

## **MINUTES**

### Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park City Council Monday, August 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 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, Valentin Palos Amezcua, Jhonny Pineda and Marilyn Sanabria. Other City Officials and employees: John Ornelas, Interim City Manager, Edgar Cisneros, Assistant City Manager, Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney, Cosme Lozano, 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 Diego Figueroa, 11 year old student from St. Matthias Elementary School for the pledge.

#### **INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Danny Mancha from Praise Chapel

#### **PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Diego Figueroa for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation from Ms. Francine Ayala, Community Manager, "Relay for Life" California Division of the American Cancer Society to Mr. Jose Zepeda and Jessica Maes for Their Involvement in Huntington Park's "Relay for Life."

Mr. & Mrs. Zepeda of El Aviso Magazine presented a \$19,000 check to the American Cancer Society.

Council presented a proclamation to Guadalupe Moreno, Huntington Park, Clinic Supervisor and Genevieve Filmardirossian, Chief Operations Officer for "National Health Center Week" August 9-15, 2015.

Sargent Escobar representing Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) presented "Certificates of Outstanding Contribution" to City of Huntington Park Police Officers Marissa Larios, Steven Thoreson and Patrick Nijland for Their Support to **Stop Drunk Driving**

Captain Tim Tomkins of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) presented "Certificates of Recognition" to City of Huntington Park Police Officers Estevan Palacios and Patrick Nijlan for the "10851" Auto Theft Recovery Award.

Mayor Macias reminded the public that headsets for translation were available.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman confirmed with Mayor Macias that at this time public comment cards would no longer be accepted.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Leticia Polizzi, Manager of Public Library, invited the public and Council to the Homework Help Center Open House event August 27, 2015 and announced their Teen Advisory Board is now being formed at the Library with the first meeting on August 18, 2015.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)**

2. Javier and Rosalinda Acosta, residents, spoke in regards to receiving parking tickets on Seville Avenue in the area where they live and asked Council to change the parking time requirements or remove it.
3. Leticia Martinez, Executive Director/CEO, Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, thanked Council and staff for attending a grand opening of a new business. Ms. Martinez commented on a previous comment made at a previous Council meeting regarding the events held by the Chamber noting the local businesses do benefit from these events and thanked Council for their continued support.
4. Linda Caraballo, Downey resident, spoke in opposition to the undocumented immigrants being appointed to two commissions.
5. Sandra Orozco, Maywood resident, asked PD to not disallow her from moving around in the area of the front row, spoke in opposition of the undocumented immigrants being appointed and commented on the City Attorney.
6. Sergio Infanzon, City of Bell Garden Council Member, spoke in support of the appointment of the undocumented immigrants and noted he himself was once undocumented and is now a U.S. resident.
7. Martha Rocha, resident, also spoke in regards to the parking on Seville Avenue where she resides and asked PD for help regarding the parking tickets that she cannot afford to pay and how it is an inconvenience to keep moving her vehicle because of the time limit to park.
8. H.P. Warriors Soccer team, asked Council for their support in waiving the fees for use of the fields.
9. Andy Molina, resident, voiced concern with things happening in the City, commented on CDBG funds and Rules of Decorum.
10. Alex Reynoso, resident, acknowledged Council Member Amezquita for his support, commented on Rules of Decorum, Combi buses and stipend for Commissions.
11. Nick Ioannidis, resident, spoke in regards to issues he has had in the City and his much celebrated American Citizenship of 40 years.
12. M. Said, resident, commented on safety in the streets, acknowledged the new Chief of Police and thanked Council and PD for all their support.
13. Betty Retama, resident, voiced concern with the City being bankrupted, city funds, translation services and spoke in support of Nick Ioannidis.
14. Rodolfo Cruz, resident, spoke in regards to the Rules of Decorum, parking in the City, keeping City out of bankruptcy and respect for all citizens in the city.

## **STAFF RESPONSE**

Council Member Sanabria asked City Attorney to explain why the undocumented appointees would not be receiving a stipend. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman explained that according to Federal Law they cannot receive wages that this is controlled at the Federal level and not the local level. Ms. Sanabria asked City Attorney to explain the purpose of the commissions. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman explained that the majority of Cities throughout California has advisory commission, one established by State Law which is the Planning Commission, other commissions are determined at a local level, the Council determines the purpose allowing the citizens to participate in the decision making of policies and make recommendations to Council.

Mayor Macias asked Interim City Manager Ornelas to address the comment made regarding parking requirements on Seville Avenue. Interim City Manager Ornelas

stated there was a project in the area but will follow-up with the residents and with Staff.

### **STAFF RESPONSE (continued)**

Mayor Macias asked staff to follow-up with H.P. Warriors concern with the fees for use of the fields. Parks & Recreation Director Espinosa stated that there is open play Monday through Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. on the new soccer field, on the back field its open every Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. for free, AYSO also offers scholarships to low-income kids.

Interim City Manager Ornelas responded to the comments regarding the City in bankruptcy. He stated the City is not in bankruptcy that the City has done a professional and comprehensive budget for the City.

Council Member Amezquita asked Interim Finance Director Mazyck to provide more clarification in regards to the City's budget. Ms. Mazyck explained that the City's budget does have an adequate fund balance to meet its obligations.

Mayor Macias asked staff to respond to the CDBG funding comment Interim City Manager Ornelas stated that CDBG is Federal funding that the City receives annually and provides an allocation of these resources to different entities some of these funds are limited to public agencies. The City provided \$5,000 to Southeast Churches as well as the Salvation Army who provides the same services for a funding total of \$10,000 allocations were allocated as done in previous years.

Mayor Macias reiterated the Rules of Decorum and spoke in support of undocumented population.

At 7:15p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9 paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) Name of case: Yadira Lopez Case No. WCAB No. ADJ9167991
2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: APN # 6320-030-906, Lots 14-22  
Agency negotiator: John A Ornelas  
Negotiating party: Various potential developers to be determined  
Under negotiation: Terms of sale
3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELEASE  
Government Code Section 54957  
One (1) matter

At 7:41p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened the meeting with all Council Members present

### **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced that the City Council discussed Items 1-3 for Item 1 direction was provided with respect to possible settlement. Under Item 2 this matter provided direction no action taken item will return at a future date and time. Under Item 3 direction given to Interim City Manager for possible resolution and if a resolution is reached Interim City Manager is given further authority to execute what is necessary to complete the release.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve consent calendar items, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed by the following vote:

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

**NOES:** Council Member(s): None

## **CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)**

### **OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

1. Approved Minutes of the following City Council Meetings:
  - 1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, July 6, 2015
  - 1-2 Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, July 20, 2015

### **CITY MANAGER**

2. Approved agreement CM 16-01 with Hilda Estrada, Independent Contractor for Spanish translation services for regular city council meetings and special city council meetings for an initial period of two (2) years at an amount not to exceed \$32,000, approve appropriation of \$24,000 to Account 111-0110-411.56-41 in order to offset the balance needed for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 expenditures; and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the agreement.

### **FINANCE**

3. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated August 3, 2015.

### **POLICE**

4. Approved authorization to renew the service agreement with Inmate Phone Services and Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the agreement.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

5. Adopted Resolution No. **2015-28**, Urging the State to Provide New Sustainable Funding for State and Local Transportation Infrastructure.

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **CITY COUNCIL**

6. **Commission Appointments to the Various Commissions:**

**Health & Education Commission  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Youth Commission**

#### **RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

1. Make appointments to the Health & Education, Parks & Recreation and Youth Commissions consistent with the newly adopted provisions set forth in Resolution No. 2015-19; and
2. Approve to extend the time period to accept applications for the Civil and Historic Commissions to September 3, 2015; and
3. Approve additional appropriations in the amounts of \$2,250 to account 111-0121-413.19.05, \$3,600 to account 111-0125-413.19-05 and \$3,000 to account 111-0123-413.19-05 to ensure budgetary sufficiency for FY 2015-2016.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman presented the item.

Council proceeded with the appointments to the **Health & Education Commission** as follows:

Council Member Amezcua appointed Juliano Jarquin to a two year term ending March 2017.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 6 (continued)**

Council Member Pineda appointed Francisco Medina to a four year term ending March 2019.

Council Member Sanabria appointed Cynthia Figueroa-Aguirre to a four year term ending March 2019.

Vice Mayor Ortiz appointed Robert Cabrales to a four year term ending March 2019.

Mayor Macias appointed Becky Avila to a two year term ending March 2017.

Council proceeded with the appointments to the **Parks and Recreation (aka PARC) Commission** as follows:

Council Member Amezcua appointed Edgar Gordillo to a two year term ending March 2017.

Council Member Pineda appointed Julian Zatarain to a four year term ending March 2019.

Council Member Sanabria appointed Betty Davis-Gonzales to a four year term ending March 2019.

Vice Mayor Ortiz appointed Jonathan Sanabria to a four year term ending March 2019.

Mayor Macias appointed Manuel Avila to a two year term ending March 2017.

Council proceeded with the appointments to the **Youth Commission** as follows:

Council Member Amezcua appointed Eduardo Castillo and Javier Castro each to two year terms ending March 2017.

Council Member Pineda appointed Valerie Montez and Crystal Meza each to four year terms ending March 2019.

Council Member Sanabria appointed Carla Pantoja and Paulina Ramos each to four year terms ending March 2019.

Vice Mayor Ortiz appointed Jesus Estrada and Kevin Cervantes each to four year terms ending March 2019.

Mayor Macias appointed Joseph Hernandez and Carmen Gastelum each to two year terms ending March 2017.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman reiterated the process of once appointed that a Live Scan will be taken.

Council Member Amezcua questioned if the Live Scan involves an immigration status. Chief Lozano stated no that it is for a criminal status.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman noted the last two items for Council to approve.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve extending the time period to accept applications for the Civil and Historic Commissions to September 3, 2015 and approve additional appropriations in the amounts of \$2,250 to account 111-0121-413.19.05, \$3,600 to account 111-0125-413.19-05 and \$3,000 to account 111-0123-413.19-05 to ensure budgetary sufficiency for FY 2015-2016, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed 4 to 1 by the following vote:

**ROLL CALL**

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

**NOES:** Council Member(s): Amezcua

**CITY MANAGER**

**7. Consideration of New City Council Meeting Day from Mondays to Tuesdays**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Consider changing the day for the regular City Council meetings from the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month to the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month;
2. If Council concurs, waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 940-NS, amending Ordinance No. 829-NS, Amending Title 2 Chapter 1 Article 2 Section 1.201 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code Relating to City Council Meetings; and
3. Notify the public of the new meeting day Tuesday to take effect 30 days after the second reading and adoption of said ordinance at the August 17, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting, with the first new regular City Council meeting starting Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

Interim City Manager presented the item.

Council Member Sanabria spoke in support of staff's recommendations.

Vice Mayor Ortiz questioned what the process would be in notifying the public of the new change and requested that at events this change be mentioned.

Interim City Manager stated the typical avenues of noticing the public.

Council Member Amezcuita requested an analysis for the possibility of Fridays being open.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to introduce Ordinance No. 940-NS, amending Ordinance No. 829-NS, Amending Title 2 Chapter 1 Article 2 Section 1.201 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code Relating to City Council Meetings and to notify the public of the new meeting day Tuesday to take effect 30 days after the second reading and adoption of said ordinance at the August 17, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting, with the first new regular City Council meeting starting Tuesday, October 6, 2015, 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

**8. Authorization to Enter into an Interagency Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Centinela Youth Diversion Services, Inc. Regarding the Juvenile Arrest Diversion Program**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION

1. Approve the MOA with Centinela Youth Services, Inc. (CYS); and
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute MOA.

Chief of Police Lozano presented the item and introduced Maritsa Molina representative of Centinela Youth who gave a brief explanation of what the program is about

Vice Mayor Ortiz questioned what kind of mental health programs are offered. Ms. Molina stated they are more specific on diversion on the actual offense but pending situation we can find resources noting the program is more specific towards diversion.

Mayor Macias questioned if a specific officer would be appointed to the program. Chief Lozano explained that there will be two designated liaisons working with the program.

## **REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 8 (continued)**

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve the MOA with Centinela Youth Services. Inc. and authorize the Mayor to execute the MOA, 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

**9. Resolution to Approve the Standard Agreement between the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Grant Assistance Program (GAP) and the City of Huntington Park for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 ABC Grant Assistance Program Funding**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the Standard Agreement;
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-29, Authorizing Chief of Police, Cosme Lozano to enter into an Agreement with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and
3. Authorize the Finance Department to make payments to facilitate the successful completion of this project.

Chief of Police Lozano presented the item.

Mayor Macias questioned if the Police Department would be involved with the Wall las Memorias. Chief Lozano stated no, this is strictly Law Enforcement personnel, ABC Agents and Police Department personnel.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve the Standard Agreement, adopt Resolution No. 2015-29 and authorize the Finance Department to make payments to facilitate the successful completion of the project, 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

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**10. Approve Agreement with Care for the Children for Curb Numbering Painting**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve agreement with Care for the Children for Curb Number Painting for a term of 3 months; and
2. Authorize Interim City Manager to execute agreement

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented the item.

Council Member Sanabria noting that during her campaign she noticed the curb addresses not being visible and concerned with it being a problem during an emergency situation, hence her request for the contract.

Mayor Macias questioned if the funds are from Public Works. Staff stated yes that the funds are from the Street, Lighting and Landscape Assessment District funds.

Council Member Amezcuita thanked staff and the Interim City Manager for following-up on this item.

## **REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 10 (continued)**

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Ortiz motioned to approve the agreement with Care for Children for curb number painting for a term of 3 months and authorize interim City Manager to execute agreement, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezquita, 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 Amezquita** - commented on the concern made by H P Warriors regarding the fees for use of the soccer fields and would like to see the fees lower and asked that signs be posted regarding the user fees for soccer fields. Mr. Amezquita feels the City can use an Economic Development and Transportation Commission, congratulated all the newly appointed Commissioners and noted that it is hard to say no to undocumented immigrants but we are ruled by laws and we need to be transparent.

**Council Member Jhonny Pineda** - thanked all those who attended the meeting and commented on his appointments noting that change is hard and important for the City and was something he strongly supported during his campaign. Mr. Pineda stated that his two appointments have volunteered for these positions and will not be paid.

**Council Member Marilyn Sanabria** - thanked staff and the Police Department for all their support. thanked her colleagues for supporting the curb painting contract, thanked all those who applied to commissions noting she had interviewed a lot of the applicants and the talent they possessed that this affords an opportunity to make commissions better, Ms. Sanabria closed with inviting the public to National Night Out.

## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (continued)**

**Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz** - thanked all those who attended the meeting, is pleased with having the commissions back, spoke in support of all the newly appointed Commissioners, thanked her colleagues and staff for maintaining professionalism at the council meetings and thanked Chief Lozano for his swearing-in event and all who attended.

**Mayor Karina Macias** - also thanked all those who attended the meeting, reiterated on the Rules of Decorum noting her firm support for these rules, thanked her colleagues for attending the swearing-in ceremony for Chief Lozano, congratulated all the newly appointed Commissioners mentioning she also spoke to many of the applicants that applied and the talent each have, spoke on her vision to reactivate the commission, thanked staff for their support, commented on the undocumented appointments and acknowledging her support and closed with noting the messages received by those opposed

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:23 p.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the meeting to a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, August 17, 2015, at 6:00 P M

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk