

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, July 20, 2021

The City Council conducted this meeting in accordance with California Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 and N-29-20.

The Rules of Decorum were played prior to the start of the Regular Meeting.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Graciela Ortiz presiding.

PRESENT: Council Member(s): Manuel "Manny" Avila, Marilyn Sanabria, Karina Macias, Vice-Mayor, Eduardo "Eddie" Martinez and Mayor Graciela Ortiz.

CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Ricardo Reyes, City Manager; Cesar Roldan, Director of Public Works; Raul Alvarez, Assistant City Manager; Araceli Almazan, Legal; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development/Acting City Clerk; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Nita McKay, Director of Finance & Administrative Services ABSENT: Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks & Recreation

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Council Member Macias

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Sanabria

PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director Cesar Roldan presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Water Well Systems.

Council presented a proclamation to Parks and Recreation staff, proclaiming "July 2021 as National Parks and Recreation Month", in the City of Huntington Park.

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition," to Officer Hassan Saleh and Officer Aaron Nevels for their pro-active policing efforts and commitment to keeping the community safe.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Baldomero Capis questioned why Council supports big corporations like Curacao and asked for explanation on how Council will work with Target.

Jonat, commented on the homelessness issue at 58th street.

Aurora Acosta commented on a rent increase notice she received and asked if it was appropriate due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

STAFF RESPONSE

Mayor Ortiz asked Chief of Police Cosme Lozano to reach out to resident with comment about 58th street.

Council Member Sanabria thanked Public Works for their efforts to keep the alley at 58th street clean.

Community Development Director Sergio Infanzon informed the public about the workshops offered by "Fair Housing Foundation" to offer information about the housing situation and the increments of rents.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Avila, Sanabria, Macias
Vice Mayor Martinez 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 July 6, 2021

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated July 20, 2021
3. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Adopting the City of Huntington Park's Statement of Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL

4. Resolution in Support of City of South Gate Annual Conference Resolution

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve a letter in support of City of South Gate Annual Conference Resolution and resolution, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

CITY MANAGER

5. Consideration and Approval of a Contingent Parking Lease Agreement with GC Huntington Park II, LLC

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Assistant City Manager Raul Alvarez who presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve a Contingent Parking Lease Agreement with GC Huntington Park II, LLC, and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute the final terms of Contingent Parking Lease Agreement seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

FINANCE

- 6. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Fixing the Annual Pension Tax Rate to Pay the City's Pension Obligation Bond Annual Debt Service and a Portion of the Cost of the Public Employees' Retirement System for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve Resolution No. 2021-19, fixing the Rate of Taxes to Pay the Cost of the Public Employees Retirement System for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and Levying Taxes for Said Retirement System to the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

FINANCE

- 7. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Collection of Delinquent Refuse Charges Pursuant to Section 6-2.112 of the City of Huntington Park's Municipal Code (172.54 Refuse Collection Fees)**

Mayor Ortiz opened up public comment.

Public Comment

Loren Namian, commented on notice requirements not being sent to landlords, not being published on the Press Telegram and landlords and tenants unable to pay these fees due to COVID-19

Mayor Ortiz closed public comment.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-20, directing the County Assessor to include delinquent refuse collection fees as a special assessment to be collected at the same time and in the same manner as County taxes (172.54 Refuse Collection Fees), seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

- 8. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Establishing and Ordering the Levy and Collection of the Annual Special Tax for the City off Huntington Park Street Lighting, Parks and Landscaping Special Tax District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Mayor Ortiz opened up public comment, there being none, closed public comment.

Motion: Council Member Avila moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-21 Establishing and Ordering the Levy and Collection of the Annual Special Tax for the City of Huntington

Park Street Lighting, Parks and Landscaping Special Tax District for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

9. Consideration and Adoption of the City of Huntington Park's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan

Mayor Ortiz opened up public comment, there being none, closed public comment.

Motion: Council Member Avila moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan, authorize City Manager to prorate allocations to projects and programs with FY 2021-2022 CDBG and HOME entitlement allocations, authorize City Manager to execute all required documents for transmittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD); and amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget in accordance with the approved Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS – (Information Only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS –

Council Member Manuel “Manny” Avila, no comment made.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria reminded residents of the rent relief workshop that will be held tomorrow at Salt Lake Park from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Council Member Karina Macias thanked staffed and wished everyone a good night.

Vice Mayor Eduardo “Eddie” Martinez thanked staff, and reminded the public to get involved and help to keep our community clean. The Huntington Park App is available to report illegal graffiti and other city issues.

Mayor Graciela Ortiz thanked everyone for attending the meeting and staff for providing services to our residents.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:10 p.m., Mayor Ortiz adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council meeting to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sergio Infanzon
Acting City Clerk