

Final Minutes Approved June 14, 2016

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Sergeant at Arms read the Rules of Decorum.

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, May 3, 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; Noel Tapia, Assistant 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, Christina Dixon, Staff Analyst, Martha Castillo, Human Resources Director and Jessie Gomez, Junior Deputy City Clerk.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was led by Mayor Ortiz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Daphne Montoya, student at Lucille Roybal-Allard Elementary School.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council presented a Proclamation to San Antonio Mental Health Clinic and LAUSD Mental Health Program, Proclaiming the Month of May to be "Mental Health Awareness Month."

Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to Nick "The Greek" Ioannidis, Celebrating his 41st Year Anniversary as a United States Citizen.

Kenneth Pun, CPA, CTMA and Frances Kuo, Audit Manager at The Pun Group presented a PowerPoint Presentation on the City's Fiscal Year (FY) 2014/2015 Audit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Francisco Rivera, commented on having family restaurants in the city.
2. Rafael Contreras, Public Works Project Engineer for the City of Vernon, spoke in support of item 6 and a potential joint application for the open streets project.
3. DeAnn D'Lean, We the People Rising, commented on the number of Closed Session items on the agenda.
4. Catherine Bueno Granados, Manager, County of Los Angeles Public Library, introduced herself as the new Library Manager and informed Council on upcoming events.
5. Carlos Tavino, DaVita representative, asked for City Councils support to build a new dialysis clinic due to the overcapacity and insufficient space for patients.
6. Kai Chan, KCDA Da Vita representative, spoke in support of the proposed new outpatient dialysis clinic
7. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on Bonds, spoke in opposition to bringing a Sherriff's Department in the city and pointed out the issue with Well 17 being dry.

Council Member Pineda stepped out at 7:36 p.m.
Vice Mayor Sanabria stepped out at 7:39 p.m.

8. Sandra Orozco, read a bible verse, asked about the softball leagues returning to the City, commented on the homeless issue and commission appointments.

Council Member Pineda returned to the Chambers at 7:43 p.m.

9. Betty Retama, commented on the sound system in the Chambers, police complaint, and bicycles being an issue in the City.
10. Joan Lias, resident, questioned city services and commented on PD phone issues.
11. Raul Rodriguez, American First Latinos, addressed signs that he was holding, commented on commission appointments.
12. Janet West, We the People Rising, commented on agenda item 10 pertaining to Traffic impact, commission appointments and quoted Jason Chaffetz, Representative and Sarah Saldaña, ICE Director.
13. Wes Parker, commented on a Costa Mesa incident pertaining to family values and laws.
14. Robin Hvidston, commented on commission appointments, honored Nick the Greek, read accomplishments and a letter presented to Nick by the State Legislature.

Vice Mayor Sanabria returned to the Chambers at 8:00 p.m.

15. Vaughn Beck, quoted LA Times statistics.
16. Stella Stevens, held up a sign, spoke in regards to undocumented immigrants and Lawlessness.
17. Chanell, We the People Rising, commented on undocumented immigrants and recited a poem.
18. Arthur Schapper, We the People Rising, commented on the Costa Mesa incident and commission appointments.

Council Member Macias stepped out at 8:13 p.m. and returned to the Chambers at 8:19 p.m.

Mayor Ortiz gave Arthur Schaper his first and second warning for being disruptive.

19. Dr. Newman, We the People Rising, read from the bible.
20. Nick Ioannidis, resident, commented on incidents that occurred during his years in the city.
21. Valentin Palos Amezquita, commented on Nick the Greek mistreatment, spoke in regards to his objectives, and commission appointments.

STAFF RESPONSE

Parks and Recreation Director Espinosa, responded to Ms. Orozco's question regarding softball leagues, stating the new girls softball league will begin late summer early winter.

City Manager Cisneros, noted that bike safety lessons and practices would be given at the CicLavia event.

Chief of Police Lozano, responded to Ms. Lias' comment regarding the Police Department established phone system. Chief Lozano provided the public with direct business lines to the dispatch center. City Manager Cisneros added that the current phone system is antiquated and that the City is looking into updating the current phone system.

Council Member Macias requested an update to be scheduled for the next City Council Meeting regarding to the tree trimming issue.

At 8:34 p.m. Assistant City Attorney Tapia recessed to Closed Session

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2)) – One matter

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

City of Huntington Park v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
L.A.S.C No. BC 547969

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4)) – One matter
RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 9:47 p.m. Mayor Ortiz reconvened the meeting with all Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Tapia announced that the City Council discussed closed session items 1-4 stating that direction was given no action taken.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Macias requested to pull item 1 for further discussion.

Motion: Mayor Ortiz moved to continue Item 1 to the next regular city council meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria.

Substitute Motion: Council Member Amezcuita motioned for a substitute motion to pull item 1 for discussion and corrections to the April 19, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes, substitute motion failed due to lack of second.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, April 19, 2016;

Motion: Mayor Ortiz moved to approve consent items, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 4-1-0 (Amezcuita NO) with the exception of item 1:

ROLL CALL **Items 2, 3, and 4:**

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

NOES: Council Member(s): Amezcuita

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2. Adopted Ordinance No. 2016-948, Amending the Land Use Element of the General Plan; and Ordinance Amending Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 3 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code Relating to Property Development Standards; a Conditional Use Permit to Establish a Self-Storage Facility; a Development

Permit for the Construction of Two Warehouse Buildings Totaling 245,000 Square Feet; a Tentative Parcel Map to Divide One Parcel into Two; and the Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for Property Located at 6901 Alameda Street within the Manufacturing Planned Development (MPD) Zone.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

COUNCIL

3. Adopted Resolution No. 2016-15, Amending Resolution No. 2016-12, Adopting an Order of Business at City Council Meetings.

FINANCE

4. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated May 3, 2016.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

COUNCIL

5. **Appointment of City Council Member to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 1**

Motion: Mayor Ortiz moved to appoint **Council Member Macias** as Alternate to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 1, 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

CITY MANAGER

6. **Approval of Metro Grant Application for an Open Streets Program**

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria moved to approve Metro Grant Application for Open Streets Program, offered by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) to apply for funding of an open streets event in partnership with the City of Vernon and potentially other neighboring jurisdictions and nonprofit agencies, seconded by Council Member Amezcuita. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

PARKS AND RECREATION

7. **Approved License Agreement with Schoeppner Shows to Provide a Four (4) Day Carnival, July 1-4, 2016, at Salt Lake Park**

Motion: Council Member Pineda motioned to approve application and agreement with Schoeppner Shows, to provide a four (4) day carnival, July 1-4, 2016, at Salt Lake Park, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezcuita, Macias, Pineda, Vice Mayor

Sanabria and Mayor Ortiz
NOES: Council Member(s): None

REGULAR AGENDA (Continued)

POLICE

8. Approved Request to Appropriate the amount of \$74,900 from the Police Forfeiture Fund to Purchase New Computer Hardware and Software for Police Department Information Technology Section

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve the appropriation of funds, authorize service of Lan Wan to install and implement newly purchased hardware, software and authorize the Chief of Police to acquire hardware, other associated equipment, software and labor costs needed to completed the project, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC WORKS

9. Approved Contract Agreement for the Pacific Boulevard Improvements from Florence Avenue to Slauson Avenue

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to award the contract to Interlog, authorized the City Manager to execute agreement and approve environmental assessments, seconded by Council Member Amezquita. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

10. Rejected all Bids and Directed Public Works to Complete the Modified Crosswalk Improvements at 57th and 58th Streets at Pacific Boulevard Project

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to reject all bids and authorize Public Works to Complete the construction of the modified crosswalk improvements at 57th and 58th Streets at Pacific Boulevard Project, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

11. Authorize the Solicitation of Bids for the Lease of 800 Acre Feet of Water Rights, Without Flex

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned the solicitation of bids for the lease of 800 acre feet of water rights, without flex and the City Manager to execute any and all documents pursuant to the leasing of the water rights for the City Water utility, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

REGULAR AGENDA (Continued)

12. Approved Resolution and Authorized for the Submittal of an Application to the Water Replenishment District (WRD) for a Safe Drinking Water Program for Well 15

Motion: Council Member Amezquita motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2016-16, authorizing the City to apply for funding from the Safe Drinking Water Program for Well 15 improvements and authorized the City Manager to execute the application and any documents pursuant to the program, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

FINANCE

13. Authorization to Enter into an Agreement for the Provision of a City-Wide Inventory Relating to the City's Capital Assets; and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute such Agreement

Motion: Council Member Jhonny Pineda motioned to continue item to next City Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

CITY CLERK

14. Discussion Regarding Minutes for City Council Meeting and Policies Pertaining to Official City Recognition

- DISCUSSION ONLY -

Vice Mayor Sanabria stepped out at 11:15 p.m. and returned to the Chambers 11:21 p.m.

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

15. Consideration and Adoption of the City of Huntington Park's Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/2017 Annual Action Plan

City Manager Cisneros introduced Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager who gave a PowerPoint Presentation by giving an overview of the 5-year consolidated plan for the goals and priorities of the Housing and Urban Development Department Plan.

Mayor Ortiz suggested to leave program as is and revisit this item in the future provide

more help for senior citizens, along with creating an ad-hoc committee.

Mayor Ortiz opened the item up for public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING (Continued)

Public Comment

1. Dr. Newman, noted a date typo on the PowerPoint Presentation.
2. Raul Rodriguez, DeAnn D'Lean and Sandra Orozco, are in favor of helping senior citizens and suggested that the City provide help for the homeless.

Mayor Ortiz closed public comment.

Motion: Mayor Ortiz motioned to approve item with noted changes and direction to create an ad-hoc committee, review regulations and to come back with an amended annual action plan seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Jhonny Pineda – requested the Traffic Authority look into an issue that was brought to his attention by Ms. Basulto, representative of Tree People, requesting a street bump be put in on her street, Council Member Pineda asked colleagues for their collaboration for the “Health for All” Community Town Hall Event in Walnut Park adding his request to sponsor this event by using the City Logo, thanked staff for all their hard work and thanked the public for staying late.

Council Member Karina Macias - Thanked staff and colleges for all their hard work and continued efforts on attending city events. Ms. Macias Acknowledged Chief of Police Lozano for being honored with the Zaragoza Award, and announced her attendance at the Board of Supervisors Meeting where she expressed the needed park space of our parks.

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita – commented on Santa Clarita’s budget, commended consultant’s presentation and response, recommended public strategical meetings for future budgets, requested that the City look into rent control to help seniors, homeless and Veteran issues, requested staff consider working with homeowners to legalize dwellings. Commented on the difference between the word illegal vs. undocumented and saving money by having a Civil Service City Attorney. Mentioned saving money on various contracts and thanked the public for staying late.

Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria – Thanked and congratulated Chief Lozano on receiving an award, commented on rent control, homelessness, acknowledged mental health issues, and expressed her content with the water lease, mentioned the commitment of attending community events. Suggested to Council Member Amezquita to be mindful of his remarks and thanked all who were present.

Mayor Graciela Ortiz – Thanked Police Department, Chief of Police Lozano and staff for their hard work, announced upcoming city events and invited all colleagues to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:10 a.m. Mayor Ortiz adjourned the City of Huntington Park Council Meeting to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yesenia Gomez, Jr. Deputy City Clerk