

**MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, November 1, 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, November 1, 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, and Mayor Graciela Ortiz. ABSENT: Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria. CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Edgar Cisneros City Manager; Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager; Martha Castillo, Human Resources; Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director; Director Michael Ackerman, Acting Public Works Director/City Engineer, and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk. STAFF ABSENT: Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Mayor Ortiz.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Damaris Bulux, Miles Avenue Elementary School.

**PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Damaris Bulux for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Continued to the next Regular City Council Meeting: Commission Update*

Council presented a proclamation proclaiming November 7-11, 2016, as "National Key Club Week" to students of Huntington Park and Linda Marquez High School and members of the Kiwanis Club.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Javier Acosta, spoke in regards to parking issues on Seville and citations received.
2. Raul Rodriguez, stated he will keep attending meetings until the two commissioner appointments are removed, commented on the invocation, spoke in opposition to Council, held up a poster, asked that Council and City Attorney do the right thing, remarked violation of Constitution and people not voting for candidates.
3. Jose Parra, Huntington Park Library, announced Library programs: November National American Month, geology program on Saturday, every Tuesday family movies, every Thursday family meetings and a public health event the next day.
4. George Franco, commented on trash not being collected on the North side of Huntington Park, no parking on 61<sup>st</sup> Street and tickets issued, noted residents are not parking in their driveways, residents parking in areas for days and are not receiving tickets, windows being shot at in his neighborhood, noted areas where curbs are painted red, asked that code enforcement enforce the codes and commented on people selling on the corners.
5. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on trees being trimmed, crime being high in Central America and Mexico, young kids smoking drugs and being the future of Huntington Park, and spoke in opposition of Council.

6. EJ Ramirez, feels We the People instead of complaining go out to the streets and change minds, commented on staff being recognized when they do things right and wrong and feels parking should be resolved, asked Council to be cordial with each other and agrees with moratorium.
7. Janet West, commented on Council appointments, Presidential election, FBI, comments by Trump and Council advocating for policies that benefit citizens.
8. Vaughn Becht, commented on the two appointments and held up a poster.
9. Mike McCain, feels the city is \$350 million dollars in debt as well as the Country and the State, noted illegal border crossing, asked Council to do jobs right, and referenced a comment by Donald Trump.
10. Robin Hvidston, commented on invocation honoring Veterans, nation of laws, law breaking, an illegal act, lawlessness, and asked to rescind the two appointments and replace them with citizens.
11. Valentin Amezquita, commented on State Propositions, supports public education which includes charter schools,.....

At 6:55 p.m. Council Member Pineda left the Chambers.

Mayor announced a quorum was lost.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated it's at the Mayor's discretion to either wait or recess.

At 6:57 p.m. Council Member Pineda returned to the Chambers.

11. Valentin Amezquita, (continued)...asked to support propositions, commented on support for Measure "M" stating it is good for jobs and economic development and commented on the proposition legalizing marijuana which he does not support.

### **STAFF RESPONSE**

Mayor Ortiz asked Chief Lozano to contact Mr. Acosta regarding issues on Seville. Mayor Ortiz asked City Manager Cisneros to obtain the information from Mr. Parra regarding the programs that the Library puts on and to add to the city's marquee. Mayor Ortiz asked City Manager Cisneros to follow-up with UPW regarding issue on 61<sup>st</sup> Street.

Council Member Pineda clarified the red curbs in his neighborhood stating these curbs were painted many years ago when he was in high school.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:59 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT  
Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) -  
Title: Director of Public Works
2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT  
Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) -  
Title: Director of Community Development
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 Officers Association (POA)

At 10:24 p.m. Mayor Ortiz reconvened to open session. All Council Members present with the exception of Vice Mayor Sanabria ABSENT

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman announced Council discussed closed session Items 1 and 2, no reportable action and that City Council wishes to move forward with open agenda with the exception of agenda items 4 and 5 which will be deferred until after Council recesses from closed session later in the agenda. Item 3 was not discussed at this time.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Council Member Pineda requested an amendment to the Minutes regarding his name should appear under the appointments motion as making no appointment at this time.

**Motion:** Council Member Pineda motioned to approve consent calendar items with requested amendment to Minutes, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 3-1-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

1. Approved Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):  
1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, October 18, 2016.
2. Adopted Resolution No. 2016-49, Authorizing and Approving the Destruction of Certain Business Records no Longer Required.

**FINANCE**

3. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated November 1, 2016.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**Items 4 and 5 moved to after the second closed session after regular agenda.**

**FINANCE**

6. **Ordinance Granting the Transfer of Ordinance No. 353-NS to Torrance Pipeline Company LLC, (Successor-in-Interest to Exxon Mobile Oil Corporation)**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2016-951 granting the transfer of the ExxonMobil Oil Corporation Ordinance No. 353-NS to Torrance Pipeline Company LLC, for the use and maintenance of an existing underground pipeline; and

2. Schedule the adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-951, as described above, for the November 15, 2016, City Council meeting.

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

**Motion:** Mayor Ortiz motioned to continue item to the next regular City Council Meeting of November 15, 2016, for further negotiations, form an Ad Hoc Committee and appoint Council Members Macias and Pineda with Mayor Ortiz as an alternate, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**7. Authorization to Enter into a Master Services Agreement with LANWAN Enterprises Inc. for the Provision of Information Technology Support Services**

City Manager Cisneros introduced the item.

**Motion:** Mayor Ortiz motioned to award the Master Services Agreement to LANWAN Enterprises Inc. for the provision of support services related to the operations and maintenance of the City, including the Police Department (the "City") information technology (IT) infrastructure, as submitted to the city and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a proposed agreement with LANWAN Enterprises Inc. in a total not-to-exceed amount of \$825,000 for a three-year period with equal, annual appropriations that align with the effective date of the agreement, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

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

**8. Approve Pacific Boulevard Improvements Project and Construction Management Contract Change Orders 1 and 2**

**Motion:** Mayor Ortiz motioned to approve and authorize the City Manager to execute, the attached Change Order No. 1-1 Deductive Items, in the amount of (\$2,750,885.08), 1-2 Additive Items in the amount of \$1,503,492.32, and 2 Additive Items in the amount of \$4,940.04. The contract amount with Interlog HYM Engineering will decrease from \$3,730,511.29 to \$2,488,058.57 and approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the construction management contract in the amount of \$83,415. The contract amount with AIM Consulting Services increases from \$141,600 to \$225,015, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**9. Award Contract for Design of the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Middleton Street Elementary School Project**

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

Council Member Amezcuita disclosed he would abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest caused by his family owning property near the proposed improvements.

**Motion:** Mayor Ortiz motioned to award contract to the most qualified bidder for design of the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Middleton Street Elementary School Project, authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the contract and 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, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed 3-0-1-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**10. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance and Appropriation of the 2013 Call for Projects Grant from Metro for the Downtown Huntington Park “I-Park” System Implementation Project**

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

Mayor Ortiz requested that the RFP, before going out, be reviewed by Council.

**Motion:** Council Member Macias motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2016-50, Authorizing the Acceptance and Appropriation of the 2013 Call for Projects Grant from Metro for the City of Huntington Park Downtown “I-Park” System Implementation Project and authorize the Public Works Department to advertise for bids, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

**11. Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Opt-In Program for the 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Street Count**

City Manager Cisneros introduced the item.

**Motion:** Council Member Macias motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority for the 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Street Count and authorize the Mayor to execute the MOU, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

## **END OF REGULAR AGENDA**

### **CLOSED SESSION ITEM 3 (Continued)**

At 10:50 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT  
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Manager  
Employee Organization: Police Officers Association (POA)

At 11:23 p.m. Mayor Ortiz reconvened to open session. All Council Members present with the exception of Vice Mayor Sanabria ABSENT.

### **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman announced Council discussed closed session Items 3, no action taken, nothing to report. Items 1 and 2 related to open sessions 4 and 5.

### **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS 4 AND 5 (CONTINUED)**

#### **CITY COUNCIL**

#### **4. Consideration of Appointment for the Position of Director of Public Works and Authorization of Mayor to Execute the Employment Agreement**

**Motion:** Council Member Pineda motioned to appoint **Daniel Hernandez** for the position of Director of Public Works and authorize the Mayor to execute the Employment Agreement, upon acceptance of position, and subject to and conditioned upon the successful completion of a medical evaluation and background check, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 3-1-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

#### **5. Consideration of Appointment for the Position of Director of Community Development and Authorization of Mayor to Execute the Employment Agreement**

**Motion:** Council Member Macias motioned to appoint **Sergio Infanzon** for the position of Director of Community Development and authorize the Mayor to execute the Employment Agreement, upon acceptance of position, and subject to and conditioned upon the successful completion of a medical evaluation and background check, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 3-1-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS** (Information only)

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** - None

At 11:34 p.m. Council Member Macias motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:34 p.m. Mayor Ortiz adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2016, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk