

MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, March 21, 2017**

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 6:04 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21 2017, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Graciela Ortiz presiding.

PRESENT: Council Member(s): Valentin Palos Amezquita, Jhonny Pineda, Karina Macias, Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria and Mayor Graciela Ortiz. CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Edgar Cisneros, City Manager; Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; 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: Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Daniel Hernandez, Public Works Director and Michael Ackerman, City Engineer.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mayor Ortiz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rocio De Leon, Aspire Titan Academy.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Rocio De Leon for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition" to the Huntington Park High School Girls Soccer Team, CIF Division IV, Champions.

Mayor Ortiz announced that the representative was unable to attend – Proclamation acknowledging the American Heart Association and proclaiming February 2017 as "American Heart Month."

Council presented a proclamation to Ms. Margaret Arbin Madonna, Executive Director and Mr. Scott Sapers, Disaster Preparedness Program Manager, representatives of the Red Cross proclaiming March as "American Red Cross Awareness Month."

Council presented "Certificates of Appreciation" to Linda E. Marquez High School Parent Coordinators, Linda E. Marquez High School Key Club and Aspire Pacific Academy Students, for volunteering their time during the Salvation Army's Thanksgiving Program.

Certificates previously provided - "Certificate of Appreciation" Presented to Woodcraft Rangers for their Contribution in Providing Resources to Miles Avenue Elementary School, Allowing Students the Opportunity to take a Field Trip.

Miguel Nunez, Fehr & Peers, provided an overview of the Randolph Street Shared Use Rails-To-Trails Project and announced the winners of the Bike Giveaway.

Mayor announced representatives from the following offices were in attendance to honor outgoing Council Member Amezquita: Ms. Talia Leon, Field Deputy, representative from Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's office presented Council Member Amezquita with a "Certificate of Recognition." Mr. Antonio Chapa, District Director, representative from Supervisor Hilda Solis' office presented Council Member Amezquita with a "Certificate of Recognition." Mayor Ortiz, on behalf of Senator Ricardo Lara's Office presented Council Member Amezquita with a "Certificate of Recognition" and Mayor Ortiz, on behalf of the City of Huntington Park, residents, staff and City Council, presented Council Member Amezquita with a plaque and flowers for his four years of service.

Mayor announced Council Member Amezquita would remain sitting at the dias for the remaining portions of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Sandy Mejia, spoke regards to sanctuary cities and encouraged the city to become one, feels it would bring safety to those in the city.
2. Daniel Mancillas, Abraham Guzman and Angel De La Rosa, all spoke in support of the city being a sanctuary city.
3. Representative from Yogurt Land introduced themselves and announced that a store in Huntington Park is now open at 6021 Pacific Boulevard.
4. Dorothy Vasquez, spoke in support of the city becoming a sanctuary city.
5. George Franco, opposed to marijuana dispensaries in the city, noted number of trash containers people are putting out, feels code enforcement is doing nothing and asked when code enforcement would be patrolling his neighborhood.
6. Jose and Adella Fierros, spoke in regards to the city having dirty water and asked city to clean it up.
7. Andy Molina and Leticia Martinez, The Greater Huntington Park area Chamber of Commerce, invited Council to attend the Chambers Carnaval Primavera event and spoke in support of the item being approved tonight.
8. Nick Ioannidis, congratulated the newly elected Council Members, spoke in opposition to Council. Mr. Ioannidis spoke in regards to issues he has had in the city, and feels he has had no support.

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman warned Mr. Ioannidis to address the Mayor.

At 7:11 p.m. Mayor Ortiz called Mr. Ioannidis out of order.

9. Francisco Rivera, acknowledged GPC for being a good company, noted corner light poles aren't being touched, he himself has done cleaning around the city, he sees people spray painting graffiti, commented on parking meters being torn apart, people parking 24/7 and trash all over the city.
10. Armando Rosales, spoke about modifications being made to his house and issues he is having with the city asked why his project isn't being approved, noted that the trash at his house is because of the modifications and due to the cost of the containers it is difficult for him to clean it up, doesn't think it's fair and wants to speak to someone else.

Mayor Ortiz asked staff to obtain his phone number.

11. Valentin Amezquita, congratulated newly elected and reelected Council Members Avila and Macias. Thanked elected officials for their recognition, thanked the voters who voted for him, commented on how he took his position seriously and city business, noted city projects, Costco being one of them and acknowledged his accomplishments.

STAFF RESPONSE

Mayor Ortiz requested the comments about trash need to be addressed by staff, City Manager Cisneros noted the concerns regarding solid waste pick up and will be addressed with UPW as well as the water issue, noting maintenance had taken place and are in communication with the resident. Mr. Cisneros with regarding to the comment made regarding marijuana dispensaries, stated that it was not authorized by the city and was shut down immediately.

Mayor Ortiz commented on the brown water, stating she had contacted the water department which is currently working on a priority list of pipes that need improvements.

City Manager Cisneros added that an update will be provided for Council at the next meeting when the improvements of Wells 15 and 17 will be discussed.

STAFF RESPONSE (CONTINUED)

Vice Mayor Sanabria commented on the remark regarding patrolling noting patrolling does take place in the City of Huntington Park.

Council Member Amezcuita commented on the brown water and recommended the resident take a sample and submit it to the water agency.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:28 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to California Government Code Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9,
Name of case: James Kinsey, Case No. WCAB No. ADJ8121078

At 7:58 p.m. Mayor Ortiz reconvened to open session. All Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced all five Council Members were present, discussed closed session item 1, City Council gave unanimous direction to Special Counsel, no action was taken nothing to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to approve consent calendar items, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed by the following 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, February 7, 2017; and
 - 1-2 Cancelled Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

ROLL CALL:

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

FINANCE

2. **Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated February 21, 2017, March 7, 2017 and March 21, 2017.**

ROLL CALL:

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

3. Approved contract with Citiwide Engineering Inc. for an amount of \$50,000 to perform work on commercial property located at 6425-6429 Pacific Boulevard related to the City's Commercial Rehab Program and authorized the City Manager to execute the contract.

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s):

4. Approved contract with Citiwide Engineering Inc. for an amount of \$50,000 to perform work on commercial property located at 6433-6437 Pacific Boulevard related to the City's Commercial Rehab Program and authorized the City Manager to execute the contract.

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s):

PARKS AND RECREATION

5. Approve agreement with Pyro Engineering to provide pyrotechnic services for the City of Huntington Park's 2017, 4th of July Celebration, directed staff to review an extension upon mutual agreement for an additional year for pyrotechnic services with Pyro Engineering and authorize the City Manager to execute agreement.

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s):

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

6. **Approve Activity in Public Places Permit for a Street Procession Conducted by Iglesia Sagrada Familia to Held on April 14, 2017 (S17-04)**

City Manager Cisneros presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Pineda motioned to approve, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion failed due to substitute motion.

Substitute Motion: Mayor Ortiz motioned to approve an Activity in Public Places Permit request by Iglesia Sagrada Familia (Applicant) to conduct a street procession along Rugby Avenue, Clarendon Avenue, Middleton Street, and Zoe Avenue on April 14, 2017 (S17-04) subject to the "Departmental Conditions of Approval" contained herein and approve fee waiver for outstanding fees owed by Iglesia Sagrada Familia for last year's procession, *but for staff to work with applicant on payment* of potential current costs incurred by the City for this year's procession, 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):

7. **Consideration and Approval of an Activity in Public Places Permit for the Chamber of Commerce's Annual "Carnaval Primavera" Downtown Street Festival (S17-07)**

City Manager Cisneros presented the item.

Council Member Macias request that the applicant obtain a business license.

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve an Activity in Public Places Permit request from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual "Carnaval Primavera" along Pacific Boulevard, between Gage Avenue and Slauson Avenue, on April 7 through April 9, 2017 with the request by Council Member Macias for the applicant to obtain a business license, 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):

8. Resolution Approving the Randolph Street Shared Use Rails-To-Trails Feasibility Study

City Manager Cisneros presented the item and introduced Miguel Nunez of Fehr & Peers who provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2017-03, adopting the Randolph Street Shared Use Rails-to-Trails feasibility study, 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):

9. Approval of a Filming Permit and Street Closure for Jenni Rivera Enterprises

City Manager Cisneros presented the item and introduced Sergio Infanzon, Community Development Director who stated that the applicant would be withdrawing the application.

1. Approve film permit and street closure for Jenni Rivera Enterprises to film a music video along Pacific Boulevard between Clarendon Avenue and Randolph Street, on March 22, 2017 and March 23, 2017 from 11:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.

PARKS AND RECREATION

10. Approve Design and Construction Management for the Salt Lake Park Splash Pad Project.

City Manager Cisneros presented the item

Motion: Mayor Ortiz motioned to approve the design option presented for the Huntington Park Splash Pad, authorize staff to move forward with the approved design and authorize City staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Construction and Program Management which is the lengthiest option, 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):

PUBLIC WORKS

11. Authorize Pay Station Implementation for the Downtown Huntington Park "I-Park" System Implementation Project

City Manager Cisneros presented the item.

Mayor Ortiz voiced concern with the map showing the boundaries which includes the residents between Seville, Rita and Rugby and feels the residents shouldn't be included that at this time it is an opportunity to make changes to the map to exclude the residents.

City Manager Cisneros suggested considering approval of procurement of meters but not to authorize installation until placement of the meters are agreed upon and suggested creating an Ad Hoc Committee to proposed realignment of the map and bring back for consideration.

Motion: Mayor Ortiz motioned to create an Ad Hoc Committee to include herself and Council Member Pineda, with the condition that staff ensure that future meters or pay stations exclude some residential streets and to come back for council to approve the realignment before installation, authorize the City Manager to award the contract to lowest responsible, responsive bidder, T2 Systems Inc. which will accept this project and proceed with work in accordance with the bid, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract, authorize \$30,000 for project contingency, authorize staff to perform Construction and Program Management, authorize the Finance Director to make necessary additional appropriations and adjustments to the City Budget, authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with technical expert Standard Parking Plus for a not to exceed amount of \$4,995 for parking implementation and operations consulting services, 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

12. Approval of Middleton Street Elementary School Safer Routes to School (SR2S) Improvements Project

City Manager Cisneros presented the item and recommended 4.c for part of the recommendation.

Motion: Council Member Pineda motioned to award contract to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, FS Contractors, Inc. which will accept this project and proceed with the work in accordance with the bid, authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the contract, authorize the Finance Director to make the necessary appropriations and adjustments to the City Budget, and authorize Public Works staff to perform Construction and Program Management services for this project 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):

POLICE

13. Approval to Reject All Bids and Authorize Staff to Re-Advertise the Request for Proposals (RFP) Process for Crossing Guard Services

City Manager Cisneros presented the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to reject all bids and authorize staff to re-advertise the RFP for Crossing Guard Services, seconded by Council Member Macias.

Motion passed 4-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

COUNCIL

14. Approval of Consultant Agreement with John Ornelas to Oversee and Manage the City's Finance Department

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman presented the item.

Motion: Mayor Ortiz motioned to approve agreement with John Ornelas for consulting services to oversee and manage the City's Finance Department and other related duties, authorize Mayor to execute agreement and authorize the Finance Director to make the necessary additional appropriations and adjustment to the City Budget, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. 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

REGULAR AGENDA SUSPENDED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

15. Continued from February 21, 2017, Regular City Council Meeting - Consideration of the City of Huntington Park's Housing and Community Development Needs in Preparation of the Fiscal (FY) 2017/2018 Annual Action Plan

City Manager Cisneros introduced Sergio Infanzon, Community Development Director who himself and Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manger presented the item.

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

Council member Pineda stated he would like to be part of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Mayor Ortiz stated the she and Council Member Pineda would be on the Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to receive and file the City's housing and community development needs in preparation of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017/2018 Annual Action Plan, 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):

REGULAR AGENDA RESUMED

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

16. Waive Further Reading and Adopt Resolution Reciting the Facts of the Consolidated Municipal and Special Election Held on March 7, 2017

City Manager Cisneros presented the item.

Motion: Mayor Ortiz motioned to adopt Resolution 2017-XX, Reciting the Facts of the Consolidated Municipal and Special Election Held on March 7, 2017, Declaring the Results and Such Other Matters as Provided By Law, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. 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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita, thanked all those who recognized him, hopes staff will look at the big projects for the city, noted things he has done during his term, mentioned his "no" vote to tax increases, getting rid of business district taxes, and getting more services to the city.

Council Member Karina Macias, thanked staff for their support, thanked everybody, thanked outgoing Council Member Amezquita for his services, thanked the residents, thankful for another four years and will continue to work for the community, welcomed newly elected Council Member Manuel Avila and wished everyone a good night.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda, thanked staff for all their support, thanked outgoing Council Member Amezquita, wished him the best in his future endeavors hoping he will be involved in the community, and congratulated the newly and reelected Council Members.

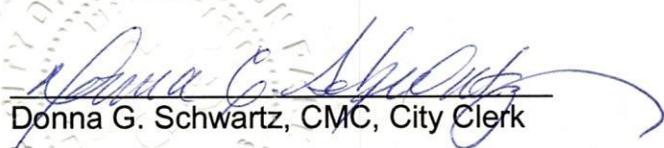
Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria, thanked staff for their continued excellent work, thanked outgoing Council Member Amezquita for his service and wished everyone a good night.

Mayor Graciela Ortiz, thanked staff for their hard work, reminded community of upcoming events on Saturday; Clean-up event at Aspire Academy, Health Fair event at Linda E. Marquez High School, and the Rail to Rivers meeting at 6:00 p.m., at Oldtimers on Thursday, congratulated Council Member Macias on her re-election, congratulated newly elected Council Member Manuel Avila, thanked outgoing Council Member Amezquita for his service to the community and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:17 p.m. Mayor Ortiz adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council in memory of Mr. Luis E. Quiñonez, father of Julio Quiñonez, Public Works' Facility Repair Specialist, to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 4 2017, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk