez and to remember him in prayer. Ms. Sanabria wished all a good night.

Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz, suggested staff follow-up to Mr. Rivera's comment regarding illegal vendors on Pacific Boulevard and the comment by Mr. Cruz regarding mobile homes. Ms. Ortiz thanked staff for all their support and wished everyone a good evening.

Mayor Karina Macias, thanked all for their comments, invited the public to the Tree Lighting ceremony December 2, 2015, and the Grand Opening of Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis office December 12, 2015. Mayor Macias announced her attendance at the funeral services for the late Officer Ricardo Galvez and to remember him in prayer. Mayor Macias read the certificate in memory of Officer Galvez and adjourned the meeting in his honor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:37 p.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the meeting in memory of Officer Ricardo "Ricky" Galvez, City of Downey and United States Marine, to a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk