

Final Minutes Approved April 19, 2016

Special Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Goal Setting Discussion
Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12, 2016

The Special Meeting, of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, Goal Setting Discussion, was called to order at 5:02 p.m. on Friday, March 11, 2016, at Raul Perez Memorial Park, 6208 South Alameda Street, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Graciela Ortiz presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Graciela Ortiz; Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria and Council Members Valentin Palos Amezcua (Arrived at 5:07 p.m.), Karina Macias and Jhonny Pineda. CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Edgar Cisneros, City Manager; John Ornelas, Management Advisor; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation; Teresa Garcia, Budget Analyst; Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager; Michael Ackerman, City Engineer; Martha Castillo, Human Resources Director and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Manager Edgar Cisneros.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

GOAL SETTING DISCUSSION FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK

City Manager Edgar Cisneros briefly explained that the goal setting discussion is a time for Council to communicate with staff on the city's goals and initiatives moving forward and that each department would be presenting their goals and objectives.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK – presented by City Clerk Donna Schwartz

Goals:

Review/amend City's Records Retention Schedule, Implement Public Records Act training, complete the update process of the contracts and agreements, amend City Commission and City Council handbooks, implement records destruction, explore partnership with the Department of State, Los Angeles Passport Agency, provide ongoing training to staff where it relates to the City Clerk's Office and continue providing exceptional public service and professional support to all City officials, departments and the residents of Huntington Park.

Council Member Pineda suggested contacting the Department of State to see if any grants are offered at the local level in order to help defray start-up costs if the city so chooses to move forward with being a passport acceptance facility.

John Ornelas, Management Advisor, added that the information being presented is to establish short term and long term goals, and that the following day would provide more time for dialogue.

Mayor Ortiz suggested contacting the City of Chino Hills regarding their passport process and fees.

HUMAN RESOURCES – presented by Human Resources Director Martha Castillo

Goals:

Recruitments: Retain motivated, highly productive, customer service driven individuals, promote cost effective strategies, foster positive work relationships and complete all open recruitments both competitive and promotional (full/part-time). Update Civil Service Rules & Regulations and Administrative Policies. Complete a city-wide

classification study, Create Code of Conduct Policy for City Employees, Establish or Reactivate an Employee Recognition Program, Succession Planning and Training (safety program and an emergency plan).

PARKS & RECREATION – presented by Parks & Recreation Director Josette Espinosa

Goals:

Events & Programs: Provide culturally relevant offerings (little kickers swim program, recreation classes, afterschool program, summer day camp, youth & adult sports leagues, senior services). Premier Event Planning: Create annual master calendar of events and utilize special event planning tools to attract large scale premier events that will positively reflect on the city's cultural assets. Accessibility & Marketing: Increase park area per capita, outreach to community through effective & current mediums. Infrastructure: Develop comprehensive Capital Improvements Plan (CIP), splash pad at Salt Lake Park, upgrades to the Community Center and identify resources to increase public safety in parks. Staff Development & Retention: Leverage partnerships in order to redirect funds to increase professional staff development and retention.

Vice Mayor Sanabria and Mayor Ortiz would like to see the splash pad project move forward at a quicker pace.

Mayor Ortiz proposed recruiting residents within our City and our local colleges and feels customer service training should be a priority and would like to see Parks & Recreation offer play-offs and trophies.

Council Member Amezcua suggested a rendering as well as input from the residents and staff for a new Community Center from existing 10,000 sq. ft. to about 30,000+ sq.ft. Have it prepared now so when funds become available the City is ready to build it.

Council Member Macias recommended the Parks & Recreation and Youth Commissioners get involved with painting the Community Center

Council Member Pineda suggested that if one of the rooms at the Community Center isn't being used to extend the weight room.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – presented by Economic Development Manager Manual Acosta

Goals:

Economic Development: Proactively outreach (conferences, trade shows, follow-up on leads), marketing (develop a brand, strategy and target businesses to attract), negotiate Costco deal, complete Nick Alexander project and expansion, retention (proactive outreach-provide resources (HUB Cities Business Assistance Center, commercial rehab, referral list to State and County programs)), close Successor Agency, consider establishing a Community Revitalization and Investment Authority, complete Pacific Blvd. revitalization project.

Planning: Division goals (automating planning and building permit process), advance planning goals (complete General Plan update, complete Zoning Code updates), code enforcement goals (proactive enforcement, develop a comprehensive plan, develop target areas and develop a cross department team approach).

Housing: Annual plan for CDBG and HOME funds for FY 2016-2017 (public service programs and projects and programs), continue marketing Housing programs (residential rehabilitation program, minor home repair program and lead based paint program), identify and complete an Affordable Housing project (commit HOME funds by July 2016).

Mayor Ortiz recommended more outreach to property owners notifying them about the commercial revitalization program.

Council Member Amezcua suggested outreaching to different markets i.e. Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, Sprouts and bringing in a Portos to Pacific Boulevard. Suggested

having a retreat every quarter in order to stay updated on projects.

Council Member Pineda mentioned bringing in brand restaurants between Randolph and Slauson and Florence and Randolph. Mr. Pineda requested that Transtech be present at the next goal setting. He acknowledged that it is a good idea to continue to meet with the top 25 businesses and top manufacturers and find out what their needs are.

Vice Mayor Sanabria recommended bringing in businesses that are attractive, diverse and geared toward millennials.

City Manager Cisneros noted some challenges the City faces with regard to attracting these types of businesses and added that the City is ready and has targets in mind and wants to meet with developers to find out their interests and be able to accommodate them the best way they can. Mr. Cisneros stated he has discussed with Mr. Acosta doing a tour around the city with Council to show proposed sites and projects.

At 7:15 p.m. Mayor Ortiz called for a RECESS.

At 7:40 p.m. Mayor Ortiz RECONVENED the meeting with all Council Members present.

PUBLIC WORKS – presented by City Engineer Michael Ackerman

Goals:

Transportation: Maintain the safe use of public spaces and right-of-way, enhance the attractiveness, cleanliness, and utility of the City and public right-of-way, and pursue grant opportunities for public improvements.

Building Facilities: Create and maintain aesthetically pleasing, functional, and sustainable facilities, pursue energy efficient Green Building practices and systems, design, build, and renovate facilities to meet and exceed intended uses (evaluate roofing repairs of City buildings (Salt Lake Recreation Center, Public Works buildings at 6900 Bissell street, courthouse as an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and United Pacific Waste (UPW) lease and other uses in former courthouse)), implement design, project management, construction management and maintenance standards and best management practices.

Park Maintenance: Enhance attractiveness and utility of Parks and Recreation facilities (maintain and enhance landscape, hardscape, and facilities for the beneficial use of the public. Salt Lake Park – evaluate the following: rehabilitation of the building, wading pool/splash pad, and amenities, rehabilitation of two parking lots on Bissell and evaluate the replacement of outdoor court lighting with Led lights), employ design, operating standards, and best management practices to improve cleanliness (abate graffiti within 24 hours of notification, illegal dumping-foster a culture of cleanliness through education on the hazard and cost of illegal dumping, enforce local law and ordinances, collaboration and partnerships with residents and business owners).

Water, Stormwater, and Utilities Division: Water purveyance (prepare a Water Financial Analysis, CIP improvements, Regulatory Requirements evaluate water rights (leasing vs. purchase vs. reduction of use) prepare the Urban Water Management Plan, Well 17 and 15 (15 awaiting permit approval, 17 applying for DAC grant with WRD)), Central Basin Municipal Water District/Water Replenishment District (actively participate in Groundwater Pumpers' Association, use and evaluate recycled water opportunities (possible extension to include along Pacific Boulevard and medians in city, Perez Park and Marquez HS, possible extension of recycled water line down Randolph in tandem with Well 17)), storm water compliance (develop and implement illicit connection/illicit discharge inspection program, nonstructural BMP program development and implementation, annual reporting and collaboration with LAR UR2 partners).

Engineering: Complete plan checking, permitting, and inspections in a safe, timely and professional manner, coordinate improvements and competing use of the public right-of-way through collaboration, permitting and enforcement to maximize positive outcomes and minimize adverse impacts, uphold the City's high standard of customer service and satisfaction and pursue grants for public and transportation improvements to infrastructure.

Traffic Authority and Parking Task Force: Traffic Authority-installation, removal, modification of traffic control devices per CAMUTCD. Parking Task Force-evaluation of City parking policy including permitted, street, and metered.

Grant and Local Return Management: Coordinate, process, and implement grant programs and coordinate, process, and implement local return programs (Prop A&C, Measure R, Gas Tax, TDA-3).

Regional Programs: Collaborate, coordinate, and facilitate design, funding, and implementation of regional projects (strategic transportation plan, active transportation plan, 710 freeway, Eco-Rapid). Consistently manage the City's capital assets used for transit operations, improve oversight of existing service agreements, assure programs are compliant with regulatory requirements and funding program policies, minimize potential risks and improve coordination with neighboring and regional transit services.

Council Member Amezcua would like to use reflective paint for the curb addresses in the future, with regard to transportation, suggested signage to reroute street sweeping and trash pick-up for operational efficiencies which could result in cost savings of \$100,000-200,000 per year.

Vice Mayor Sanabria explained that the curb addresses were addressed because of public safety issues and were painted at no cost to the residents. If reflective paint was used the residents would have been charged.

Mayor Ortiz noted that the crosswalk lines on Bissell and Gage are hard to see and would like to make them more visible, noting that there has been accidents at this cross walk.

Mr. Ackerman, City Engineer, stated that these crosswalks can be painted in the interim until City is able to install new lighted crosswalk signs. More significant modifications need to go before the Traffic Authority for approval but painting crosswalks can be completed in a week.

Mayor Ortiz would like the splash pad project to be a priority and asked if the City can use CDBG funds and if the City can get reimbursed from State funds.

John Ornelas, Management Advisor advised Council that the process would need to come back to Council after establishing a timeline and that Council has the option to make it a priority and to allocate funds.

Vice Mayor Sanabria directed staff, in the meantime, to cover the planned space for the splash pad and to add a sign notifying the residents that a proposed project is underway.

Council Member Pineda stated that perhaps CDBG funds can be allocated towards the splash pad project.

Council Member Amezcua suggested, with regards to the courthouse, if a tenant makes improvements maybe the City can give them something in exchange like free rent for a fixed time or to maintain part of the courthouse or allow LA Film Industry to list it and make use of it.

Vice Mayor Sanabria suggested after school programs or programs that will benefit the community but would like to see more options for the use of the court house.

Mayor Ortiz asked staff to provide Council with facts and timeline of the parking permit project.

City Manager Cisneros asked Council to provide staff with direction on how to address this issue.

Mayor Ortiz stated more information is needed in order for Council to give direction.

Council Member Amezcua agrees with the information being provided to Council but would also like outreach to the residents before making a decision on ways to manage parking and related solutions before implementation.

Council Member Pineda agreed with Council Member Amezquita and Mayor Ortiz.

Vice Mayor Sanabria wants to see a Capital Improvements Project Plan, at least an idea of things that need to be done, projected cost, projects, and availability of grants.

Mr. Ornelas, Management Advisor informed Council that the 5-Year Pavement Management Plan should have been given to Council for their review noting that it has upcoming plans for streets.

At 8:54 p.m. Council Member Amezquita dismissed himself from the meeting.

FINANCE – presented by Teresa Garcia, Budget Analysis

Goals:

Strategic: Build capacity to support initiatives (economic development & long range investments; leverage of underperforming assets (>\$100 million); capital plan development; and align certain financial policies with priority initiatives).

Financial: Building capacity that comports with financial integrity (apply diligence & consistency to revenue collection i.e. code enforcement, parking; full cost recovery measures; update franchise agreements; and financial policy updates).

Operational: Financial recovery (emergency) plan; maximize technology to mitigate risk & eliminate redundant processes; procurement (parking citations, payroll processing capital asset tally).

POLICE – presented by Chief of Police Cosme Lozano

Goals:

Police Department Policing Goals: Continue to provide quality police service, establish adequate management and supervision (structure, efficiency and liability), establish proper staffing levels (quality service, crime prevention, response times, meet POA MOU conditions and employee wellness), enhance community trust and relations, embrace 21st century policing strategies (community oriented policing philosophy, mutual policing priorities, engaging our community, engaging our business community, special events/national night out, neighborhood improvement program, community police academy, teen police academy, neighborhood block watch program, utilize social media platforms and give out stickers).

Police Department Image: Enhance police department image (invest in police vehicles/advertising/branding), uniform standards and appearance, promote good work by police department, utilize social media/website and utilize local newspapers/magazines.

Police Department Technology: Invest in technology, city wide approach (upgrade servers, add/upgrade hardware and software, improve back-up capability, improve firewall/security (DOJ compliant, compatible with County/State/Federal systems) and invest in a quality IT Service Provider.

Police Department Preparedness: Enhance emergency preparedness, city invest in coordinator, emergency operation center (EOC) and training.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:59 p.m. Mayor Ortiz adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a continued Goal Setting Discussion on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 8: 00 A.M.

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The Special Meeting, of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, Goal Setting Discussion, was called to order at 8:14 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at Raul Perez Memorial Park, 6208 South Alameda Street, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Graciela Ortiz presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Graciela Ortiz; Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria and Council Members Valentin Palos Amezcua (Arrived at 8:24 a.m.), Karina Macias and Jhonny Pineda. CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Edgar Cisneros, City Manager; John Ornelas, Management Advisor; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Sanabria.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

GOAL SETTING DISCUSSION: COUNCIL DISCUSSION

GOAL SETTING DISCUSSION – Continued from March 11, 2016

John Ornelas, Management Advisor, stated this is a good opportunity to discuss goals and timelines that each department is very busy but this is a very important element that forms the basis for future projects and obtaining funding from difference sources. The meeting is for Council to focus on each department's issues and goals and to get Council's ideas on record to establish a framework on what Council is looking forward to doing in the future. Mr. Ornelas suggested timelines for projects such as the splash pad and crosswalks but that these types of projects go through a process before being presented to Council for approval. He suggested immediate goals being within 6 months Council wants to accomplish right away; short-term goals 6 months to 3 years, long-term goals are about 5 years.

Council suggested and provided input for short and long term goals as follows:

City Clerk's Office -

Vice Mayor Sanabria suggested the Public Records Act training be a priority, something in-house, short-term goal 6 months to a year.

Mayor Ortiz would like preparation of the 2017 March elections to be a priority (short-term) and submittal of a Resolution to the Board of Supervisors with regards to the 2022 elections (long-term).

Vice Mayor Sanabria would like the passport acceptance facility explored further with regards to revenue generating options and only be considered if revenue is 3 times the cost of the program.

Mayor Macias would like to see records destruction move forward (long-term) and adding contracts to the City's website (long-term).

Lengthy discussion followed by Council with the outcome being to have contracts readily available on the City's website to show more transparency.

Vice Mayor Sanabria stated that this is long-term should be accomplished within three years.

Mayor Ortiz agreed with Vice Mayor Sanabria.

City Manager Cisneros would like to discuss with City Attorney beforehand to get input and once approved to move forward.

Council Member Amezcuita voiced concern with data capacity (ask City's IT provider) but agrees with going forward once approved and suggested to add Form 460s "Campaign Disclosure Statements" and Form 700 "Statement of Economic Interests" for transparency.

City Clerk Schwartz suggested instead of scanning in the whole contracts to provide a list of contracts/agreements.

Mayor Ortiz agrees with a list and to add date of when it was approved by Council.

City Manager Cisneros agreed, noting it would be less staff time but ultimately it is Council's decision.

Council Member Macias stated it would be a long-term project due to the contracts/agreements currently being updated.

Council Member Pineda agrees with a list being provided and suggested corresponding a link to the agenda as to when they were approved.

Council discussed the City's elections, stand-alone vs. coordinating with the Los Angeles County Registrar Recorder/Elections Division. Council as a whole agree to continue coordinating elections with the County.

Human Resources –

Council Member Pineda would like the update to the Civil Service Rules & Regulations to be a short-term priority.

Council Member Macias agrees with Council Member Pineda, to add Administration Policies and suggested having them done in-house. Ms. Macias recommended bringing back the employee recognition to include volunteers, would like to see it in the budget, and to make this a short-term goal.

Vice Mayor Sanabria agrees with having the Civil Service Rules & Regulations updated in-house and making it a priority. She mentioned to be mindful of the budget and to get creative with regards to the employee recognition and agrees with the succession plan.

Mr. Ornelas, stated that the succession plan involves a policy/plan from each Department Head that would need to be discussed with the City Manager before bringing to Council for approval.

Council Member Amezcuita noted that staff would need the skills to take over when a Department Head is out. He also agreed that the Civil Service Rules & Regulations and Administration Policies can be done in-house, suggested using another city's as the basis.

Mayor Ortiz agrees with employee recognition and it being an immediate short-term goal. Mayor Ortiz recommended recruitments be done at a local level as well as in-house and mentioned getting creative, suggested partnerships including schools.

Council Member Amezcuita suggested gift cards to employees and residents that submit cost savings ideas, the more significant cost savings to increase amount of gift card.

Vice Mayor Sanabria agrees with Council Member Amezcuita's ideas, but with regard to opening it up to the residents, to be mindful of the recognition.

Mr. Ornelas suggested making the Civil Service Rules & Regulations Policy update a long-term goal noting that the policy would need to be reviewed by the employee representatives and the Attorney before being finalized noting it hasn't been updated since 1963.

Mayor Ortiz asked that as a short-term goal, to provide information, a blueprint, to Council as to what the update will encompass and a long-term goal to complete the update.

Council Member Amezcuita agrees with Mayor Ortiz.

Council Member Pineda suggested researching established policy from other cities.

Council Member Amezcuita suggested looking into City of Los Angeles and also suggested having the classification study done now.

Council Member Pineda would like to see the Civil Service Rules & Policies as a long-term goal in order to provide ample time for research.

Council concurred with short-term for providing information and long-term to implement.

Mayor Ortiz would like City Manager and Chief of Police to work on a safety plan making it a priority (immediate goal) as well as recruitment.

Vice Mayor Sanabria stated with regards to recruitments to give priority to the residents of Huntington Park at entry level and perhaps create a policy.

Council Member Amezcuita agrees with the priority of the residents and suggested adding priority at the executive level as well.

Council Member Pineda recommended the succession plan be long-term and to start cross training. He suggested holding an event making "Emergency Preparedness" the main theme and inviting experts to get an idea of what their procedures are.

Chief of Police Lozano mentioned there is a similar event that already takes place.

City Manager Cisneros stated we need to educate staff and suggested establishing a sister city outside the city in case we are impacted by an emergency.

Chief Lozano noted the mutual aid agreement is already in place.

Finance –

Vice Mayor Sanabria wants the Franchise Agreement updated, closing of Southland Steel project making it an immediate short-term goal and establishing an economic/reserve policy.

Mayor Ortiz wants more focus on revenues i.e. code enforcement, taxes, a plan to bring in revenues and make it an immediate short-term goal.

Mr. Ornelas explained that cities collaborate with the Board of Equalization going out to the businesses together which in turn helps filter in revenue.

Council Member Pineda likes the idea, feels coffee shops need to be looked at with regard to charging taxes.

Council Member Macias sees an immediate need to continue the procurement process, pension tax and sales tax revenue. Ms. Macias would like a mid-year budget review to have a policy, feels it should be reviewed every quarter, hold departments accountable making this an immediate to short-term goal.

Mayor Ortiz agrees with immediate to short-term goal but to also hold Council accountable as well and agrees for quarterly reviews by departments.

Council Member Amezcuita recommends continuing competitive bids, franchise agreement with Exxon, add sunset clause to agreements and complete the South Land Steel project.

Vice Mayor Sanabria would like to have one discussion regarding revenue per year aside from the quarterly budget discussions.

Council Member Amezquita agrees.

Mayor Ortiz wants Community Development to provide a presentation at a City Council meeting (short-term).

Vice Mayor Sanabria suggested having budget separate from City Council meetings at a minimum twice a year, once for an overview and once for council discussion before adoption.

Council Member Amezquita agrees.

Mayor Ortiz stated this can be short-term.

Mayor Ortiz called for a **RECESS** at 10:06 a.m.

Meeting **RECONVENED** at 10:23 a.m. with all Council Members present

Parks & Recreation -

Mayor Ortiz would like the baseball and softball fields available for free play and for the baseball and softball adult programs to provide tournaments with trophies to the winners making this a short-term goal.

City Manager Cisneros suggested jerseys, sweat shirts or free play for the next season for the winning team.

Vice Mayor Sanabria agrees and stated this is good community involvement.

Mayor Ortiz feels tournaments are something marketable to the community.

Council Member Pineda recommended adding exercise equipment in Keller Park making this a long-term goal.

Vice Mayor Sanabria agrees and added that grants be looked into to cover the costs.

Council Member Pineda agrees with Vice Mayor Sanabria's comment and suggested to extend the gym room at Salt Lake Park so people can take advantage.

Council Member Amezquita wants to see the bricks being repaired at the parks and to make this a short-term goal and a rendering of future improvements to the community center at Salt Lake Park being a long-term goal. Mr. Amezquita would also like to explore the long-term possibility of relocating the Public Works yard and possibly purchasing homes for more park space.

Vice Mayor Sanabria suggested a list be prepared of the improvements needed to the parks which would help during budget considerations and a master calendar of all events in the city both, immediate to short-term goals. She would like for staff to look into grants that could help defray costs (long-term) and with regard to Department of Water and Power (DWP) lots possibly looking into extending park area.

Council Member Pineda agrees with DWP lots being a priority.

Vice Mayor Sanabria added that a strategic plan should be developed on proposed plans regarding parks.

Council Member Pineda agrees and added to make this a priority.

Council Member Macias suggested making the splash pad a priority. Suggested Woodcraft Rangers at Freedom Park (immediate, short-term goal) and have police cadets in parks, (short-term) and would like staff to look into the possibilities of using a privately-owned pool which was formerly the YMCA.

Vice Mayor Sanabria directed staff to put a sign in the area of the proposed site for the splash pad notifying residents that something is forth coming. She agrees with the Woodcraft Rangers at Freedom Park.

Council Member Amezquita would like staff to look into the possibility of DWP paying to build an extension of the park and/or possibly a dog park.

City Manager Cisneros commented on capital improvements projects noting to Council to let staff know what they feel is important.

Vice Mayor Sanabria would like to make the splash pad a priority and a list prepared of capital improvements projects.

Mayor Ortiz stated with regard to parks her priority is the splash pad and programs and noted minor repairs can be done by the city and to make maintenance and programs a priority.

Council Member Amezquita agrees with parks being maintained and suggested to ask surrounding cities to help with such funding since their residents use City of Huntington Park parks. He asked that the bathrooms be maintained and cleaned several times every day especially on weekends.

Council Member Pineda, with regard to plaques being placed at Salt Lake Park he suggested Council go out and solicit donations.

Council Member Amezquita would like to see a rededication of Keller Park, a botanical garden using recycled water, a water fountain, put new plants, native plants and making this a long-term goal.

Mayor Ortiz stated at this time we need to focus on immediate priorities.

Vice Mayor Sanabria feels that maintenance of parks is a priority.

Mr. Ornelas stated that all these are good ideas some real achievable, short term and some are longer term and cost monies but this is what this discussion is all about. Ultimate goals are planning, master plans, park plan a park master plan this could possibly be a document that embraces everything that's being discussed. There are things that should be done on a daily basis. The bigger goal is master planning.

Vice Mayor Sanabria feels that focusing on maintenance for parks should be part of goals.

Council Member Amezquita again suggested looking for funding from other cities especially for Salt Lake Park.

Mayor Ortiz also agreed with asking the surrounding cities noting other residents other than Huntington Park's use the parks. Ms. Ortiz agrees with a master calendar making it a short-term goal.

Vice Mayor Sanabria suggested adding more partnerships to help with things that need to be done.

Council Member Pineda suggested staff look for grants, maybe obtaining a grant writer, wants to start looking into that direction.

Council Member Macias suggested focusing on parks and grants, focus on maintenance to parks making this an immediate, short-term goal.

Community Development -

Vice Mayor Sanabria reiterated closing South Land Steel project, likes idea of top 25 business luncheon, tour around the city, and that the ICSC conference will bring in businesses.

Mayor Ortiz, with regards to businesses, create a list making this a short-term goal, reiterated making sure revenue is targeted.

Council Member Macias would like a 6 month update on code enforcement.

City Manager Cisneros mentioned that code enforcement can be a touchy subject given the nature of the enforcement program.

Vice Mayor Sanabria suggested Community Development provide Council with a presentation on developments and what the goals are and where they are at with regards to programs and projects.

Council Member Macias agreed and reiterated the update by code enforcement making these short-term goals. She would like to see Costco come into the city (immediate) and suggested at the ICSC Conference, using the Planning Commission to do outreach to the businesses.

Mr. Ornelas acknowledged that Council emphasizes on the need to bring in businesses suggested looking into culture when bringing in businesses, which happens within the department and noted that code enforcement can be used as a tool to bring in businesses.

Council Member Amezcua agreed with Community Development to be collaborative. Would like to see Costco and South Land steel project as short-term goals. Reiterated his suggestion to bring in different businesses, glad to see Smart & Final coming into the City, wants to see higher end markets come in. He wants to see light rail come to city, feels it will bring in synergy and mix used development and to make this a mid to long-term goal.

Council Member Pineda agreed and gave direction to City Manager Cisneros to reach out to different restaurant franchises, find out which Council and the residents want.

Vice Mayor Sanabria wants to see various businesses come in to make the city diversified.

Mayor Ortiz suggested Chili's, Olive Garden, Buffalo Wild Wings, more family restaurants.

Council Member Macias suggested highlighting what the city already has i.e. Ray's BBQ, Nina's Café etc.

Vice Mayor Sanabria suggested inviting new businesses that want to open in the city to the Council meetings to introduce themselves.

Mayor Ortiz directed City Manager Cisneros to bring back to Council an update on the Commissions and suggested promoting a business each month.

Public Works -

Vice Mayor Sanabria stated the Capital Improvements Projects Plan (CIP) is needed so it can be reviewed during budget consideration and review of the courthouse with options of revenue generating avenues, this being a long-term goal.

Council Member Pineda feels that streets improvements are a priority and wants to see more outreach to the community regarding illegal dumping.

City Clerk Schwartz suggested information be provided with regards to city events and agenda packet, in binders at the local library. Council liked the idea.

Council Member Pineda wants staff to determine which streets are priority and that people need to see city trucks and employees more visible.

Mayor Ortiz wants repair and maintenance of sidewalks to be an immediate short-term goal, prioritize safety, repair right-of-ways, and repair sidewalks at Freedom Park.

Council Member Macias agrees noting minor traffic issues i.e. crosswalks needed at Salt Lake to make this an immediate, short-term goal, with regards to transportation, modify and improve and making this an immediate and short-term goal.

Council Member Amezquita to make signs and place on Pacific Boulevard making the people aware of the downtown revitalization project, with regard to Well 17 and the study, follow-up with counterpart at Central Basin making this a long-term goal. He would like signage rerouting street sweeping and trash pick-up which would result in efficiency i.e. cost savings by the service providers; making this a short to mid-term goal and wants the parking issue looked into.

Police –

Vice Mayor Sanabria asked to bring back the Neighborhood Watch program and asked for a plan/list of what PD needs, making these short-term goals.

Mayor Ortiz wants to see the Cadet program extended, making this a short-term goal and to look into obtaining a School Resource Officer, making this a long-term goal.

Vice Mayor Sanabria commended PD for the efforts on being open to the community, would like to see town hall meetings with PD, making this a long-term goal.

Council Member Macias agreed and commended PD for bringing back policing, addressing quality of life among the residents, safety to businesses and working within budget. Ms. Macias recommended making technology an immediate short-term goal.

Vice Mayor Sanabria asked to bring back substations along HP strip and on Pacific Boulevard and making this a long-term goal.

Council Member Amezquita asked PD to continue policing and to reach out to residents and get to know community, making this a long-term goal and asked PD to work with HR and Finance regarding how monies can be saved regarding current and retired employee benefits.

Council Member Pineda suggested staying within budget in every single department.

Chief of Police Lozano responded stating his philosophy within the Police Department is to encourage engagement with the community, he takes time to be in attendance at meetings and wants to get his officers involved with the community, PD has reestablished the following programs: a block watch program (PD offers to go to the neighborhoods to help them organize themselves as a block watch group), community policing academy, and police cadet program. Chief Lozano likes the idea of a school resource officer and noted the quality of service that PD provides, there has been reductions in major divisions and moving forward if it is proposed to reduce within the department then what needs to be looked at is what services would be minimized and at what level service would be provided. Chief Lozano ended by expressing his appreciation of Council's support.

Council Member Macias suggested looking into the courthouse as an EOC, making this a long-term goal and looking into safety and emergency responses for employees, making these short-term goals.

Vice Mayor Sanabria would like to see a presentation on the status of the Neighborhood Watch program at a future Council meeting and would like Chief Lozano to make more presentations at ceremonial events.

Closing Remarks

City Manager Cisneros acknowledged Mr. Ornelas, Ms. Mazyck, Ms. Crum, Department Heads, staff and the behind the scenes staff for all their support.

Mayor Ortiz thanked Mr. Ornelas and all for working as a team and attending the workshop discussion.

Mr. Ornelas, Management Advisor, stated a final product will be forthcoming and suggested having another workshop next May.

Council Member Amezquita suggested a retreat each quarter. He commended Mr. Ornelas, City Manager Cisneros and executive team for all their support and time towards this workshop discussion.

Vice Mayor Sanabria thanked everyone, appreciates the opportunity to interact and provide direction to staff and thanked her colleagues.

Council Member Macias thanked staff and her colleagues for coming in on the weekend and for all their support. Ms. Macias thanked Mr. Ornelas for his service and everyone as well, noted all the good ideas and to continue to work as a team.

Council Member Pineda thanked everyone for all their support, noted there's a better understanding that will help make decisions.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:44 p.m. Mayor Ortiz adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk