

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, September 6, 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, September 6, 2016, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Graciela Ortiz presiding.

PRESENT: Council Member(s): 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, Carlos Luis, Senior Planner and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mayor Ortiz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cassidy Duran.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council presented a pin of the official City Seal to Cassidy Duran for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council presented "Certificates of Appreciation" to Outgoing Youth Commissioners: Jesus Estrada, Joseph Hernandez, Carmen Gastelum, Crystal Meza, and Valerie Montes.

Joseph Nunez, Young Senators Program Director, Office of Senator Ricardo Lara, provided a brief overview of Senator Lara's "Young Senators Program" and introduced Young Senators: Ashely Kim, William Rivas and Robert Garcia.

Council presented a proclamation "Recognizing Police Canine Kilo's Career" with the City of Huntington Park's Police Department.

City Manager Cisneros announced staff has requested Item 5 be continued to the September 20, 2016, City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Robin Hvidston, We the People Rising and The Remembrance Project, asked to remove the two commissioners and appoint citizens, made a comment about Donald Trump, held up a sign and commented on Senator Lara's legislation.
2. Janet West, commented on Donald Trump's immigration speech, agenda Item 2, and immigration laws.
3. Rodolfo Cruz, noted an incident that occurred on 57th Street and the outcome, voiced concern with people getting around during the construction on Pacific Boulevard, and feels there is not enough police in the streets.
4. Arthur Schaper, We the People Rising, noted his attendance at a Trump rally, held up a picture, mentioned a remark by Macias regarding Trump, feels the two commissioners must go, commented on racism, stated he taught high school in

South Gate, spoke in opposition to Council and feels Amezquita should be Mayor.

5. Raul Rodriguez, America First Latinos and We the People Rising, held up a sign, commented on the commission appointments, feels Council has violated the constitution, commented on Senator Lara's legislation, spoke in opposition to Council and stated they have requested an audit of the City.
6. Ed Ramirez, commented on a parking ticket he received where he lives, noted there is no parking available and feels it's due to vehicles from Cudahy and hopes the city can come up with a solution.
7. Wes Parker, commented on remarks about racism, spoke in opposition to Council, commented on the appointments, immigration laws, and feels Council are outsiders in Maywood.

At 7:04 p.m. Vice Mayor Sanabria left the Chambers.

8. George Franco, spoke in regards to the event at Freedom Park put on by some of the Council Members, noted a fence on Randolph that was only partially fixed and, and asked when the lights in the chambers will be fixed.
9. Francisco Rivera, commented on his life in the city, his efforts of cleaning up the graffiti and the bus stops, mentioned he couldn't get a letter of recommendation from the City so that he could get a job and feels the company that does the pressure washing should be noticed.

At 7:08 Vice Mayor Sanabria returned to the Chambers.

At 7:10 p.m. Council Member Pineda left the Chambers.

10. Vaughn Becht, commented on Trump and those against him.
11. Jorge Sepulveda, spoke in regards to the businesses in the city, to be able to promote and foster small businesses, commented on the Pacific Boulevard project and concerned with the safety of the people, and would like Council to meet with the local businesses to address some concerns.

At 7: 15 p.m. Council Member Pineda returned to the Chambers.

12. DeAnn D'Lean, We the People Rising, held up a sign and commented on Senator Lara's legislation, spoke in support of Francisco Rivera and obtaining a letter of recommendation, acknowledged Senator Lara for encouraging the youth and asked to listen to both sides and commented on politics.
13. Abhilasha Bhola, Jobs to Move America, gave a brief explanation of the non-profit agency, spoke in regards to Measure M and providing jobs and urges the public to support Measure M.
14. Betty Retama, spoke in regards to the Pacific Boulevard project, getting rid of corruption, spoke in opposition of Council, remarked respect Constitution, Federal law, State law, and stated your day is coming.
15. Valentin Amezquita, commented on city business regarding Council, Staff, residents businesses and contractors and doing things right, commented on parking being an issue and beautifying the city, suggested medians with drought tolerant plants, providing incentives to the residents and businesses, wants to bring green into the city to beautify and not cannabis.

STAFF RESPONSE

Mayor Ortiz responded to Mr. Francisco's comment regarding a letter of recommendation. Ms. Ortiz stated he had sent her a text message asking her if he

could put her down as a reference and she stated she approved it and wished he would have asked her for the letter and she would write it and acknowledged his efforts in the city.

Mayor Ortiz requested Michael Ackerman, Acting Public Works Director/City Engineer follow up with Mr. Franco's concern with the fence on Randolph.

Mayor Ortiz announced that the event held at HP strip was sponsored by four Council Members using their own funds and was for the community. Ms. Ortiz stated there was an application that was processed, which is public record, showing the amount that was paid by the four Council Members and that if Mr. Franco would like to see it he had a right to. Mayor Ortiz asked City Manager Cisneros to elaborate on the application process for an event. Mr. Cisneros stated any group or anyone wishing to hold an event completes the application for the permit and that is what was done with respect to this event. Mayor Ortiz added that in order to have the event with a street closure, signatures from the surrounding residents must be obtained which signatures were obtained and are on file and reiterated that the four Council Members took the same steps as everyone else.

City Manager Cisneros stated the City is aware of all the concerns surrounding the Pacific Boulevard project, and that the City has put a pause to some of the demolition in order to ensure that there is adequate focus on safety, City is aware of the timeline and completing this project prior to the holiday season which is critical to the businesses, and the upcoming holiday parade, there are a lot of aspects to balance but feels the City will deliver a very good project.

Council Member Amezcua suggested putting down plywood over the dirt in order to assist with those who use walkers and those with disabilities.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:32 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
J.H., a minor, by and through his Guardian Ad Litem, Marcela Lujano, et al. v.
City of South Gate/ City of Huntington Park, et al.
LASC No. BC 614412
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)

At 8:28 p.m. Mayor Ortiz reconvened to open session. All Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced Council discussed closed session items 1 and 2, stating for both items 1 and 2, direction was given, no action taken, nothing to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to approve consent calendar items 1 and 2, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed by the follow votes:

- Item 1: Motion passed 4-1.
Item 2: Motion passed 5-0.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): Amezquita

POLICE

2. Authorized the Police Department to accept funding provided through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program totaling \$30,440, designated the Chief of Police as the Authorized Grantee Official for the purpose of executing grant objectives and documentation and authorized appropriation of \$30,440 in the City's FY 16-17 Budget for police equipment purchases.

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

3. **Approve Resolutions Consenting to the City of Huntington Park's Inclusion of Three (3) Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Programs**

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

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2016-33, Consenting to the inclusion of properties within the territory of the City in the California Municipal Finance Authority (CMFA) Open PACE Programs; authorizing the acceptance of contractual assessment proceedings and levy contractual assessments within the territory of the City, adopt Resolution No. 2016-37, Approving Associate Membership by the City in the California Enterprise Development Authority (CEDA); authorizing and directing the execution of an associate membership agreement relating to associate membership of the City in the authority; authorizing the city to join the FigTree PACE Program; authorizing the CEDA to conduct contractual assessment proceedings and levy contractual assessments within the territory of the City, authorize the execution of the Associate Membership Agreement with CEDA, authorize the Indemnification Agreement outlining the indemnification FigTree provides to the City, adopt Resolution No. 2016-34, Authorizing the CHFA YGreeneWorks PACE Program to Finance Renewable Energy Improvements, Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Improvements, and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure, adopt Resolution No. 2016-36, authorize the California Home Finance Authority (CHFA) YGreeneWorks PACE Program to accept applications from property owners, conduct assessment proceedings and levy assessments within the City and authorizing related actions, authorize the City to become an Associate Member of Joint Powers Authority (JPA) and authorize the City Manager, or designee thereof, to execute all documents and take any actions necessary and appropriate to carry out the resolutions, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. 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

4. Urgency Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on the Establishment and Operation of Charter Schools within the City

Edgar Cisneros, City Manager, introduced Carlos Luis, Senior Planner, who presented the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve Urgency Ordinance No. 2016-949 to establish a temporary Moratorium on the establishment and operation of charter schools within the City, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): Amezcuita

5. Continued to the September 20, 2016, City Council Meeting - Approve Resolution Opposing the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Expenditure Plan for the 2016 Proposed Ballot Measure

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve Resolution opposing the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) expenditure plan for the 2016 proposed ballot measure.

FINANCE

6. Approve a First Amendment to the Agreement with Sunflower Systems for Provision of a Physical Inventory of the City's Capital Assets and Authorize Appropriation

Edgar Cisneros, City Manager, introduced Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director, who presented the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve a First Amendment to the agreement with Sunflower Systems extending the term of the agreement to October 15, 2016, authorize the City Manager to execute such an agreement and authorize the Finance Department to make the required appropriation, 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

PARKS & RECREATION

7. Authorization to Appropriate Funds from the Art in Public Places Budget to be Utilized for the Expenditure of the Holiday Tree Set Up & Break Down of Decorations

Edgar Cisneros, City Manager, introduced Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation, who presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to approve the request to appropriate \$4,583.91 from the Art in Public Places Budget Account Number: 232-6010-419.56-41 to be utilized for the expenditure of set up and tear down of the holiday tree decorations

for the City Hall Holiday Tree and authorize City staff to enter into a three (3) year agreement with Ambius to install, remove and store holiday decorations for 25 ft. outdoor tree at City Hall, 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

8. Resolution Approving the Application for Grant Funds to the California State Parks Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) Program to Develop the Department of Water and Power (DWP) Lots to Increase Open Space, Provide Connectivity, and Increase Physical Activity Opportunities for the Community

Edgar Cisneros, City Manager, introduced Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation, who presented the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2016-38, Approving the application for grant funds to the California State Parks Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) Program for the development of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LA DWP) lots to increase the open space, provide connectivity, and increase physical activity options for the community and authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to execute and submit all related grant application documents, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motioned passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSTAINED: Council Member(s): Amezquita

POLICE

9. Approve Appropriation of Funds for the Completion of an Information Technology Project for the Police Department

Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to approve budget appropriation of \$47,111.00 for account #229-7010-421.74-10 for the completion of an Information Technology Project for the Police Department, 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

10. Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Grant

- DISCUSSION ONLY -

PUBLIC WORKS

11. Approve First Amendment to Contract for Industrial/Commercial Facilities Control Program Including Inspections for Commercial/Industrial Illegal

Connection and Discharges for Stormwater

Edgar Cisneros, City Manager, introduced Michael Ackerman, Acting Public Works Director/City Engineer, who presented the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve first amendment of contract services for mandated industrial/commercial stormwater compliance to facilitate the contract term coinciding with the regulatory term and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motioned 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

12. Public Works Projects Update Including Pacific Blvd, Crosswalks and State Street

- DISCUSSION ONLY -

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita, commented on the Pacific Boulevard Project and the support of previous Council, noted some safety concerns during the construction, acknowledged it will look beautiful once completed, suggested that the City continue looking into grants, putting in medians and asked that something be done with the outgrowth in the sidewalk crevices, to perhaps seal the cracks, have long term vision with plans ready to implement, thanked staff and wished all a good evening.

Council Member Karina Macias, thanked Vice Mayor Sanabria as well as the City Manager and Economic Development Manager for attending the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) in San Diego, thanked her colleagues for their support for being able to attend, thanked staff for all their hard work and wished everyone a good night.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda, thanked staff for looking into obtaining grants, commented on the block party that was hosted by some of the Council Members stating it was a great event, noted a resident approached him and asked that her street be marked between Carmelita and Maywood Avenue, looking forward to the completion of Pacific Boulevard, suggested adding lighting to Pacific Boulevard and wished everyone a good night.

Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria, commented on the comment regarding City of Maywood council meetings stating this council advocates for Huntington Park and thanked the Mayor for voicing concern at Maywood's council meeting with regard to a planned event. Ms. Sanabria thanked Council Members for the recent event they sponsored and feels it was a good way to meet neighbors, thanked the City Manager and Economic Development Manager for all their efforts at ICSC and wished everyone a good night.

Mayor Graciela Ortiz, thanked all those who represented the City of Huntington Park at ICSC, announced that the Los Angeles Unified School District was having an event Student Recovery Day on Friday using volunteers to go out to the community to promote awareness of the importance of education, she encouraged her colleagues and

the public to participate, thanked staff for their support, thanked Chief Lozano for bringing in Kilo the Police Canine and wished everyone a good night.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:50 p.m. Mayor Ortiz adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk