

MINUTES
Special Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Sergeant at Arms read the Rules of Decorum at the beginning of the Successor Agency to the Community Development Commission of the City of Huntington Park meeting.

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:08 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Graciela Ortiz presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Members Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Jhonny Pineda, Karina Macias, Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria and Mayor Graciela Ortiz. CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Edgar Cisneros City Manager; Noel Tapia, Assistant City Attorney; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director; Fernanda Palacios, Project Manager; Michael Ackerman, Acting Public Works Director/City Engineer, Martha Castillo, Human Resources Director and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

Mayor Ortiz added the Invocation and proceeded to give the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Ortiz suggested moving “Presentations and Announcements” after “Public Comment” in order to allow time for recipients of certificates to arrive.

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to move “Presentations and Announcements” after “Public Comment,” seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on paying taxes and the city asking him to clean the city, he noted trash in the streets and trees not being trimmed, and the city having high taxes.
2. Sandra Orozco, questioned the special meeting agenda, recognized the Interim Finance Director on a job well done, commented on closed session item regarding H.P. Tow and wants more transparency, commented on item 2 and the RFP process.
3. HP Resident – Sandra, commented on needing more police officers in the city due to retirements, mentioned loud music and noisy mufflers in the area where she lives, feels more dispatchers, parking enforcement officers and records clerks are needed, and asked to remove marijuana dispensaries.

Mayor Ortiz asked staff to respond to the public comments.

Assistant City Attorney Noel Tapia explained that under the Brown Act it allows cities to consider a narrow list of items to be discussed in closed session including existing litigation, if open to the public, it would compromise the city’s position.

City Manager Cisneros clarified the comment regarding marijuana dispensaries in the City stating there are currently no marijuana dispensaries in the City of Huntington Park.

Council Member Pineda clarified that his invitations to residents are to encourage them to volunteer with city events.

Chief of Police Lozano explained the comment regarding not enough dispatchers etc. Chief stated that the department is struggling with staffing levels and would like to double the positions but due to resources it is not possible.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition" to Community Police Academy (Spanish Class) Graduates

Continued to the June 21, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting - Announcement of Youth Employment Participants

Continued to the June 21, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting - Presentation by Bennett Landscaping on Landscaping Improvements

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:49 p.m. Assistant City Attorney Tapia recessed to closed session.

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

H.P. Automotive and Tow, Inc. v. City of Huntington Park, et al.
L.A.S.C No. BC 621187
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Atenea Reyes v. City of Huntington Park
L.A.S.C No. BC 576659
3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
(Government Code Section 54957.6(a)) - Regarding Represented Employees
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Edgar Cisneros, City
Manager
Employee Organization: Police Officers Association (POA)
4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
(Government Code Section 54957.6(a)) - Regarding Represented Employees
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Edgar Cisneros, City
Manager
Employee Organization: Police Management Association (PMA)

At 7:44 p.m. Mayor Ortiz reconvened to open session. All Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Tapia announced that Council discussed closed session items 1-4, direction was given, no action taken, nothing to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to approve consent calendar, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motioned passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. Approved Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):
 - 1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, May 3, 2016.

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY MANAGER

2. **Approve Second Amendment to Contract Services Agreement with Carl Warren & Company for Third Party Administration Services for General Liability Claims**

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve second amendment to contract services agreement with Carl Warren & Company for third party claims administration services, authorize the Mayor/City Manager to execute the agreement and direct the City Clerk and City Manager to conduct a request for proposals (RFP) for the service consistent with city practices prior to December 31, 2016, seconded by Council Member Amezquita. Motioned passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

3. **Approve Affordable Housing Agreement with Old Timers Housing Development Corporation**

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve an Affordable Housing Agreement with Oldtimers Housing Development Corporation to provide a total of \$295,400 in Federal HOME funds to complete improvements at property located at 6303 Marconi Street and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and all attachments incorporated herein as part of the agreement (i.e. Promissory Note, Deed of Trust, Regulatory Agreement) seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

4. Resolution Authorizing the City to Apply for a Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2016-25, authorizing the City to submit an application for a Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to facilitate the development of a potential commercial project and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related Section 108 Loan, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motioned passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC WORKS

5. Huntington Park Strip Traffic Concerns - DISCUSSION ONLY -

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:23 p.m. Mayor Ortiz adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk