

**MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, June 7, 2016

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The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Graciela Ortiz presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Council Members Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Jhonny Pineda, Karina Macias, Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria and Mayor Graciela Ortiz. CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Edgar Cisneros City Manager; Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director; Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager; Michael Ackerman, Acting Public Works Director/City Engineer, Martha Castillo, Human Resources Director and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Pastor Robert Calvary.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Diego Ruiz, 5<sup>th</sup> Grader, Huntington Park Elementary School.

**PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Council presented "Certificates of Appreciation" to Middleton Elementary School Library Volunteers

Council presented a proclamation to Joshua Rodriguez of Welcome.US, proclaiming the Month of June as "Immigrant Heritage Month."

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition" to the Salutatorians and Valedictorians of Huntington Park Schools.

At 6:49 p.m. Mayor Ortiz called for a RECESS.

At 7:01 p.m. Mayor Ortiz RECONVENED the meeting with all Council Members present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Gabriel Romero, voiced concern with the 2-hour parking limit on Seville and is hoping to make it permit parking in this area.
2. Rosa Romero, spoke in regards to the 2-hour parking on Seville, noted that previously people who parked there weren't getting tickets but noticed that at the beginning of June tickets are now being issued.
3. Betty Retama, voiced concern with nothing being done about bicyclists not abiding by laws, feels Police is doing nothing, remarked the City is lawlessness.
4. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on various issues, immigrants, Council's behavior, furniture and trash on streets, tree trimming on his block and marijuana dispensaries.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued)**

5. Sandra Orozco, acknowledged Council for having an event for Veterans, commented on immigration reform, federal laws being broken, Council's behavior while their colleagues speak, city attorney, central basin, city manager and illegal immigrants.
6. George Franco, commented on parking enforcement, parking during the City of Maywood's fair, parking in the City, double parking at the schools, and a fence on Randolph that needs repair.
7. La Comunidad Musulmanahmadia, spoke in support of removing doubt of Islam, goal is love for everyone, not hate and to establish peace in society.
8. Lucinda Cruz, spoke in support of the needs for seniors and people in the community, suggested bringing in big brand store and to provide more transportation services for seniors.
9. Joel Cruz, commented on the taxi service and the times available, voiced concern that the service isn't available if you get sick at night, wants to know what happens in this case and feels it's unfair for people when they get sick.
10. Joan Lias, announced that her friend came in to the city and purchased medical marijuana from a dispensary on Long Beach Boulevard and California, without having a prescription and observed teenagers outside the dispensary smoking marijuana, and wondered why permits were given to the dispensaries, trash being thrown in the school yard by homeless people and spoke in support of Davita opening a new clinic in the city.
11. Sandra Orozco, spoke on item 10 in support of Fiesta Taxi's Dial-A-Ride service.
12. Marco Soto, Fiesta Taxi, spoke in support of his contract for Dial-A-Ride services, and voiced concerns with and made suggestions on the RFP process.
13. Valentin Amezcuita, commented on the immigrant heritage month presentation, a previous comment he made regarding his support for immigration reform, usage of words describing illegal immigrant which he supports and believes immigrants should be called illegal if that's what they are, suggested focusing on an ordinance regarding rent control for low-income people, and closed by noting his vote against marijuana dispensaries.

## **STAFF RESPONSE**

Mayor Ortiz responded to Ms. Lias comment regarding a dispensary on Long Beach Boulevard and California, noting that it is not in the City of Huntington Park, but rather Unincorporated Walnut Park and with regard to the permits, these have not been processed since they are still under staff review. City Manager Cisneros added that this dispensary mentioned is not in the City of Huntington Park's jurisdiction and if there ever where any dispensaries operating in the City illegally they would be shut down immediately as has been the City's practice.

Chief of Police Lozano responded to the comments made by Mr. and Mrs. Romero regarding the 2-hour parking on Seville and tickets being issued. Chief Lozano stated that the area on Seville, between Florence and Gage, has been a long standing issue and was taken under review by the Traffic Authority last year, a comprehensive study was conducted and brought before the Traffic Authority where it was voted on unanimously to keep the 2-hour parking in place, notices were issued to those parking in the area advising them that the parking provisions would continue to be enforced.

Chief of Police Lozano responded to Mr. Franco's comment regarding parking in the "Huntington Park Strip." Chief Lozano stated that PD is beginning to allocate more attention and resources to that part of the community, and that the parking task force will be concentrating more on traffic enforcement.

## **STAFF RESPONSE (Continued)**

Chief of Police Lozano announced that the City, Schools and the community have been engaged with respect to the traffic conditions during school pick up times.

City Manager Cisneros responded to comments made by Mr. and Mrs. Cruz regarding the Dial-A-Ride service. Mr. Cisneros explained that the item on the agenda is consistent with Council's directive to issue RFPs on City's services to ensure the City is getting the best service at the best cost and that Fiesta Taxi will be given the opportunity to apply. Mr. Cisneros explained that the City is proposing to go back to the 24 hour availability of the Dial-A-Ride services and that the number of trips are being reconsidered and that the information is provided in the staff report.

Chief of Police Lozano noted that PD does not have a quota for towing.

City Manager Cisneros noted that communication will be going out to the City of Maywood regarding the traffic impact their recent event triggered within the City of Huntington Park. Also stating that the City of Huntington Park has serious concerns when it comes to festivals that impact the City, and that the City, moving forward, with Council backing, will not be able to support such events because of the impact to our residential streets.

City Manager Cisneros responded to Rodolfo Cruz's comment regarding trash and furniture left on the streets. Mr. Cisneros stated the City has periodic cleaning events, the City is doing its best to keeping things clean, City does advertise bulky item pickups and encourages residents to report these concerns as soon as observed.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:59 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced item 1 would not be discussed and recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
(Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2)) – One matter
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR  
(Government Code Section 54957.6(a)) - Regarding Represented Employees  
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Edgar Cisneros, City  
Manager  
Employee Organization: Police Officers Association (POA)
3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR  
(Government Code Section 54957.6(a)) - Regarding Represented Employees  
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Edgar Cisneros, City  
Manager  
Employee Organization: Police Management Association (PMA)

At 8:48 p.m. Mayor Ortiz reconvened to open session. All Council Members present.

### **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman announced that the City Council discussed closed session items 2 and 3, direction given, no action taken, nothing to report.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve consent calendar, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed, (Amezquita NO on item 1-1) by the following vote:

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

1. Approved Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):
  - 1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

ROLL CALL:

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

**1-2** Budget Workshop Meeting held Friday, May 20, 2016.

ROLL CALL:

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

**1-3** Special Closed Session Meeting held Friday May 20, 2016.

ROLL CALL:

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

## **FINANCE**

**2.** Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated June 7, 2016.

ROLL CALL:

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

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **CITY MANAGER**

**3. Resolution in Support of (SB) 1472 – Small Cities Representation on the Los Angeles County MTA (LACMTA) Board**

**Motion:** Mayor Ortiz moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-17, In Support of (SB) 1472 – Small Cities Representation on the Los Angeles County MTA (LACMTA) Board, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

## **FINANCE**

**4. Resolution Adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2016 and Ending June 30, 2017, Making Appropriations for the Conduct of City of Huntington Park Government, Establishing Policies for the Administration of the Adopted Budget, and for Other Budget Related Purposes**

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2016-18, Adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, Making Appropriations for the Conduct of City of Huntington Park Government, Establishing Policies for the Administration of the Adopted Budget, and for Other Budget Related

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 4 (Continued)**

Purposes, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**5. Resolution Delegating Investment Authority to the Interim Finance Director/Treasurer and Adopt the Statement of Investment Policy**

**Motion:** Council Member Macias motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2016-19, Delegating Investment Authority to the Interim Finance Director/Treasurer Pursuant to Government Code Section 53607 and Adopt the Statement of Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**6. Resolution Establishing the Appropriation Limit for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2016 and Ending June 30, 2017**

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2016-20, Establishing the Appropriation Limit Pursuant to the Provisions of the California Constitution Article XIII B for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2016 and Ending June 30, 2017, seconded by Council Member Amezcuita. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**7. Resolution Establishing a General Fund Reserve Policy**

**Motion:** Council Member Amezcuita motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2016-121 Establishing a General Fund Reserve Policy and General Fund Reserve Requirement, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**8. Resolution Revising Fees to the City of Huntington Park Master Fee Schedule**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 2016-22, Revising Fees Amounts Applicable to Listed City Services in Accordance with the City of Huntington Park Master Fee Schedule.

Request by staff to continue item to the next City Council Meeting of June 21, 2016.

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

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve request to continue item to the next City Council meeting of June 21, 2016, seconded by Council Member Amezquita. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

### **9. Resolution Adopting a New Schedule of Fines for Parking Related Violations**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2016-23, Repealing Resolution No. 2010-83 and Adopting a New Schedule of Fines for Parking Related Violations.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Sanabria moved to continue item to the next City Council meeting of June 21, 2016, seconded by Council Member Amezquita. Motion passed 4-1 (Pineda- NO) by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

### **10. Authorization to Provide Notice of Termination to Dial-A-Ride Services Provider (Administrative Services Cooperative aka Fiesta Taxi) and Authorize Issuance of RFP for Dial-A-Ride Services or Demand Response Transportation Services**

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to authorize the City Manager to provide the required 30 days' notice to Administrative Services Cooperative, Inc. otherwise known as Fiesta Taxi regarding the termination of the current Dial-A-Ride contract and authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Dial-A-Ride or Demand Response Transportation services consistent with the City's recently established practice to RFP existing services to ensure that the price and service is competitive and advantageous to the City, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **11. Award, Authorize and Approve Agreement with USA Pools Inc. for Pool Management Services for Summer Swim Program and Approve Agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) for use of Pool Facility**

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Sanabria motion to approve agreement with USA Pools Inc. to provide pool management services for the City's Summer Swim Program, approve agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) for the use of Linda Marquez High School for the Summer Swim Program and authorize City Manager to execute agreements, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 11 (Continued)**

ROLL CALL:

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

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**12. Select and Approve Award of Contract for Consulting Services for the Randolph Street Shared Use Rails-To-Trails Project**

City Manager Cisneros introduced Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager who presented the item.

Mayor Ortiz requested each consultant give a one minute introduction.

**Consultants:**

1. Frank Quinonez, KOA, gave a brief introduction.
2. Fred Glick, Transtech, provided a brief introduction.
3. Miguel Nunez, Fehr and Peers, presented an introduction.
4. Alta – not present.

**Motion:** Council Member Pineda nominated KOA and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, seconded by Council Member Amezquita. Motion **failed 2-3** (Macias, Sanabria and Ortiz – NO) by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**Motion:** Mayor Ortiz nominated Fehr and Peers with condition they match lowest bid and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motion **passed 4-1** (Pineda-NO) by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**END OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**13. Continued from the May 17, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting - Zoning Ordinance Amendment; Conditional Use Permit, and Development Permit Case No. 2016-07; and the Adoption of an Associated Negative Declaration Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for Property located at 6121-6125 Pacific Boulevard**

Mayor Ortiz opened the item up for public comment.

**Public Comment**

1. Kai Chan, KCDC Architect for Davita, spoke in support of the proposed project.
2. James Allnutt, PHP Investment, LLC, spoke in support of the owner of the property and the proposed project.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

3. Lito Ancheta, Facility Administrator, Davita, spoke in support of the proposed project, noting that it is needed due to current clinic being full.
4. Aaron Denike, Real Estate Agent for Davita, spoke in support of the proposed project, noted challenges of land size, location, building, ease of access, need in the city and current site being feasible.

Mayor Ortiz closed public comment.

**Motion:** Mayor Ortiz moved to adopt Resolution No. 2016-24, denying Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Conditional Use Permit, Development Permit Case No. 2016-07. This option would uphold the Planning Commission's recommendation of denial, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS** (Information only)

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** - None

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita, suggested asking bicyclists riding on the sidewalk, to go slower. Mr. Amezquita commented on the handicap parking issue involving Mr. Ioannidis and the comment made by the police department from the last city council meeting and suggested that a letter addressing the issue be sent to Mr. Ioannidis. Mr. Amezquita noted the Copa America that is currently being televised and suggested the city do something fun for the residents if Mexico goes to the next level to avert any problems that might arise.

Council Member Karina Macias, thanked staff for all their support, thanked Chief of Police for attending the sports event and Parks & Recreation staff for all their support, suggested the city look back at the goals and objectives made during the budget presentation to see where the City is at and to let the community know. Ms. Macias acknowledged a comment made by Council Member Amezquita regarding Severn Trent noting the City saved a lot of monies by going with Severn Trent, acknowledged his comment to renegotiate the Fiesta Taxi contract instead of an RFP process. Ms. Macias recapped the reason for the City going with an RFP process, to provide the best services to the City and pointing out that this contract has not gone out for an RFP in 10 years but that Fiesta Taxi will have that option to provide a bid and again thanked staff for all their support.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda, announced the Youth Fellows event at Salt Lake Park on Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria, thanked staff for all their support at the ICSC event, commented on Council Member Amezquita's comment of her addressing him, she sees herself as a shepherd to her community, knows Council will not see eye-to-eye and only ask for professionalism and closed by thanking those who voted.

Mayor Graciela Ortiz, thanked staff for all their support at the ICSC event and thanked staff and Council for attending and working as a team, thanked her colleagues Pineda, Sanabria and Macias for attending the Altamed event, thanked Parks & Recreation for the Memorial Day Ceremony and thanked all those who attended.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:06 p.m. Mayor Ortiz adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Special Meeting on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk