

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Monday, March 16, 2015

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington, California was called to order at 6:04 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Rosa Perez presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Rosa E. Perez; Vice Mayor Valentin Palos Amezcuita and Council Members, Mario Gomez and Karina Macias. ABSENT: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez. Other City Officials and employees: John Ornelas, Interim City Manager, Isabel Birrueta, City Attorney, Jorge Cisneros, Chief of Police, Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation, Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director, and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Gomez.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mayor Perez.

Mayor Perez announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Jesus Bueno, father of Assistant City Manager Danny Bueno

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council presented a proclamation "Proclaiming April 2015 as DMV/Donate Life Month" to John Whalen of One Legacy.

Presentations to Outgoing Mayor Rosa E. Perez and Council Members Ofelia Hernandez and Mario Gomez by the following:

Senator Ricardo Lara's Office
City of Pico Rivera, Mayor Pro Tem David Armenta
City of Vernon, Council Members Luz Martinez and Melissa Ybarra
Eco Rapid Transit, Michael Kodama
City of Downey, Mayor Luis Marquez
Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis Office
HUB Cities, Marisol Nieto and Phil Martinez
Huntington Park Kiwanis's Club, Martin Delgado and other club members
40th Assembly District - Assemblywoman Lucille Royball-Allard's Office
Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, Leticia Martinez, CEO, Andy Molina and Board Members

City of Bell Gardens, Mayor Pro Tem Pedro Aceituno
PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

City of Cudahy, Mayor Chris Garcia, and Council Members Baru Sanchez and Christian Markovich
City of Maywood, Mayor Eduardo De La Riva
South East Cities “Relay for Life,” Evelia Castillo-Rodriguez
City of Huntington Park, City Council

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Carlos Pando, resident, thanked the outgoing Council for their service and support.
2. Celina Garcia, resident, commented on the presentations, fees charged by the new trash hauler and requested assistance regarding the bill.

Mayor Perez asked Ms. Garcia to speak to the Interim City Manager.

3. Estela Gomez, resident, thanked the outgoing Council for their service and support, acknowledged the 12 years of service that her husband, outgoing Council Member Gomez, served and wish the best to the newly elected Council.
4. Henry Garcia, resident, congratulated the old and new Council.
5. Sandra Orozco, Maywood resident, announced the month of March being Multiple Sclerosis (MS) awareness month, noted several awards from other Cities she will be receiving recognizing MS, thanked the outgoing Council for their service and support.
6. Juliano Joarquin, Educator UCLA, spoke in regards to Wellness as a whole and invited the public to numerous events they will be hosting.

STAFF RESPONSE

Interim City Manager Ornelas spoke on behalf of staff and thanked the outgoing Council for their professionalism and support.

City Attorney Birrueta thanked the outgoing Council for all their hard work and support.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to approve consent calendar items, seconded by Council Member Gomez. Motion passed 4 to 1 by one motion (Council Member Hernandez ABSENT).

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. Approved Minutes of the following City Council Meeting:

1-1 Special City Council Meeting held Tuesday, February 17, 2015
CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated March 16, 2015

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

3. **Waive further reading and Adopt Resolution Reciting the Facts of the Consolidated General Municipal Election Held on March 3, 2015**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution 2015-12, Reciting the Facts of the Consolidated General Municipal Election Held on March 3, 2015, Declaring the Results and Such Other Matters as Provided By Law.

City Clerk Schwartz presented the item and requested approval of Resolution 2015-12.

Motion: Council Member Gomez motioned to adopt Resolution 2015-12, Reciting the Facts of the Consolidated General Municipal Election Held on March 3, 2015, Declaring the Results and Such Other Matters as Provided By Law, seconded by Vice Mayor Amezcuita. Motion passed 4 to 1 (Council Member Hernandez ABSENT) by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): Hernandez

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Perez opened up Council Comment.

Council Member Gomez bid farewell, thanked all for their support, acknowledged his family, thanked them for all their support and gave friendly and professional advice to the new Council.

Council Member Macias thanked the outgoing Council for having the privilege of serving

with them all and wished them all the best in their endeavors.

COUNCIL COMMENTS (continued)

Vice Mayor Amezquita thanked the outgoing Council for all their hard work, congratulated the new Council, commented on upcoming future projects to increase the quality of life in the City and looks forwards to working with the new Council Members.

Mayor Perez, thanked everyone who went out to vote and those who supported her, noted negativism against her during the campaigns, thanked all City employees, expressed how honored she was in serving as Mayor, congratulated the new Council noting the promises that were made by the new Council during the campaigning.

Mayor Perez closed Council Comment.

At 8:00 p.m. there was a 10-minute recess.

ELECTION PRESENTATION

Presentation of Certificates of Election, Administration of the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and Seating of Council Member(s): Graciela Ortiz, Jhonny I. Pineda and Marilyn Sanabria

City Clerk Schwartz announced the newly elected Council and called up each new Council Member individually who was given the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and presented with a Certificate of Election as follows:

Graciela Ortiz - Oath administered by Kristie Hernandez

Jhonny I. Pineda – Oath administered by retired Senator Gilbert Castillo

Marilyn Sanabria – Oath administered by Efren Martinez

At 8:15 p.m. Vice Mayor Amezquita reconvened the meeting with all Council Members present.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Mayor Valentin Palos Amezquita and Council Members: Karina Macias, Graciela Ortiz, Jhonny I. Pineda and Marilyn Sanabria.

APPOINTMENTS

4. Selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor for a Term of One Year

Motion: Council Member Pineda motioned to nominate Council Member Macias as Mayor, seconded by Council Member Ortiz. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): None

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to nominate Council Member Ortiz for Vice Mayor, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): None

5. Motioned by Mayor Macias to continue to next City Council Meeting. Council concurred - **Appoint of City Council Members to the Following Committees and/or Organizations:**

1. **California Contract Cities Association:**
2. **Central Basin Water Association:**
3. **Gateway Cities Council of Governments:**
4. **HUP Cities Consortium:**
5. **I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee:**
6. **Independent Cities Association:**
7. **Independent Cities Finance Authority:**
8. **Independent Cities Risk Management Authority Governing Board:**
9. **L.A. County Children's Planning Council Service Planning Area 7:**
10. **League of California Cities:**
11. **L.A. County Library District:**
12. **L.A. County Sanitation District No. 1:**
13. **Eco-Rapid Transit (formerly: Orange Line Development Authority):**
14. **Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG):**

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS - None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Amezquita, congratulated the new Council and families stating real work is ahead of us, new projects and working together to help the residents.

Council Member Pineda, thanked all those who attended and for trusting the new council to accomplish things to better the community. He noted he will work hard to represent the City, to balance budget, create development and bring jobs and what's best for the City and welcomes the public to continue to attend the City Council meetings.

Vice Mayor Ortiz, acknowledged her family and thanked all those who supported and encouraged her during the campaigning. She thanked her newly elected colleagues city staff and community leaders.

Council Member Sanabria, thanked all those who took time to be at the swearing in ceremony and thanked family and all those who supported her during the campaigning. Pledge to work with the community, the city and to move the city forward.

Mayor Macias, thanked all those who were in attendance and their support. Acknowledged the new change stating change is good and to embrace the new change. Thanked her family, community, youth, and city staff for all their support.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the meeting in memory of Jesus Bueno, father of Assistant to the City Manager Danny Bueno to a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 6, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC
City Clerk