

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, December 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 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, December 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 Amezcua, 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; Carlos Luis, Senior Planner; Martha Castillo, Human Resources Director; Sergio Infanzon, Community Development Director; Daniel Hernandez, Public Works Director and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mayor Ortiz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mia Calderon, Student Council President, Huntington Park Elementary School.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Mia Calderon for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Dieguez, representative of Kosmont Companies, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Community Revitalization and Investment Authority (CRIA).

Hannah Mendez and Jocelyn Saucedo, students of Aspire Pacific Academy, presented information regarding homelessness and beautifying Huntington Park.

Michael Kandilian of United Pacific Waste, presented an update on bulky and illegally dumped items.

Chief of Police Cosme Lozano was presented "Certificates of Recognition" honoring Huntington Park Police Department Retirees: Carlos Parra, Edgardo Curbelo, Humberto Lozano and Deborah Perez.

Mayor Ortiz announced a poster contest for High School Students Attending School in or Residing in Huntington Park. Council Member Macias requested to extend the deadline.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Robert Lauten, commented on a homicide by a Hispanic gang member.
2. George Franco, commented on the sound system in the chambers, remarked that the trash hauler and street sweeper are not coming when scheduled, and suggested code and parking enforcement patrol in the evening for parked cars.
3. Antonio Padilla, remarked on the previous Council and policies made regarding use of water and suggested watering after 6 p.m. late spring early fall and to water earlier during early spring and late fall and asked Council to consider changing times people are allowed to water.

4. Armando Contreras, commented on the presentation regarding beautifying Huntington Park, noted city has a lot of trash and wants to know what to do.
5. DeAnn D'Lean, commented on a border agent who was killed by "an illegal," noted a ceremony she attended, and changes to come from newly elected president.
6. Francisco Rivera, thanked those who are taking part on Pacific Boulevard, city needs revenue, admires those speakers who commented on beautifying the city, noted illegal dumping being a problem, doesn't agree with murals on walls and noted he and Council Members had picked up trash.
7. Chanell Temple, We the People Rising, paid tribute to those killed by "illegals," noted the number of homicides by "illegals," changes that will be made by newly elected president.
8. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on having the parade during the Pacific Boulevard project, noted a group of young residents picking up trash, upcoming elections, hiring process of the new community development director, street sweeping not picking up trash, the city being in debt, and police leaving the city.
9. Raul Rodriguez, spoke in opposition to Council, noted nothing being done about a forensic audit, noted a young woman killed by "an illegal," commented on illegal immigration and sanctuary cities losing funding.
10. Valentin Amezcuita, commented on marijuana and himself being against it, commented on the passing of Proposition 64, feels even though it's legal that the city shouldn't permit it, marijuana not being a positive message to the kids, with regards to the ordinance he suggested adding language to give city authority to revoke permits without cause and his suggestion regarding mixed use.
11. Mike McCoy, read an article regarding a homicide, commented on the newly elected president's administration and future projects.
12. Betty Retama, remarked sanctuary cities are illegal and it's illegal to accept federal monies, spoke in opposition to Council, noted there used to not be homeless, rents rising and people not being able to pay and being kicked out on the streets.
13. Robin Hvidston, The Remembrance Project, commented on prior comments regarding homicides, showed a picture of someone killed, a hearing she attended, looking forward to the newly elected president's laws.
14. Wes Parker, spoke in opposition to Council, commented on "illegals" and laws not being followed.
15. Janet West, commented on those who worked on Council Member Pineda's campaign, commented on a remark made by Council Member Amezcuita at the previous Council meeting regarding the Police Department, and recognized the victims of the Remembrance Project and asked that they be remembered in prayer.

STAFF RESPONSE

Mayor Ortiz asked City Manager Cisneros to respond to Mr. Cruz's comment regarding the City being in a deficit and asked to explain that the City has a surplus of \$1 million dollars. Mr. Cisneros confirmed what the Mayor stated and announced that the Finance Director was in attendance if there were any questions.

Motion: Mayor Ortiz motioned to move agenda item 6 to be heard before Closed Session, 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

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

6. Receive and File Report and Analysis from Community Development and Kosmont Companies Regarding a Community Revitalization and Investment Authority (CRIA), Discussion and/or Action on the Matter

At 7:43 p.m. Vice Mayor Sanabria excused herself from the Council Chambers.

Motion: Mayor Ortiz motioned to receive and file report, direct staff to continue working on the CRIA effort and with the Ad Hoc Committee which includes Mayor Ortiz, Council Member Macias and the Planning Commission Chair, and have a time line of six months, and to continue evaluating the area of Slauson, Randolph and Alameda, 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
ABSTAINED: Council Member(s): Vice Mayor Sanabria (*was not in the chambers at time of voting*)

- 1. Discuss report and analysis regarding the feasibility of a CRIA within the City of Huntington Park;
- 2. File report and analysis regarding the feasibility of a CRIA within the City of Huntington Park; and
- 3. Provide direction to staff to continue to work on studying or implementation of a CRIA within the City of Huntington Park.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:49 p.m. Vice Mayor Sanabria reentered the Chambers.

At 7:49 p.m. Assistant City Attorney Noel Tapia recessed to closed session.

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL –EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
City of Huntington Park et al. v. Watanabe et al.
Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2013-80001678.
- 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 8:53 p.m. Mayor Ortiz reconvened to open session. All Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Tapia announced Council discussed closed session item 1, direction was given to dismiss law suit, a unanimous decision by Council 5-0. Item 2 direction was given no action taken nothing to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to approve consent items, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed by the following votes:

1. Passed 4-1.
2. Passed 5-0.
3. Passed 4-1.
4. Passed 5-0.
5. Passed 5-0.

See below each item for roll call votes.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

- 1-1** Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

ROLL CALL:

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2. Adopted Resolution No. 2016-52, approving a temporary reduction of the in-lieu parking fee for a period of three (3) years for restaurant uses within the Downtown Huntington Park Specific Plan Area (DTSP).

ROLL CALL:

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

FINANCE

3. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated December 6, 2016.

ROLL CALL:

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

4. Adopted 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.

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC WORKS

5. Adopted Ordinance No. 2016-953, Amending Ordinance No. 747-NS, Updating the City of Huntington Park Municipal Code, Title 7, Chapter 10, Entitled "Construction and Demolition Material Waste Management Plan."

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

6. **Heard before Closed Session - Receive and File Report and Analysis from Community Development and Kosmont Companies Regarding a Community Revitalization and Investment Authority (CRIA), Discussion and/or Action on the Matter.**
7. **Approve Ordinance and Urgency Ordinance Adopting by Reference the Los Angeles County Building, Residential, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical and Existing Building Codes with Certain Amendments**

City Manager Cisneros presented the item.

Motion: Mayor Ortiz motioned to waive further reading, and introduce Ordinance No. 2016-954, Adopting by reference and amend the 2017 Los Angeles County Building, Residential, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing Code and Existing Building Codes, a set a Public Hearing for consideration and adoption of said Ordinance for the December 20, 2016, City Council Meeting and waive further reading and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 2016-955, Adopting by reference and amending the 2017 Los Angeles County Building, Residential, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing Code and Existing Building Codes, 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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8. **Ordinance Amending Title 4, Chapter 7, Article 19 Entitled “Medical Marijuana Delivery” and Title 3, Chapter 1, Article 24 Entitled “Medical Marijuana Businesses” of the City of Huntington Park Municipal Code**

City Manager Cisneros presented the item.

Motion: Mayor Ortiz motioned to waive further reading, introduce Ordinance No. 2016-952, Amending Title 4, Chapter 7, Article 19 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code, Relating to Medical Marijuana Deliveries, and Title 3, Chapter 1, Article 24 relating to Medical Marijuana Business Permits of the Huntington Park Municipal Code approve proposed amendment, and schedule the second reading and adoption of said Ordinance for the December 20, 2016, City Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Macias. 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): Amezquita,

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

9. Approve Amendment Number Two (Substantial) to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Federal Funds

City Manager Cisneros presented the item and introduced Manny Acosta, Economic Development Manager who provided more information.

Mayor Ortiz opened the item up for public comment.

Public Comment

1. Robin Hvidston, feels the Annual Action Plan is not in compliance due to not engaging adequate citizen participation and commented on the two commission appointments.
2. Raul Rodriguez, agrees with Ms. Hvidston and need to comply with rules and the law.
3. DeAnn D'Lean, commented on monies given to sanctuary cities and can be taken away, people need correct audit report, and commented on Federal laws regarding marijuana dispensaries.
4. Janet West, pointed out language in the Annual Action Plan regarding HUD grants and citizen participation and feels the city is denying access, commented on the city not being in compliance regarding the guidelines, and commented on the newly elected president's administration.
5. Wes Parker, reiterated compliance, commented on the two appointments, and Federal law.

Mayor Ortiz closed public comment.

Comment regarding sanctuary cities ensued by Council Member Amezcuita.

Assistant City Attorney Tapia advised Council that this item is not on the agenda for discussion.

This subject/item not being on the agenda Vice Mayor Sanabria called for the question in order to end any discussion, seconded by Council Member Pineda. 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,

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve the Substantial Amendment Number Two to the Annual Action Plan for FY 2016-2017, inclusive of any comments received by the City Clerk during the 30-day public comment period preceding today's date and during this evening's public hearing and authorize City staff to electronically transmit the amended components of the FY 2016/17 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) via the eCon Planning Suite in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS), seconded by Council Member Pineda. 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,

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita, commented on the motion of the “call for the question” noting he is confused and would have voted yes on item 9, announced the city’s parade on Saturday, December 10th and invited the public to attend, thanked everyone and wished a good evening to all.

Council Member Karina Macias, thanked staff for all their support, thanked Chief Lozano for a wonderful ceremony, invited the public to the tree lighting event the next evening and to the parade on Saturday, and asked that the tivoli lights be used on Pacific Boulevard.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda, thanked everyone for attending, and thanked staff for all their support.

Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria, announced the tree lighting event the next evening, parade on Saturday and wished everyone happy holidays.

Mayor Graciela Ortiz, announced the Mayor’s Holiday Award contest and encouraged the public to nominate as well as participate.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:28 p.m. Mayor Ortiz adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk