

Final Minutes Approved February 2, 2016  
Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, January 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 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 Amezcuita, Jhonny Pineda, and Marilyn Sanabria. CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Edgar Cisneros City Manager; Arnold Alvarez-Glasman; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director; Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager; Fernanda Palacios, Project Manager; Michael Ackerman, City Engineer and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by America Osuna, 4<sup>th</sup> grader, Lucille Roybal-Allard Elementary School.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Mayor Macias.

**PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to America Osuna for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to Joe's Organization for Youth for their Generous Donation of Toys for the 2015 Holiday Toy Giveaway

Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to Linda Marquez High School Key Club for their Generous Donation of Toys for the 2015 Holiday Toy Giveaway

Council presented certificates to the winners of the Mayor's 2015 Holiday Home Decorating Contest.

*Was unable to attend* - "Certificate of Recognition" presented to Police Officer David Lopez for 21 years of Dedicated Service to the City of Huntington Park and the Huntington Park Police Department.

Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to Abigail Valle for being the First Female Officer to Earn the Rank of Sergeant in the History of the City of Huntington Park's Police Department.

**Motion:** Council Member Pineda motioned for two Public Comment periods, one in the beginning of the agenda on agenda items only and one at the end of the agenda for non-agenda items, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 4-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Agenda Items Only

1. Robin Hvidston, spoke in regards to item 10 on the agenda voicing concern with the amount of monies being requested and feels this can be done by teleconference and monies can be used to fix roads.
2. Arthur Schaper, commented on item 7, noting that this program will shut down streets and cause traffic. He stated that people should be encouraged to buy cars, not bicycles. He commented on item 10 and feels the monies can be used towards debt and defray costs and used to repair and widen streets so residents can park. He noted meeting cancelled on January 5<sup>th</sup>, letter from DA, those that have been asked to leave the chambers and monies used for the CicLAvia.

## **STAFF RESPONSE** - None

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:42 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Regarding Represented Employees - Government Code Section 54957.6(a)  
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Edgar Cisneros, City Manager  
Employee Organization: General Employees Association (GEA)
2. LIABILITY CLAIM- [one potential matter] Government Code Section 54956.95  
Claimant: Graciela Lopez  
Agency claimed against: City of Huntington Park
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1))  
Case Name: The Cities of Duarte and Huntington Park vs. State Water Resources Control Board; The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, and Does 1 through 100, inclusive. Case No. BS156303
4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
(Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2)) - One matter

At 7:56 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened to open session. All Council Members present.

## **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced Council discussed Closed Session items 1 through 4 stating for Item 1, by Council consensus, direction was given to City Manager and City Attorney to revise previous existing contract as proposed by GEA and for City Manager to bring back to Council for review and consideration at the next City Council meeting. Item 2, by Council consensus, direction to City Manager for possible resolution. Item 3, unanimous decision by Council, gave City Attorney direction to inform Special Counsel that the City of Huntington Park wishes to be dismissed from this litigation. Item 4 regarding HP Tow, no action was taken.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to reopen Public Comment for agenda items only, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Vote passed by one motion.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Agenda Items Only

1. Raul Rodriguez, We the People Rising, America First Latinos, commented on the Brown Act being violated, item 10 voicing concern with the amount of monies being requested and wants to know what the Council is intending to do with regards to item 10.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)** – Agenda Items Only

2. DeAnn D’Lean, We the People Rising, mentioned the two commission appointments, requested a forensic audit and commented on item 10 regarding the monies being requested and feels it should be spent on sidewalks, parks & maintenance, streets and hiring more police to patrol the streets.
3. Dr. Newman, We the People Rising, commented on item 10, questioned if it was a budgeted item, is opposed to the request for monies and wants the citizens to know what is happening here.

At 8:10 p.m. Mayor called for a RECESS.

At 8:15 p.m. Mayor RECONVENED the meeting with all Council Members present.

Second reading - Sergeant at Arms read the Rules of Decorum. First reading was read at the start of the Successor Agency Meeting held before the City Council Meeting.

At 8:16 p.m. Mayor called for a RECESS.

At 8:29 p.m. Mayor RECONVENED the meeting with all Council Members present.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motion to approve Consent Calendar items with a minor change to the December 23, 2015, special meeting minutes, 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

**OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

1. Approved Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):

1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, December 15, 2015

1-2 Special Meeting of the City Council held Wednesday, December 23, 2015

**FINANCE**

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated January 19, 2016.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### 3. Adoption of Amendment No. One (Substantial) to the City of Huntington Park's Fiscal Year (FY) 2015/2016 – 2019/2020 Consolidated Plan and the 2015/2016 Annual Action Plan

Mayor Macias opened the item up for public comment.

Public Comment - None

Mayor Macias closed public comment.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve request by staff to table the item to the February 2, 2016, City Council Meeting, 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

### 4. Appeal of Planning Commission Decision on Case No. 2015-08 DP/VAR (Development Permit and Variance)

Mayor Macias opened the item up for public comment.

Public Comment

1. Juan Gutierrez, applicant, spoke in support of the proposed project. He noted the concerns that were raised by the Planning Commission and proceeded to address them and noted that in his neighborhood there are other two-story homes and explained that this home was his mother's and that this has been a long-time dream of his.
2. Sonia Medina, spoke in support of the applicant and the proposed project.
3. Alex Reynoso, feels it's a good idea to build two brand new homes and spoke in support of the proposed project.

Mayor Macias closed public comment.

**Motion:** Council Member Pineda motioned to **overturn** the Planning Commission's decision to deny a request for a Development Permit to allow the construction of two new residential dwelling units, and a Variance to deviate from the Residential High-Density (R-H) development standards, on property located at 7005 Marbrisa Avenue within the R-H Zone, seconded by Council Member Amezquita. Motion failed 2-3 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to **uphold** the Planning Commission's decision to deny a request for a Development Permit to allow the construction of two new residential dwelling units, and a Variance to deviate from the Residential High-Density (R-H) development standards, on property located at 7005 Marbrisa Avenue within the R-H Zone, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 3-2 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **CITY COUNCIL**

#### **5. Adopt Resolution in Support of Homeowners' Exemption Awareness Month**

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2016-02, Proclaiming January 2016 as "Homeowner's Exemption Awareness Month," 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**

#### **6. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Subrecipient Agreements with HUB Cities Consortium to Administer the Huntington Park Youth Employment, Civic Engagement and Economic Development Business Assistance Pilot Program**

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve request by staff to continue the item to the February 2, 2016, City Council Meeting, 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

#### **7. Approval of Southeast Cities CicLAvia Event**

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve appropriation of \$598,515 in reimbursable grant funds awarded by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (Metro) to fund all costs associated with the open streets event; authorize a contract with CicLAvia in the amount not to exceed \$315,515, for the implementation and management of the open streets event; authorize the City Manager to sign the contract; approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the disbursement of Metro funds with each of the following grant partners: County of Los Angeles, and the Cities of Los Angeles, South Gate and Lynwood; authorize the City Manager to sign the MOUs in a form approved by legal counsel and waive the Activity in Public Spaces fee of \$542.62 for this City sponsored event, 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

#### **8. Approval of Subrecipient Agreements with Los Angeles Community Legal Center (LACLC) and Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS)**

At 9:32 p.m. Council Member Pineda left the Chambers.

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

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve three-year Subrecipient Agreements with LACLC and NHS in an amount not to exceed \$85,284 each to perform outreach, unit enrollment and educational activities for the City's Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Program (LBPHC) and authorize City Manager to sign agreements, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

At 9:35 p.m. Council Member Pineda returned.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/POLICE

### 9. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Parking Conditions on Cudahy Street and 61<sup>st</sup> Street

At 9:40 p.m. Council Member Sanabria left the Chambers, at 9:47 p.m. she returned.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to receive and file report on parking conditions on Cudahy Street and 61<sup>st</sup> Street, seconded by Council Member Pineda. 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

### 10. Discussion and/or Action to Attend the 2016 RECON International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) in Las Vegas, May 22-25, 2016

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve the participation of the City at the 2016 RECON ICSC Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada and authorized a budget appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$12,000 for the cost of the ICSC conference expenses and directed staff to bring back an update on the plan for ICSC at the next council meeting, seconded by Council Member Pineda. 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

## CITY MANAGER

### 11. Discussion and/or Approval of New Huntington Park Shuttle Design and/or Service Name

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve a new shuttle design for the Huntington Park Shuttle Service and authorized the City Manager to implement said changes as soon as feasible with Design B3 to modify seal to be straightened with more gradient effect on the yellow with blue on top and to add glow behind the name, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 3-1-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

## REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 11 (continued)

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

## FINANCE

### 12. Approval of Modifications to the City's Dial-A-Ride Service

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve implementation of Dial-A-Ride service modifications and directed City Manager to execute a third amendment to the City's Agreement with Administrative Services Cooperative, Inc. to reflect the service modifications, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4-1 by the following vote:

#### ROLL CALL:

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

## PUBLIC WORKS

### 13. Approve Agreement with Central Basin Municipal Water District for Preparation of the Urban Water Management Plan

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Ortiz motioned to approve request by staff to continue the item to the February 2, 2016, City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 4-1 by the following vote:

#### ROLL CALL:

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

### 14. Approve Project Plans, Specifications and Advertise for Bids for the Crosswalk Improvements at 57<sup>th</sup> and 58<sup>th</sup> Streets at Pacific Boulevard project

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve project plans and specifications for the Crosswalk Improvements at 57<sup>th</sup> and 58<sup>th</sup> Streets at Pacific Boulevard project, authorize the Public Works and Community Development Departments to advertise for bids, approve Environmental Assessment as follows: The proposed project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15301 as a Class 1 categorical exemption (Existing Facilities). The project results in minor alterations to existing public facilities involving no significant expansion of the existing use. The project is not anticipated to have any significant impacts with regard to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. There are adequate utilities and public services to serve the project and authorize under the currently approved Staff Augmentation Contract, Transtech, to proceed with necessary work (Bid Advertisement, Bid Analysis, Project Management, Construction management, Inspection, Administration) in compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract, and not to exceed 10% of the project budget for Crosswalk Improvements at 57<sup>th</sup> and 58<sup>th</sup> Streets at Pacific Boulevard, 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

At 10:54 p.m. Mayor called for a RECESS.

At 11:05 p.m. Mayor RECONVENED the meeting with all Council Members present.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS** (Information only)

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Non-Agenda Items

1. Jamie Bravo, resident, spoke in regards to a red zone on Randolph that has a drive way access but leads to nowhere, he parks there and gets tickets and feels its free parking he continued with showing pictures of areas that have partial red where people park and get tickets, noted area on Clarendon and that he has spoken to someone regarding his tickets and is waiting for a response.
2. Rick Loya, former Mayor, noted the issue of the FBI informant, commended Council Member Amezquita for taking his oath seriously, he himself being an informant, and commented on oaths taken by elected officials.
3. Sandra Orozco, thanked Amezquita for doing the right thing with regards to the FBI, remarked all are going to jail, noted Bell issue, issues with Huntington Park and Cudahy, commented on the City Manager, Police Department noting number of officers at the meeting and she will be watching this area.

At 11:17 p.m. Vice Mayor Ortiz and Council Member Sanabria left the Chambers.

4. Arthur Schaper, remarked yes, stated We the People don't hate people, they hate actions by Council, commented on undocumented immigrants, remarked rescind appointments, asked Council to resign their posts, city for citizens and all positions for public trust, questioned cancellation of Jan 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, why a special meeting, termination of HP Tow contract, and contributions to Mayor during elections.
5. Raul Rodriguez Jr., remarked remove the two appointments, demanded forensic audit, read a letter with regards to Nick, commented on Nick and issues he had in the city, noted violation of oath and Constitution of the State of California and citizens that are undocumented immigrants.

At 11:25 p.m. Vice Mayor Ortiz returned to the Chambers.

6. Robert Lautin, We the People Rising, commented on a previous agenda item with regards to parking and bike lanes, a previous request made by a resident regarding over flow parking and mentioned Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard and other presidential candidates supporting foreign workers.
7. Nick Ioannidis, spoke in opposition to Council, commented on former Mayor Raul Perez, issues he's had in the city, his love for the country and feels city isn't respecting him.

At 11:29 p.m. Council Member Sanabria returned to the Chambers.

8. Mary Newman, We the People Rising, demanded removal of the two0 undocumented immigrants, noted council represents the citizens, feels other cities will follow suit to appoint other immigrants, spoke in opposition to decisions made by Council, demanded removal of the two undocumented immigrants, requested a forensic audit, contracts with towing companies need to be examined and again requested the two undocumented immigrants be removed.
9. Crign Howcomb, We the People Rising, requested undocumented immigrants be removed, requested forensic audit, concerned with illegals in city office, not against anybody personally, feels qualifications are needed for certain positions, asked to appoint qualified people not undocumented immigrants and is disappointed with how things are in the City.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)** – Non-Agenda Items

10. Dr. Nelson, We the People Rising, stated Dr. Newman invited him to attend the meeting, read words on the wall, commented on issues in Africa, on happenings tonight, tablets used by the Council, stated he would pray for the Council and noted actions by people at the meeting.
11. Kaisore Braracb, We the People Rising, stated he was from India and came to this Country legally, requested to remove the two appointments, get qualified people and/or hire veterans.
12. David Andrew Newman, stated he attends college and traveled two hours to express his opinion of the two undocumented immigrants and is opposed. Remarked there are laws and statutes in place, there are people that can do the job legally and people that can do the right thing. He noted corruption and a verse in the bible.
13. Betty Retama, feels the city has hit rock bottom, feels her freedom of speech is being robbed and demanded state law be followed when she feels the Council is not following it and concluded with speaking in opposition of Council.
14. Gwen Yinsug, stated she is a U.S. citizen, noted the video regarding the appointments made by Council Member Pineda, referenced proverbs, noted she has an application to become a commissioner and the process and commented on a resident who is a property owner and the requirements the City has on parking regulations.
15. Carol Schlaepfer, We the People Rising, commented on the history of the City, Council meetings, public comment periods, requested the two appointments be removed and replaced with legal citizens, invocation, oath and commented on disrespectful behavior.
16. Janet West, We the People Rising, spoke in opposition to decisions made by Council, the two appointments, background checks, fraudulent claims that can be made against them and mentioned Donald Trump and his proposed rallies in California.
17. Stella Stephens, noted government code sections with regards to closed session items, commented on the two appointments, requested they be replaced with citizens, spoke in opposition of Council, acknowledged Council Member Amezquita remarked yes and stated you have many violations.
18. Robin Hvidston, We the People Rising, noted a card she completed on Item 7 and feels she was denied from speaking on the item, she commented on the two undocumented immigrants and asked that they be rescinded and replaced with two Huntington Park citizens, legal citizens, acknowledged Mr. Schaper and an article he wrote and submitted the article.
19. Deann D'Lean, We the People Rising, requested removal of the two undocumented immigrants, demanded a forensic audit, thanked hero Amezquita, showed a poster she made, commented on oaths taken, constitution, recall and asked to redefine budget.
20. Vaughn Becht, commented on the invocation, privilege and entitlement, manipulation and spoke in opposition of Council.
21. Wiley Drake, represents Congressional Prayer Conference in Washington D.C., spoke in opposition to Council and the decisions by Council, and stated the FBI will receive a report and video from him. Commented on President Obama, impeachment, and undocumented immigrants.
22. Mike McGet, commented on the Brown Act, and Rules of Decorum, spoke in opposition of Council and asked that the two undocumented immigrants be removed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)** – Non-Agenda Items

23. Lynda Jones, commented on previous shouting of the word “hate” and stated it’s not true that she hates anyone but loves the law. Feels undocumented immigrants shouldn’t hold office and spoke in opposition of Councils decisions.
24. Valentin Amezcuita, read government code section on page 2 on the agenda, commented on change to public comment period made by Council Member Pineda, feels rules have been changed when public comment period is changed, maneuvers to cut freedom. He mentioned he had voted for the termination of the HP Tow contract at the special meeting, stated he didn’t get a call by anyone but may have gotten an email isn’t sure phone wasn’t working, commented on running for office for city business to protect city interest with regards to city business. He supports immigration reform but not appointment of undocumented immigrants.

At 12:20 a.m. Vice Mayor Ortiz motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 4-1 by one motion. (Council Member Amezcuita NO).

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City of Huntington Park City Council will adjourned to a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk