

Final Minutes Approved April 19, 2016

Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, March 15, 2016

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, March 15, 2016, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Graciela Ortiz presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mayor Graciela Ortiz; Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria and Council Members Valentin Palos Amezcuita and Karina Macias. CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Edgar Cisneros, City Manager; Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation; Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager; Michael Ackerman, City Engineer; Martha Castillo, Human Resources Director and Jessie Gomez, Junior Deputy City Clerk.

ABSENT: Council Member Jhonny Pineda

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Monserrath Bucio, 1<sup>st</sup> grade student at Miles Elementary School.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Mayor Ortiz.

**PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council presented a Proclamation to Sandra Orozco for "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month."

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Teresa Ramirez, Juanita Barrios, Eva Cano, Maria Barrera, Sergio Ortega, Gloria Enciso, Hirlanda Duarte and city residents, commented on the dial-a-ride program, reduced trips and fee increase.
2. Yvonne Correa and Sandra Orozco, voiced concerns on marijuana dispensaries and dial-a-ride service.

Mayor Ortiz asked City Manager Edgar Cisneros to present a brief response to the dial-a-ride program changes. Mr. Cisneros presented a PowerPoint Presentation in response to trip and area reduction along with the fee increase.

4. Leticia Martinez, Chamber of Commerce CEO, introduced Humberto Lopez, Southeast Cities Relay for Life Event Chair and explained the Relay for Life event that will be held on June 25, 2016.
5. Jessica Iniguez and Rocio Trujillo, South East Community Alliance, spoke in regards to underage drinking prevention.
6. Carolyn Denise Barlage, commented on marijuana dispensaries and agenda item #3.
7. Vicky Herrera, commented on marijuana dispensaries and mentioned the city being a Grade A Smoke-Free city.
8. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on combi services, marijuana dispensaries and tree trimming.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)**

At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Ortiz called for a **RECESS**.

At 7:10 p.m. Mayor Ortiz **RECONVENED** the meeting with all Council Members present with the exception of Council Member Pineda ABSENT.

9. Nick Ioannidis, commented on his life in the city.
10. Dr. Newman, We the People Rising, read a bible verse and addressed diversity.
11. Francisco Torres, League of United Latin American Citizens, congratulated Sandra Orozco and Hilda Estrada, and addressed marijuana permits, bus transportation and dial-a-ride services.
12. Arthur Schaper, mentioned recall papers served, commented on racist comments, acknowledged Nick Ioannidis, and commented on illegal appointments
13. Jesse Sanchez, Patients Association, commended city for Medical Marijuana subject, and provided the city with resource information.
14. Jacob Dunn, Executive Director for Sow Eden Organics, spoke in support of medical marijuana dispensaries and explained the use of marijuana and how it benefits those who have seizures.
15. George Franco, and Betty Retama, Residents, asked Council to place medical marijuana on a ballot and questioned the school crosswalk concern.

At 7:33 p.m. Vice Mayor Sanabria left her seat and returned at 7:55 p.m.

16. Vaughn Becht, spoke about Thomas Jefferson.
17. Robin Hvidston, voiced opposition in regards to the Marijuana dispensaries, honored and read a quote from Nick.
18. Betty Robinson, Raul Rodriguez and Wes Parker, addressed racist remarks, commented on marijuana dispensaries, and commission appointments.
19. Darrell Robinson, acknowledged Nick Ioannidis.
20. Janet West, commented on the Brown Act, asked Council to follow the Brown and Maddy Acts, requested they use English since she is unable to use headphones, commented on services, and requested that Resolution No. 2015-19 be repealed.
21. Valentin Amezcuita, quoted a phrase from MLK, commented on the Goal Setting retreat, addressed the reason for not voting for the dial-a-ride reduction and spoke in opposition to marijuana dispensaries.

## **STAFF RESPONSE**

Chief of Police Lozano responded to the comment regarding the schools parking Assessment, explained the 3 phase plan in process and an upcoming community meeting in the near future to present a plan. City Engineer Ackerman added that the city has met with HP Elementary, Aspire and Nimitz to obtain suggestions, stating that improvements will be implemented to mitigate traffic and pedestrian congestion.

Chief Lozano provided an update on the current illegal dispensary case noting that case went before the judge in which judge ordered both parties to engage in conference to resolve the matter outside of court, a follow up court hearing is scheduled for April 5, 2016.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:11 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION (continued)**

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
(Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2)) - One matter

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

City of Huntington Park v. Santa Coronado  
L.A.S.C case number BC564026

3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR - Regarding Represented  
Employees

(Government Code Section 54957.6(a))  
City’s Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Edgar Cisneros, City  
Manager  
Employee Organization: Police Officers Association

At 8:37 p.m. Mayor Ortiz reconvened to open session. All Council Members present with  
the exception of Council Member Pineda ABSENT.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced closed session item 1 was not discussed,  
item  
2 direction given no action taken and item 3 no action taken therefore nothing to report.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion:** Council Member Macias motioned to approve consent calendar items,  
seconded  
by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 3-1-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

1. **Approved Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):**

1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, February 16, 2016

1-2 Special City Council Meeting held Tuesday, March 1, 2016

**CITY MANAGER**

2. Adopted Ordinances Nos. 2016-945 and 2016-946, Amending 1) Title 9, Chapter  
3, Article 23, 2) Section 9-4.302, 3) Title 4, Chapter 7, Article 19, and 4) Title 3,  
Chapter 1, by Adding Article 24 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code Related  
to Medical Marijuana Cultivation Establishments, Medical Marijuana Dispensaries  
and Marijuana Delivery.

**CITY COUNCIL**

3. Adopted Resolution No. 2016-08, in Support of “No Place Like Home” Initiative to  
Prevent and Address Homelessness in our Local Communities.

**FINANCE**

4. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated March 1 and March 15, 2016

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**5. Council Appointments to Youth Commission**

**Motion:** Council Member Amezquita - appointed Andrea Calderon and Nely Perez to the Youth Commission to serve two year terms ending March 2017.

**6. Reappointment of City Council Members to Various Agencies and/or Organizations and Adoption of Resolution Reappointing Representatives to the HUB Cities Consortium**

City Manager Cisneros announced a correction to the stipend amount being \$100 and any Council Member can be appointed as a Delegate.

**Motion:** Mayor Ortiz moved to reappoint Council Member Macias as the Alternate to the Central Basin Water Association, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**Motion:** Council Member Amezquita motioned to nominate Macias as Delegate to the Eco-Rapid Transit and to keep Amezquita as the Alternate, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Sanabria moved to appoint Council Member Macias to the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**Motion:** Mayor Ortiz moved to appoint herself as Member and Vice Mayor Sanabria as Alternate to the HUB Cities Consortium and adopt Resolution No. 2016-07, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**Motion:** Mayor Ortiz moved to appoint Council Member Macias as Member and Vice Mayor Sanabria as Alternate to the I-710 Project Committee, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 6 (continued)**

ROLL CALL:

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

**POLICE**

**7. Approve Request to Purchase Two Police Department Investigations Division Police Vehicles and Supplementary Equipment**

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Sanabria moved to approve the request to purchase and equip two new Police Department vehicles from Ford Motor Company, specifically South Bay Ford in Hawthorne, CA, authorize additional budget appropriation of \$94,970.60 from the supplemental Frontline Law Enforcement Fund, Account 122-7010-421.74-10 and authorized the Chief of Police to purchase the vehicles and associated equipment seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**8. Approve Request to Purchase Two Police Department Patrol Operations Division Police Vehicles and Supplementary Equipment**

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Sanabria moved to approve the request to purchase and equip two new Police Department Patrol Services Division police vehicles from the Ford Motor Company, specifically South Bay Ford in Hawthorne, CA, authorize the Chief of Police to purchase the vehicles and associated equipment, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**9. Consideration and Approval of an Activities in Public Places Permit & Fee Waiver Request for the American Cancer Society**

**Motion:** Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the activity in Public Places Permit for the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" Event, scheduled for June 24-26, 2016 on the Salt Lake Park baseball diamonds, and approved the facility fee waiver for the event, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**REGULAR AGENDA (continued)**

**10. Consideration and Approval of an Activities in Public Places Permit for the Abandoned Children of Nicaragua, Central American Foundation**

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Sanabria approve the activity in Public Places Permit for the use of the Salt Lake Park Baseball Diamonds on May 21, 2016, for the Children of Nicaragua, Central American Foundations annual fundraiser event, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**11. Concession Stand at Keller Park**

**Motion:** Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the demolition of the concession stand at Keller Park, seconded by: Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**END OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**12. Hearing of the City of Huntington Park’s Housing and Community Development Needs in Preparation of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan**

Mayor Ortiz opened up the item for public comment hearing none, declared public comments closed

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve a public hearing, considered public testimony and staff’s analysis and received and filed the City’s Housing and Community

Development needs in preparation of the FY 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan, seconded by: Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**PUBLIC HEARING Continued)**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (continued)**

- 13. Zoning Ordinance Amendment; Development Permit 2016-02; and the Adoption of an Associated Negative Declaration Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Case No. 2016-01, for Property Located at 5400 Pacific Boulevard**

**Public Comment**

Mayor Ortiz opened up the item for public comment hearing none, declared public comments closed

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to conduct a public hearing, consider public testimony and staff's analysis, waive further reading, and introduce Ordinance No. 2016-947, amending Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 3 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code relating to allowed land uses, schedule the second reading and adoption of the Ordinance for April 5, 2016 and approve a Development Permit for a change of use and tenant improvements to an existing 6,000 square foot building; and adopt an associated Negative Declaration under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for property located at 5400 Pacific Boulevard, seconded by: Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (information only)**

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita – expressed his concerns in regards to the marijuana ordinance adding that he would have preferred this to be placed on a ballot, commented on the dial-a-ride passenger rides and recommended to include a fixed year lease for the Concession Stand at Keller Park Request for Proposal. Suggested to avoid any discretionary expenditures to avoid layoffs. Thanked staff and everyone in attendance.

Council Member Karina Macias - thanked staff and the City Manager for the productive workshop, reiterated her comment regarding those individuals from outside the city are racist adding that she will continue to speak Spanish to the city residents, addressed Council Member Amezcuita for condoning individuals behavior, commented on how well all Council Members were working as a group at the workshop.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda - ABSENT

Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria – thanked staff for a fruitful workshop, commented on Council Member Amezcuita's comments in regards to the Budget, requested that Mr. Amezcuita come prepared to each City Council Meeting, to stop misleading the community, assured all present that all decisions she makes are not taken lightly, she is here to move the community forward. Encouraged the public to sign up for both the C.E.R.T. program and the bulky item program.

### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (continued)**

Mayor Graciela Ortiz – thanked staff for the hard work on the goal setting workshop and for staying late. Respectfully asked Council Member Amezcuita to watch his words, and informed him that the community would appreciate seeing him in more community events, spoke in regards to the current illegal dispensaries in the City, mentioned that the Police Department will have more control and access once the Ordinance is in effect, encouraged the residents to contact City Hall to obtain additional Dial a Ride services and closed by adding that she has been receiving positive comments and feedback from City Residents regarding the HP Express bus services and closed by thanking her colleagues who were in Support.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:17 p.m. Mayor Ortiz adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Yesenia "Jessie" Gomez, Junior Deputy City Clerk