

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park City Council Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Sergeant at Arms read the Rules of Decorum before the start of the Successor Agency to the Community Development regular meeting.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:07 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 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 (Arrived 7:35 p.m.), Karina Macias (Arrived 7:35 p.m.), 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; Sergio Infanzon, Community Development Director; Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager; Martha Castillo, Human Resources Director and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk. ABSENT: Daniel Hernandez, Public Works Director.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mayor Ortiz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Angel de Santiago

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council presented a proclamation to Ms. Cora Watkins, Principal of Miles Avenue Elementary School for "National School Week" January 22-28, 2017.

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition" recognizing the Teen Police Academy.

Presentation to Salvation Army Volunteers – *moved to February 21, 2017*, City Council Meeting.

Donna Schwartz, City Clerk and Jeff Klein, Governmental & Legislative Affairs, Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder / County Clerk's Office, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Upcoming Consolidated General and Special Municipal Elections to be held March 7, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Ortiz clarified that the city does not have any undocumented Council Members in the City of Huntington Park that in order to run for council you must be a U.S. Citizen of the United States.

1. Pastor Concepcion Roque, presented a plaque to the City of Huntington Park for their support the past 10 years and Chief of Police Cosme Lozano for his support and service to the community.
2. Henry, congratulated Huntington Park Police Department for their services and saving a resident and acknowledge Chief of Police Lozano for a job well done.
3. Luz Flores, commented on the poor service by the taxi company noting they do not arrive on time and asked Council to contact the taxi company asking them to improve their service.
4. Marie Gonzales, agrees with Ms. Flores, stated she was happy with the previous taxi provider, noted her difficulty riding the bus and would like to see the taxi service improve.
5. Lorena Padilla-Melendez, LAUSD, invited the Council and the public to attend a Community Meeting regarding preliminary design concepts for a major

comprehensive modernization project at Huntington Park High School on Thursday, March 2, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

6. Gloria Enciso, spoke in regards to the taxi service being a problem, is always late and rushing, liked the previous taxi provider, she noted this taxi service is disrespectful and the people are not getting the service that was promised.
7. Representative for the Abandon Children of Nicaragua Festival, commented on last year's event being a success and spoke in support for this year's event.
8. Francisco Rivera, commented on federal funds, assemblymen not wanting to comply with federal laws and protecting illegal immigrants, funds will be cut in Los Angeles and commented on sanctuary cities.
9. Janet West, spoke in regards to enforcement of immigration, commented on a picture of the President and meetings with him.
10. Jorge Sepulveda, stated he has spoken many times before, never received a response, noted Pacific Boulevard has a lot of potential and asked to improve it for the businesses feels it has a lot of economic and work resources.
11. Wes Parker, commented on the wording on the wall behind Council, read an article in the *Wave*, commented on immigrants who became Americans and spoke in opposition to Council.
12. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on what kids have to walk through while walking to school, corners full of water, Public Works to do a better job, asked to not send trash trucks during school, wants to see gang units, political campaigning is really bad, and commented on buildings being sold and leased.
13. Betty Retama, spoke in regards to marijuana in Colorado, gave statistics, unlawful for public consumption, commented on moratorium vs. drugs in the city, spoke in opposition to Council, concerned with children's future and those who support it.
14. DeAnn D'Lean, commented on her retirement, sanctuary state, family, and "illegal aliens."
15. George Franco, commented on violations and parked vehicles, stolen and impounded vehicles, construction signs not being posted, vehicles that are overloaded, code enforcement and blocked alleys causing a fire hazard
16. Raul Rodriguez, held up a sign, commented on President, asked Council to do the right thing, and spoke in opposition to Council.
17. Nick Ioannidis, Spoke of his support for America, him being a 37 year citizen, commented on "illegal" immigrants and spoke in opposition to Council.
18. Valentin Amezquita, commented on charter schools, a proclamation, the current taxi provider and the comments of the service being late and whether the city should go to RFP again, apologized to the residents for campaign calls and suggested a moratorium on robo calls and brought up his W2 challenge.
19. Arthur Schaper, commented on the President in support of school of choice...

At this time Mayor Ortiz stopped the time in order to address a distraction of signs being held up. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman reminded the speaker that he was out of order.

19. Arthurs Schaper continued... he commented on sanctuary cities and funds being cut, the two appointments by Pineda, comment made by a staff member, and spoke in opposition to Council.

At 7:37 pm. Mayor Ortiz called a member of the audience out of order and gave him his 1st warning, gentleman wearing a hat backwards.

20. Robin Hvidston, commented on the President, the two “illegal” appointments, asked to do the right things, rescind the appointments and appoint two American citizens and is happy with the President.

STAFF RESPONSE

City Manager Cisneros requested to have Regular Agenda Item 6 be heard at this time.

Motion: Mayor Ortiz motioned to have Item 6 be heard at this time, 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

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

6. **Approve Funding Agreement with Costco Wholesale Corporation (Costco) to Prepare a Feasibility Study and Create a Community Revitalization and Investment Authority (CRIIA) and Professional Services Agreement with Kosmont Company to Assist in the Establishment of a CRIIA**

City Manager Cisneros presented the item and noted that Steven McArthur, Costco Representative and Archie Davenport, Kosmont Representative were in attendance.

Motion: Mayor Ortiz motioned to approve a funding agreement with Costco Wholesale Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$86,500, approve a Professional Services Agreement with Kosmont Companies in an amount not to exceed \$86,500 and on page 6 of the agreement in section 2.2 designate Economic Development Manager as the designee, authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and approve amendments to the agreement not to exceed 10% of the total amount, 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

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:43 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT
Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) -
Title: Director of Finance

At 9:23 p.m. Mayor Ortiz reconvened to open session. All Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced Council with all five member present interviewed five candidates for the Finance Director position. It was a 5-0 vote to direct staff to commence negotiations.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- Item 1: 1-1. Motion passed 5-0.
- Item 2: Motion passed 3-2.
- Item 3. Motion passed 4-1.
- Item 4. Motion passed 5-0.

See below ROLL CALLS.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

- 1-1 Special City Council Meeting held Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

ROLL CALL:

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

CITY ATTORNEY

2. Adopt Ordinance No. 2017-956, Amending the City of Huntington Park Municipal Code, Section (c) of Article 2-3.405 Relating to the Appointment and Removal of Directors/Department Heads of the Various City Departments

ROLL CALL:

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

FINANCE

3. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated February 7, 2017

ROLL CALL:

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

PARKS AND RECREATION

4. Consideration and Approval of Activities in Public Places Permit for the Abandoned Children of Nicaragua, Central American Foundation

- 1. Approved Activities in Public Places permit for use of the Salt Lake Park Baseball Diamonds on May 21, 2017 and August 12, 2017, for the annual Children of Nicaragua, Central American Foundations fundraiser events.

ROLL CALL:

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

5. Ratify and Approve Professional Services Agreement with Alliance Resource Consulting for Executive Search Services for the Position of Director of Finance

1. Ratified and approved professional services agreement with Alliance Resource Consulting LLC for professional services for the Director of Finance Recruitment; and
2. Approved payment to Alliance Resource Consulting for the partial executive recruitment assignment to locate a Director of Finance.

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

Item 6 heard after Staff Response.

6. **Approve Funding Agreement with Costco Wholesale Corporation (Costco) to Prepare a Feasibility Study and Create a Community Revitalization and Investment Authority (CRIA) and Professional Services Agreement with Kosmont Company to Assist in the Establishment of a CRIA.**

7. **Approve Contract in Connection to the City’s Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Program**

City Manager Cisneros presented the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve a contract with Alfredo De La Torre Construction Services for an amount of \$58,700 to perform work on a three-unit property related to the City’s Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Program, and authorize the City Manager to sign the contracts and approve change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% of the total contract amount, 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

8. **Southland Steel Update**

- UPDATE ONLY -

Sergio Infanzon, Community Development Director, gave a brief update.

PUBLIC WORKS

9. **Approve Design, Specifications and Advertise for Bids for the Middleton Street Elementary Safe Routes to School Project**

City Manager Cisneros presented the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve design and specifications for the Safe Routes to School Project, authorize the Public Works Department to advertise for construction bids, 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 and authorize Transtech, under the currently approved Augmentation Contract, to proceed with these items of work per the fee schedule rate at a not to exceed fee of ten percent of the construction budget, 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

10. Approve Award of Contract for the Construction of the Salt Lake Park Splash Pad Project

City Manager Cisneros presented the item and introduced Josette Espinosa, Parks and Recreation Director who gave a brief overview.

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to award contract to lowest responsible, responsive bidder, Micon Construction Inc., authorized the City Manager or designee to execute the contract, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. 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

Mayor Ortiz requested staff come back to Council at the next meeting with some designs of the proposed splash pad.

Recommendation 3. Was not discussed.

3. Authorize Staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Construction and Program Management, or authorize Transtech, under the currently approved Augmentation Contract, to proceed with Construction and Program Management per the approved fee schedule at a not to exceed fee of 10% of the construction budget.

POLICE

11. Approve Contract Services Agreement with Day Wireless Systems for Radio Maintenance and Repair Services

City Manager Cisneros presented the item and introduced Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police who gave a brief overview.

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve the new service agreement with Day Wireless Systems, authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and designate the initial agreement to be for a term of 28 months, from March 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019. Thereafter, the agreement can be renewed at the City's discretion on an annual basis in alignment with the fiscal year, 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

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

12. Adoption of Ordinance by Reference Los Angeles County Building, Residential, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical and Existing Building Codes with Certain Amendments

City Manager Cisneros presented the item and introduced Ayla Jefferson, Chief Building Official, Transtech, who gave a brief overview.

Mayor Ortiz opened the item up for public comment, there being none, closed public comment.

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-954, Amending Title 8, of the Huntington Park Municipal Code by Adopting by Reference the 2017 Los Angeles County Code, Title 26, Building Code, Title 27, Electrical Code, Title 28, Plumbing Code, Title 29, Mechanical Code, Title 30, Residential Code and Title 33, Existing Building Code with Certain Amendments, Additions and Deletions Thereto, seconded by Council Member Pineda. 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

Motion: Mayor Ortiz motioned to adjourn the meeting, 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

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS - None

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:42 p.m. Mayor Ortiz adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council in memory of Venceslao "Bency" Armijo who was employed with the City for over 37 years, to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk