

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Monday, July 6, 2015

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:09 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2015, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Karina Macias presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Karina Macias; Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz and Council Members, Jhonny Pineda, Marilyn Sanabria and Valentin Palos Amezcua. Other City Officials and employees: John Ornelas, Interim City Manager, Edgar Cisneros, Assistant City Manager, Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney, Cosme Lozano, Interim Chief of Police, Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation, Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director, Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager, Fernanda Palacios, Project Manager and Jessie Gomez, Junior Deputy City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alina Ambriz, student at Wisdom Elementary

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Reverend Troy Perry, Metropolitan Community Church.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to Senior Officer/Detective Joe Settles for his Investigative Work

Senator Lara's Office presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to City of Huntington Park Employees for their Participation in the American Cancer Society's "2015 Southeast Cities Relay for Life" Event.

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Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager, presented City of Huntington Park an "Award of Merit-Urban Design" from the American Planning Association

PUBLIC COMMENT

Esteban Garcia, resident and Eddie Martinez, Founding Board Member of the Latino Equality Alliance, thanked Council for recognizing Reverend Troy Perry.

Juliano Juaquin, Community Educator, invited Council, Staff and the community to a Knock out Diabetes Walk.

Sandra Orozco, Maywood resident, commented on the Dial-A-Ride Program, Alex Reynoso's event, translation services, City Attorney and Interim City Manager, and invited Council to the 12th Annual Limpieza Event

Laura Herrera, former Planning Commission Chair and Rodolfo Cruz, resident, expressed her disappointment in the Planning Commission changes and appointments and concerns on the Dial-A-Ride Program.

Alex Reynoso, resident, thanked Vice Mayor Ortiz, Council Member Amezcua and Senator Lara for their support, and asked Council to approve a fee waiver.

Francisco Rivera, resident, expressed his concerns with pressure washing the sidewalks on Pacific Boulevard.

STAFF RESPONSE

Interim City Manager Ornelas responded to the comment of the Dial-A-Ride program being removed, stating the services are not being cut but have exceeded the budgeted amount due to excessive spending on Dial A Rides behalf. Mayor Macias added that she has reached out to the Company's General Manager, to discuss the current contract so the community will not be misinformed.

Interim City Manager announced that pressure washing will continue through Pacific Blvd.

Interim City Manager stated that the fee waiver policy will be addressed during Regular Agenda.

At 7:12 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

6.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 paragraph (2) of subdivision (d)
Significant exposure to litigation - [one potential matter]

6.2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELEASE - Government Code Section 54957

At 8:02 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened the meeting with all Council Members present with the exception of Council Member Amezcuita.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced Council discussed closed session items 1 and 2, direction given no action taken.

At 8:04 p.m. Council Member Amezcuita reentered the Council Chambers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Interim City Manager Ornelas pulled Consent Calendar Item 1 due to City Clerk's absence.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve consent calendar items, (with the exception of Item 1), seconded by Council Member Amezcuita. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. Approve Minutes of the following City Council Meeting:

1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, June 15, 2015

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2. Approved the Programmatic Agreement (PA) between the City of Huntington Park and The California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), regarding the rehabilitation of historic properties affected by use of funds from Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and authorized the Interim City Manager to execute agreement.

FINANCE

3. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated July 6, 2015

POLICE

Approved the road closure along Miles Avenue from Saturn Avenue to Gage Avenue, and along Zoe Avenue from Templeton Street to Miles Avenue on August 4, 2015.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCE

Presentations from Auditing Firms under Consideration:

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- 5.1. Receive presentations from the three audit firms who have been determined to be in the competitive range in selection process for the City's independent financial auditor:

Moss Levy & Hartzheim, LLP
Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP The
Pun Group, LLP

Interim Finance Director Mazyck introduced two audit firms The Pun Group, LLP and Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP. Firms followed with an individual presentation.

Motion: Council motioned to receive and file. Council concurred.

CITY CLERK

Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternates for the League of California Cities Annual Conference, September 30 - October 2, 2015, San Jose, California

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- 6.1. Appoint a voting delegate and two (2) alternates to represent the City at the 2015 League of California Cities Annual Conference business meeting.

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz motioned to appoint Council Member Pineda as the Delegate and Alternates: Vice Mayor Ortiz and Council Member Amezcuita to represent the City at the 2015 League of California Cities Annual Conference, September 30 - October 2, 2015 in San Jose, California, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

CITY MANAGER

Approve Termination of Professional Services Agreement with Michael Chee for Services related to Public Communication Support

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- 7.1. Approve termination of agreement with Michael Chee; and
- 7.2. Authorize the Interim City Manager to issue a Notice of Termination to the consultant.

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve termination of agreement with Michael Chee and authorize the Interim City Manager to issue a Notice of Termination to the consultant, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Appointment of Oversight Board Members of the Successor Agency for the Community Development Commission of the City of Huntington Park

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- 8.1. Appoint two new members to the Oversight Board to represent the City of Huntington Park

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented the item.

Motion: Mayor Macias motioned to appoint Carlos Luis, Senior Planner and Council Member Johnny Pineda to the Oversight Board to represent the City of Huntington Park, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

- AYES: Council Member(s): Pineda, Sanabria, Vice Mayor Ortiz and Mayor Macias.
- NOES: Council Member(s): Amezcuita,

PARKS AND RECREATION

City Property and Facility Use Fee Waiver Policy

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- 9.1. Review and provide recommendations for proposed City Property and Facility Use Fee Waiver Policy;
- 9.2. Approve City Property and Facility Use Fee Waiver Policy.

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented the item, and asked Director of Parks and Recreation Josette Espinosa and City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman to give a brief overview.

Parks and Recreation Director Espinosa gave a brief update on the process, qualifications and spoke in support of staff's recommendations.

City Council discussed at length concerns regarding the fee waiver policy.

Council Member Sanabria voiced her concerns regarding cost recovery, false information, financial information from applicant, non-profit status and requested changes on the following Sections: 6.0 (d) except events that are a benefit to the City; 6.0 (e) "impacted" to read "directly blocked"; 9.1 (b) add "federal" after "exempt"; 6.0 (f) change "Department

Head" to "City" and to add the following language: "If false information is provided the City is entitled to a full refund".

Mr. Alvarez-Glasman gave a brief description on the definition of a City Sponsored Event.

At 9:32 p.m. Council Member Pineda left the chambers and returned at 9:35 p.m.

Council Member Amezcuita stated he would be voting yes, but would prefer 30 days to 21 days and would like the process to be fair and consistent.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve City Property and Facility Use Fee Waiver Policy with noted changes to the policy: Sections: 6.0 (d) except events that are a benefit to the City; 6.0 (e) "impacted" to read "directly blocked"; 9.1 (b) add "federal" after "exempt"; 6.0 (f) change "Department Head" to "City" and to add the following language: "If false information is provided the City is entitled to a full refund," seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita - feels he receives no support from his colleagues, questioned what the Brown Act rules state in regards to motion and discussion on items and raised concern on the 4th of July Event entrance fee asked the City to work with the vendor on lowering the entrance fee.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda - thanked those in attendance and directed staff to look into summer youth work programs.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria - thanked staff and residents for attending. Thanked Public Works and City Engineer for fixing railroad tracks on Salt Lake and Florence Avenue, also thanked Assistant City Manager Edgar Cisneros and Parks and Recreation for fixing playground areas and encouraged residents to participate in City events.

Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz - thanked her colleagues for attending the 4th of July event, staff's support and residents who attended tonight's meeting and encouraged staff and the public to get involved in different community events.

Mayor Karina Macias - reiterated on council comments and to provide more public access during the 4th of July event.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:59 p.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the meeting in memory of Ana Haney, Communities for a Better Environment volunteer and longtime resident, to a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday July 20, 2015, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC
City Clerk

By:

Yesenia "Jessie" Gomez
Junior Deputy City Clerk