

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, July 5, 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, July 5, 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; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director; Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager; Martha Castillo, Human Resources Director; Christina Dixon, Staff Analyst; Annie Ruiz, Accounting Manager, and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk. ABSENT: Michael Ackerman, Acting Public Works Director/City Engineer.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mayor Ortiz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Jimenez, State Street Elementary School

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to Kevin Jimenez for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Detective Rick Curiel presented the City of Huntington Park's Police Departments K9 "Kilo."

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. DeAnn D'Lean, We the People Rising, spoke in regards to the Brown Act, commented on the word racist, asked Council to stop using the word and remarked she is not racist.
2. Ruth Avila, commented on the speeding of vehicles on Cudahy Street and people dumping their cars.
3. Jorge Sepulveda, business owner, concerned with crimes increasing in the City, businesses are victims, would like patrol cars and officers on bikes to drive by, noted those who ride bikes on sidewalks and asked Council to support local business owners.
4. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on people's rights, 4th of July event, parking being an issue, illegal fireworks in the City, and review of the City's monies.
5. Nick Ioannidis, commented on his life and issues he's had in the City, spoke in opposition to City Attorney and supports legal immigrants.
6. Betty Retama, concerned with how the City has changed over years she's lived here, spoke in opposition to Council, commented on sign-in procedure at City Hall, and two "illegals."
7. Betty Robinson, We the People Rising, urged Council to remove the two immigrants from the commissions, commented on sanctuary policies and encouraged the public to get in touch with their Senators to get pass the sanctuary bills.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)

At 6:39 p.m. Vice Mayor Sanabria left the chambers.

8. Mike McCoy, We the People Rising, commented on the word racist and asked to stop sanctuary cities and illegal immigration, and closed with noting his views about the City.
9. Vaughn Becht, We the People Rising, quoted Alexander Hamilton, and acknowledged victims that were killed by undocumented immigrants.
10. Wes Parker, We the People Rising, commented on the Orlando shooting, Saudi Arabia, noted political issues, and spoke in opposition to Council.
11. Robin Hvidston, We the People Rising, noted American citizens killed by undocumented immigrants, spoke about the Stanley Law, commented on the word racist, acknowledged the passing of deputies, asked to respect and enforce the laws, and asked to remove the two appointed commissioners.
12. Raul Rodriguez Jr., America First Latinos, We the People Rising, quoted Theodore Roosevelt, spoke about the American flag, loyalty to American people, commented on racist remarks, spoke in opposition to Council, and undocumented immigrants.

At 6:52 p.m. Vice Mayor Sanabria reentered the chambers.

13. Arthur Schaper, We the People Rising, commented on Vice Mayor Sanabria leaving the chambers, spoke in opposition to Council and decisions that have been made, noted crime rates, names various issues that he believes have occurred, noted the two appointees, and offered a prayer.
14. Chanel Temple, We the People Rising, spoke in regards to comments of racism, upset that she lost her job because she didn't speak Spanish, feels she is unemployed because of that, noted crime, spoke in opposition to Council, those who receive free education and commented on the immigrant appointees.
15. Valentin Amezquita, commented on cars running through stop signs, parking issues at Mr. Ioannidis business, suggested a museum to host Mr. Ioannidis, commented on racism, and noted his no vote on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries.

STAFF RESPONSE

Mayor Ortiz requested Chief Lozano follow-up with Ms. Avila regarding the crime issue on Cudahy Street.

City Attorney Alvarez clarified the training an elected official must go through regarding the Brown Act.

Chief Lozano explained that crime rates on the Huntington Park strip are one of the lower areas in the City.

Vice Mayor Sanabria explained that the City is looking into bringing in businesses.

Council Member Pineda noted he will not change his decision of his two appointments.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:08 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session and announced item 2 would not be discussed at this time.

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.

2. 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)

At 7:32 p.m. Mayor Ortiz reconvened to open session. All Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve consent calendar, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

- AYES: Council Member(s): Macias, Pineda, Vice Mayor Sanabria and
Mayor Ortiz
NOES: 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, June 21, 2016; and

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated July 5, 2016.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

3. **Approve Contract Services Agreement with Joel Gordillo for Media Technician Services**

Motion: Council Member Pineda motioned to approve contract services with Joel Gordillo for media technician services and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, seconded by Council Member Amezquita.

Substitute Motion: Council Member Macias substitute motioned to approve contract services with Joel Gordillo for media technician services *changing the term to a 3 year term with not automatic renewal and to come back to Council for approval*, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. 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. **Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternates for the League of California Cities Annual Conference, October 5-7, 2016, Long Beach, California**

Motion: Council Member Macias motion to appoint *Vice Mayor Sanabria as the Delegate* and *Council Members Pineda and Macias as the Alternates*, to represent the City at the 2016 League of California Cities Annual Conference business meeting, seconded _____ by Vice Mayor Sanabria. 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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

5. Discussion of Huntington Plaza Apartments (formerly known as Rugby Plaza Senior Housing) Development

- DISCUSSION ONLY -

Council Member Amezquita requested the attachment to the staff report be forwarded to Council.

Mayor Ortiz directed staff to ensure that only Seniors are living at the apartments.

PARKS AND RECREATION

6. Authorization to Appropriate Funds within the Arts and Public Places Budget to the Supplies & Expense Account

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve the request to increase the Appropriation of \$30,000 from the Art In Public Places account #232-0000-101.10-00 to the Supplies & Expense account, #232-6010-419.61-20 in the FY 2016-2017 Budget for City Hall Holiday Tree Decorations and Pacific Boulevard Christmas Decoration set up/tear down and authorize the Finance Department to make the appropriate modification to the Budget, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezquita, Macias, Vice Mayor Sanabria and Mayor Ortiz

NOES: Council Member(s): Pineda

POLICE

7. Approve Resolution Establishing a Police Department Records Retention Schedule (Policy) for the Retention and Disposition of Records

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2016-28, Establishing a Police Department Records Retention Schedule (Policy), Authorizing the Retention and Disposition of Records Pursuant to the California State Archives Records Retention Guidelines, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. 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

PUBLIC WORKS

8. Approve Ratification of Expenditures and Appropriations for FY 15/16

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Ratification of appropriation of \$183,065 into account 220-0250-431.56-43 for FY 2015-16 for fixed route transit service due to increases to level of service;
2. Ratification of appropriation of \$14,207 into account 111-8027-431.56-59 for FY 2015-16 for recycling and trash compliance reporting services; and
3. Ratification of appropriation of \$37,515 into account 220-8070-431-56.41 for FY 2015-16 for graffiti removal services due to contract expiration and continued month-to-month interim service

City Manager Cisneros requested the item be continued to the next City Council Meeting.

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve request to continue item to the next City Council Meeting, 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

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

City Manager Cisneros advised the City Council and Council Member Amezcuita that it is not the City's role to get involved in private disputes, with the hopes that Council Member Amezcuita will consider dropping the "parking incident."

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

At 8:40 p.m. Council Member Pineda left the chambers.

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, commented on agenda item 8 and recommended going out for RFP, commented on the parking incident that occurred on Mr. Ioannidis' property, noted his suggestions on helping the residents with regard to parking by looking into the red curbs, and touched on freedom for prosperity.

Council Member Karina Macias, thanked staff for all their support, reminded the public of the City's swimming program, thanked Chief of Police Lozano for the "Meet the Police" program, thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for all the efforts for a successful 4th of July event, commented on the item that was continued, noted Mr. Ioannidis' property is private and that the City cannot get involved in any issues on private property, and again thanked staff and her colleagues.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda, supports helping Seniors in the community, noted the success of the 4th of July event, acknowledged Parks and Recreation for all their efforts, commented on the parking issue and how the City put together a Task Force, noted the Youth program has started, commented on red curbs and their use, suggested Council Members come up with ideas to move City forward and bring in more revenue.

Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria, acknowledged Chief of Police Lozano's effort with the "Meet the Police" program, thanked Parks and Recreation Department for a successful 4th of July event, acknowledged the City's swimming program, commented on

comments made by Council Member Amezquita, acknowledged staff, announced the National Night Out event and encouraged to keep working as a team to make the City great.

Mayor Graciela Ortiz, asked staff to look into getting lighting at the City Yard on Bissell, noted a complaint that the flag wasn't up at the park during 4th of July and asked staff to look into putting an American flag up at the park, thanked Chief of Police for noting the illegal fireworks in the City, commented on HP Express stating she has meet with residents stating they love the service, asked staff to provide brochures to the Seniors at the Senior places, would like to have an update on the fare ratio boxes, reminded the residents that every last Thursday of the month is the "Meet the Chief" at Freedom Park, thanked staff for all their support at the 4th of July event, and announced July 16th is the State of the City Address.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:07 p.m. Mayor Ortiz adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk