

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Monday, November 3, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 7:11 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2014, in the Council Chamber of City Hall at 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Rosa Perez presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Christopher Medina, 4th grade student at Corona Elementary School.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mayor Perez.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Rosa E. Perez; Vice Mayor Karina Macias and Council Members Ofelia Hernandez, Valentin Palos Amezcuita and Mario Gomez. Other City Officials and employees: Julio Morales, Interim City Manager, Isabel Birrueta, City Attorney, Jorge Cisneros, Chief of Police, Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation, Annie Ruiz, Acting Finance Director, Manuel Acosta, Housing and Community Development Manager, Fernanda Palacios, Project Manager, Donna Schwartz, Interim City Clerk, Genny Ochoa, Recording Secretary.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Not in attendance - Presentation by Mike Montgomery representing VFW Troops.

Council presented a proclamation to Martin Delgado, current Kiwanis Club of Huntington Park Advisor and members of the Huntington Park High School Key Club for “National Key Club Week.”

Council presented a proclamation to Gary Newton, president of Aircraft X-ray Laboratories in celebration of their “75th Anniversary.”

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Andy Molina, Southeast Churches Service Center, invited Council, staff and the community to the Harvest Ball Dinner & Dance Fundraiser to be held on November 11, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

2. Balle Machuca, resident, thanked Council and staff for their help in creating parking in the community.
3. Yvonne Correa, Huntington Park Women's Club, spoke in favor of the request by the Huntington Park Women's Club for issuance of a bingo permit to administer bingo during the City's Senior Program.
4. Leticia Martinez, The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, announced a new program to engage businesses to learn about Police Department progress and create dialogue with Chief of Police Jorge Cisneros. Ms. Martinez invited the public to attend a program breakfast meeting on November 12, 2014.
5. Sandra Orozco, Maywood resident/activist, thanked Council Members Gomez and Amezquita, and Vice Mayor Macias for attending Nick the Greek's National Immigrants Day event and reminded everyone to vote on November 4, 2014.
6. Art Resendez, Wilshire Bank, thanked Council Members for recently attending their 15th anniversary event and for their help and support of local businesses. Mr. Resendez challenged other business owners to get involved in the community.
7. Sandra Cruz asked for Council support of home care workers and their wage negotiations, and thanked Council for their resolution recognizing the importance of care providers.
8. Maria Granero, President of Reynoso's Hit N' Walk, informed Council that because Mr. Alex Reynoso would be on special project for a few months, she would be taking responsibility of all Hit N' Walk programs. Ms. Granero thanked Mr. Alex Reynoso for his years of commitment to the City of Huntington Park.
9. Alex Reynoso, Reynoso's Hit N' Walk, commented on continued issues with marijuana dispensaries. Mr. Reynoso requested assistance to Ricky's Bautizo, 6305 Rita Ave., in obtaining its business license. Mr. Reynoso reminded everyone to vote.
10. George Franco informed Council that a veterans' event would be held at Rio Hondo College on Thursday and Friday. Mr. Franco stated that a parking program should be applied to the entire city. Mr. Franco spoke against the issuance of business licenses to marijuana dispensaries.
11. Rodolfo Cruz, resident, stated 1) that he attended National Immigrants Day event and was sad that not all Council Members attended; 2) visited the new soccer field; and 3) commented on Proposition 13.
12. Nick Ioannidis thanked City Council for their support of National Immigrants Day and presented pens to Council and staff as a reminder of Immigrants Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

13. Rolando Montalvo, resident, asked for assistance in his child custody case. (Chief of Police Cisneros stated that child custody issues were handled by Los Angeles County.)
14. Celedonio Piedras, spoke in support of the Huntington Park Women's Club.
15. Robert Cabrales, resident, expressed appreciation to Cristina Dixon, Staff Analyst, and Mayor Perez in a tree-planting event held on October 4th. Mr. Cabrales expressed concern of reports from neighbors of non-response by the Police Department to calls for police assistance.

STAFF RESPONSE

Parks and Recreation Director Josette Espinosa reported the hours and cost for use of the new soccer field and stated that monies collected would be used for field maintenance.

Chief of Police Cisneros reported that Part I crime was 5 percent below last year's. Chief Cisneros addressed the Police Department's response time for police assistance calls.

City Manager Morales briefly spoke regarding cameras in parking lots and the pension tax.

Interim City Clerk Schwartz provided a brief explanation on public records request.

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Perez recessed to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Matter Involving Potential Litigation and/or Significant Exposure to Litigation – [One (1) potential matter]
2. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(3) – Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Matter Involving Anticipated Litigation/Significant exposure to litigation – [One (1) potential case]
3. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Existing Litigation
Case Name: *City of Huntington Park v. Watanabe, et al.*
Case No. 34-2013-80001678 (Superior Court, County of Sacramento)

At 8:25 p.m., Mayor Perez reconvened to open session. All Council Members were present.

COUNCIL MOVED TO CONSENT CALENDAR AND CONCURRED TO RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION FOR ITEMS 4-9 AFTER COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion was made by Council Member Gomez to approve consent calendar items with amendments to Items 5 and 9, and approve the reading by title of all ordinances and resolutions, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezquita, Hernandez, Gomez, Vice Mayor Macias and Mayor Perez

NOES: Council Member(s): None

CITY CLERK

1. Approved Minutes of the following City Council Meetings:

- 1-1 Special City Council Meeting held Saturday, July 19, 2014
- 1-2 Special City Council Meeting held Monday, July 28, 2014
- 1-3 Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, October 6, 2014

FINANCE

- 2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated November 3, 2014.
- 3. Adopted Resolution No. 2014-47, Adding Senior Discount for Senior Housing and Amending Resolution No. 2014-41, Adopting A Pilot Program for Use of Off-Street Parking Lots in Downtown Area.

CITY MANAGER

- 4. Adopted Resolution No. 2014-43, In Recognition of the Importance of the In-Home Care Provider Workforce and National Family Caregivers for the Month of November.
- 5. Adopted Resolution No. 2014-44, In Recognition of National Immigrants Day.
- 6. Adopted Resolution No. 2014-45, Amending Resolution No. 2014-20, Adopting an Order of Business at City Council Meetings.

CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

7. Adopted Resolution No. 2014-51, adopting an extension and revised Compensation Plan and Personnel Rules for Non-Represented Employees to June 30, 2015; and amended the Vacation Cash-Out in Lieu of Granting Vacation of Article Five, Section II, where the City Manager may grant Vacation Cash-out in lieu of vacation leave time.
8. Adopted Resolution No. 2014-52, Repealing Resolution No. 2010-13, and Adopting New Class Specifications for the Position of City Clerk; and

Adopted Resolution No. 2014-53, Adopting New Class Specifications for the Position of Economic Development Manager; and

Adopted Resolution No. 2014-54, Adopting New Class Specifications for the Position of Project Manager.
9. Adopted Resolution No. 2014-55, Expressing Support for the Study of "Community Alternative 7" Developed by the Coalition for Environmental Health and Justice in Conjunction with Community Stakeholders for the I-710 Corridor Project.

PARKS AND RECREATION

10. Adopted Resolution No. 2014-48, Adopting a Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect Policy and Procedures
11. Received and Filed Report on Use of Funding from Revenue Collected from the Sale of City Surplus Vehicles

POLICE

12. Approved the 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and County of Los Angeles for 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program funding; and

Authorized the City Manager to sign the agreement between the City of Huntington Park and County of Los Angeles; and

Approved the Police Department to purchase equipment and services from 3M to complete this approved project; and

Approved the Police Department to purchase equipment and services from Seahawk Surveillance to complete this project; and

Authorized the Finance Department to issue necessary purchase orders and make payments to facilitate the successful completion of this project.

CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

13. Approved the first amendment to the Food Services Agreement with the County of Los Angeles.

PUBLIC WORKS

14. Adopted Resolution No. 2014-49, Authorizing the Submittal of Application(s) for all CalRecycle Grants for which the City of Huntington Park is Eligible.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 19 and 18 of the Regular Agenda were heard prior to the Public Hearing.

REGULAR AGENDA

19. **Consideration to Reappoint Wally Shidler and Appointment of Edgar Garcia and Guillermo Flores to Serve on the Historical Preservation Commission**

Interim City Manager Morales presented the item and stated that the applicants had agreed to waive compensation for serving on the Commission.

Motion was made by Council Member Gomez to reappoint Wally Shidler to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission for a four-year term ending November 3, 2018; and appoint Edgar Garcia and Guillermo Flores to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission for four-year terms ending November 3, 2018, seconded by Council Member Amezcuita. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezcuita, Hernandez, Gomez, Vice Mayor Macias and Mayor Perez

NOES: Council Member(s): None

18. **Activity in Public Places Permit for the Chamber of Commerce's Annual "Christmas Lane Parade" (S14-25)**

City Attorney Birrueta recommended that staff obtain information and documentation of the Chamber's financial hardship, as required by the Municipal Code, in order for the City to approve the request by the Chamber of Commerce for a fee waiver.

Mayor Perez clarified that the Chamber was asking the City to "contribute" toward the event as a sponsor.

Leticia Martinez, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber was asking for "cooperation" from the City and not a fee waiver.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 18 (continued)

Motion was made by Council Member Gomez to approve an Activity in Public Places Permit request from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual "Christmas Lane Parade" along Pacific Boulevard, between Slauson Avenue and Florence Avenue, on November 22, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., subject to documentation provided by the Chamber disclosing its financial hardship, as required by the Municipal Code, seconded by Council Member Amezcuita. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezcuita, Hernandez, Gomez, Vice Mayor Macias and Mayor Perez

NOES: Council Member(s): None

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

15. Approve Resolution Self-Certifying the City of Huntington Park to be in Conformance with the Los Angeles County Congestion Management Program (CMP) and Adopting the 2014 CMP Local Development Report.

Mayor Perez opened the public hearing and with no one coming forward to speak, declared the public hearing closed.

Interim City Manager Morales presented the report and introduced Community Development Manager Manuel Acosta who gave a brief review of the state-mandated resolution determining the City's conformance with the Los Angeles County Congestion Management Program (CMP).

Motion by Council Member Gomez to Adopt Resolution No. 2014-46, Finding the City of Huntington Park to be in Conformance with the Los Angeles County Congestion Management Program (CMP) and Adopting the 2014 CMP Local Development Report (LDR) in Accordance with California Government Code Section 65089, seconded by Council Member Amezcuita. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezcuita, Hernandez, Gomez, Vice Mayor Macias and Mayor Perez

NOES: Council Member(s): None

REGULAR AGENDA (continued)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

16. Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Nicholas Alexander Setting Terms for the Purchase and Sale of the Southland Steel Site

Interim City Manager Morales reviewed staff's report and stated that the City would receive \$3.2 million for the subject site and would pay for additional clean-up costs.

REGULAR AGENDA (continued)

City Manager Birrueta clarified that the MOU outlined the deal points and was not a binding agreement, which will be considered by both parties at a later time if the terms and conditions are met.

Motion was made by Council Member Gomez to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Nicholas Alexander for the purchase and sale of property located at 5959-6169 Alameda Street, also known as the Southland Steel property and authorized the Interim City Manager to execute the MOU, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezquita, Hernandez, Gomez, Vice Mayor Macias and Mayor Perez

NOES: Council Member(s): None

17. Approve Resolution Award a Contract to Innovative Construction Solutions, Inc. for the Clean-up of a Brownfield Property Located at 5959-6169 South Alameda Street, Huntington Park, California (Southland Steel Site)

Interim City Manager Morales made a brief presentation of the staff report.

Motion was made by Council Member Gomez to Adopt Resolution No. 2014-50, Conditionally Authorizing the City to Enter into a Project Contract with Innovative Construction Solutions, Inc. for the Former Southland Steel Site Remediation Project to clean up contaminated property located at 5959-6169 South Alameda Street, also known as "Southland Steel" property for an amount of \$870,982, which approval will be contingent upon the Department of Finance approving the recordation of a deed of trust on the property, securing payment of the DTSC loan described in the staff report; approved a contingency cost for the project budget in an amount not to exceed 20 percent (\$174,196) of the contract amount, and authorized the City Manager to execute change orders in an amount not to exceed this budget contingency; and authorized the City Manager to execute the contract, seconded by Council Member Amezquita. Motion passed by the following vote:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 19 (continued)

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezquita, Hernandez, Gomez, Vice Mayor Macias and Mayor Perez

NOES: Council Member(s): None

PARKS AND RECREATION

20. Approve Issuance of Bingo Permit to Huntington Park Women's Club

Motion was made by Council Member Gomez, to approve issuance of bingo permit to the Huntington Park Women's Club to administer bingo during the City's Senior Program and consider fee waiver for bingo license and processing fee, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezquita, Hernandez, Gomez, Vice Mayor Macias and Mayor Perez

NOES: Council Member(s): None

21. Approve Use of Public Art Funds for Holiday Decorations

Motion was made by Council Member Gomez, to approve partial funding for business district and holiday decorations from City Art Fund, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezquita, Hernandez, Gomez, Vice Mayor Macias and Mayor Perez

NOES: Council Member(s): None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Gomez reminded everyone to vote (at November 4th election).

Council Member Amezquita reported that lighting remained on at all times at the Salt Lake Park baseball fields. Mr. Amezquita reminded everyone to vote.

Council Member Hernandez reminded everyone to vote.

Vice Mayor Macias thanked staff for their work and those who came to speak at tonight's meeting. Ms. Macias encouraged everyone to vote.

Mayor Perez thanked staff and reminded everyone to vote.

At 9:00 p.m. Mayor Perez recessed to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION (continued)

4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 –
Public Employee Performance Evaluation/Employment
Position Titles: Housing and Community Development Manager,
Redevelopment Project Manager, and City Clerk

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) –
Conference with Labor Negotiator Regarding Represented Employees
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Julio Morales, Interim
City Manager
Employee Organization: Non Represented
5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) –
Conference with Labor Negotiator Regarding Unrepresented Employees
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Julio Morales, Interim
City Manager
Unrepresented employees: Public Works Superintendent
6. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) –
Conference with Labor Negotiator Regarding Represented Employees
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Julio Morales, Interim
City Manager
Employee Organization: General Employees Association, Non
Represented, Police Management Association, Police Officer's Association

CLOSED SESSION (continued)

7. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) –
Public Employee Employment and Appointment
Name of Position Under Consideration: Interim City Manager

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 (a) –
Conference with Labor Negotiator Regarding Unrepresented Employee –
Title of Position Subject to Negotiation: Interim City Manager
City’s Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Isabel Birrueta, City
Attorney, and Julio Morales, Interim City Manager
8. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(1) –
Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Existing Litigation
Case Name: *New Cingular v. City of Alameda, et al.*,
LASC Case No. BC462270
9. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(1) –
Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Matter Involving Potential
Litigation and/or Significant Exposure to Litigation – [One (1) potential
matter]

At 10:30 p.m. Mayor reconvened to open session. All Council Members were present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Birrueta announced that direction was given on all closed session items with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 p.m., Mayor Perez adjourned the meeting to the next Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park City Council on Monday, November 17, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC
Interim City Clerk