

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, February 20, 2018

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 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Marilyn Sanabria presiding.

PRESENT: Council Member(s): Manuel "Manny" Avila, Karina Macias, Graciela Ortiz, Vice Mayor Jhonny Pineda (Arrived at 7:16 p.m.) and Mayor Marilyn Sanabria.

CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Ricardo Reyes, Interim City Manager; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Vanessa Ibarra Legal; Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks and Recreation; Nita McKay, Director of Finance; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development; Martha Castillo, Director of Human Resources and Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk. ABSENT: Daniel Hernandez, Director of Public Works.

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Mayor Sanabria.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Antonio Valencia, Huntington Park High School.

PRESENTATIONS

Council presented a certificate to Cristina Basurto, TreePeople's Regional Manager, in memory of her father-in-law, Mr. Manuel Basurto's passing.

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition," to the Huntington Park High School Football Team for Their Accomplishment in Advancing to the CIF State Championships Division 6-A Regional Playoffs.

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition," to the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Boys U10 and Girls U12 Soccer Teams for Their Accomplishment in Winning the "Area Z All Star Championship Tournament."

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition," to Linda E. Marquez High School Humanitarian, Youth and Key Clubs for their commitment and support to the "Huntington Park Linear Greenway Project."

Mr. Dan Rodriguez, California Consulting, Ms. Vivian Franco and Ms. Maria de Leon, Lot to Spot and Mr. Enrique Huerta, Community Organizer provided an update on the Huntington Park Greenway Project.

Mr. Sergio Infanzon, City of Huntington Park's Director of Community Development apprised the Council on the U.S. Census 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Interim City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced that copies of Regular Agenda Item 3 were available with the City Clerk.

1. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on loans, agenda item 8 and is opposed to the proposed measure.
2. Antonio Chapa, District Director for Supervisor Hilda Solis' Office, introduced new staff member Ms. Guadalupe Camperos.

3. Denise Barlage, proud of the many city accomplishments but is opposed to the proposed measure.

STAFF RESPONSE - None.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:14 p.m. Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney, recessed to closed session.

At 7:16 p.m. Vice Mayor Pineda arrived.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of case: Dina Rico
Case No. WCAB Nos. ADJ10537749; ADJ10629374; ADJ10584460
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Schaper v. City of Huntington Park
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)
Case name: MKay v. City of Huntington Park, et al.
4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Washmax Garment Care, Inc. – Bankruptcy Case 2:17-bk-20396-WB

At 7:51 p.m. Mayor Sanabria reconvened to open session with all Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman announced all Council Members were present and discussed closed session Items 1 and 4. Item 1) Council provided direction and authority to Special Counsel to resolve the case as directed. Item 2) no action taken, nothing to report. Item 3.) not action taken, update giving, nothing to report. Item 4.) Council granted authority to City Attorney, no final action taken, nothing to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Ortiz, motioned to approve consent calendar, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held February 6, 2018.

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated February 20, 2018.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY MANAGER

3. **Consideration and Approval of Consolidating Various Existing Agreements with Nationwide Environmental Services (NES)**

Interim City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item.

Motion: Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve the consolidation of the various agreements currently existing between the City and Nationwide Environmental Services in a form as approved by the City Attorney, authorize the Interim City Manager to negotiate final terms and authorize the Mayor to execute the final consolidated agreement, seconded by Vice Mayor Pineda. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC WORKS

4. **Approve List of Vehicles as Surplus and Authorization to Dispose of Said Vehicles**

Interim City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz, motioned to approve list of vehicles as surplus and authorize Public Works Department to sell (dispose) via auction, seconded by Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

5. Continued from the Regular City Council Meeting of February 6, 2018 - **Consideration and Approval of a Sub-Recipient Agreement Between the Cities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Maywood, Vernon and the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority for Implementation of Grant Agreement with the California State Water Resources Control Board**

Interim City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Steve Foster, Infrastructure Engineers, who presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned to **deny** the sub-recipient agreement with the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

Council Member Macias requested staff come back to Council with how the city can be in MS 4 compliance without having to be part of an agreement.

REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PUBLIC WORKS (CONTINUED)

6. **Continued from the Regular City Council Meeting of February 6, 2018 - Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance and Execution of funding Agreement with Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Federal Transportation Earmark Exchange Program**

Interim City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Steve Foster, Infrastructure Engineers, who presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2018-03, Authorizing the Acceptance of Funding Agreement with Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Federal Transportation Earmark Exchange Program, authorize Interim City Manager to execute the agreement and direct staff to proceed with the project's implementation, seconded by Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

Council Member Ortiz requested staff provide a list of possible projects and what the remaining monies can be used for noting crosswalks, streets and lights need to be fixed.

Mr. Foster explained that the next item allows partial funding to be used for arterials and transit ways, lanes and arterial capacity transportation demand management programs, incident management programs, park and ride lots, freeway and arterial transportation systems, regional bikeways and other projects that support transit and reduce single occupancy vehicle trips.

7. **Continued from the Regular City Council Meeting of February 6, 2018 - Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance and Execution of Funding Agreement with Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Signal Synchronization & Bus Speed Improvement Project**

Interim City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Steve Foster, Infrastructure Engineers, who presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2018-04, Authorizing the Acceptance of Funding Agreement with Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Signal Synchronization & Bus Speed Improvement Project, authorize Interim City Manager to execute agreement, seconded by Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

COUNCIL

8. **Consideration of Adopting an Urgency Ordinance for a City Services Protection Measure, and Consideration of Resolutions: Declaring a Fiscal Emergency Pursuant to Provisions of the California Constitution, Calling for a Special Municipal Election on June 5, 2018, and Placing a Measure before the Voters of the City of Huntington Park which would Preserve Vital City Services; Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to Authorize and Order the Consolidation of a Special Municipal Election; Setting Priorities for Filing Ballot Arguments and Directing City Attorney to Prepare an Impartial Analysis**

Interim City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, who presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned, but with noted changes to resolution 2018-06 regarding wording for measure and to be consistent with all resolutions, waived reading in full and adopt the Urgency Ordinance No. 2018-963, for a City Services Protection Measure structured as a general transactions and use tax to be administered by the State Board of Equalization pursuant to Revenue & Taxation Code Section 7251 et seq., to be submitted for voter approval pursuant to Elections Code Section 9200 et seq. and Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285.9, adopt Resolution No. 2018-06, declaring a fiscal emergency and calling and giving notice of a special municipal election to be held Tuesday, June 5, 2018, to submit to voters of the City of Huntington Park a City Services Protection Ordinance to adopt a 1% General Transactions and Use Tax, adopt Resolution No. 2018-07, requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to authorize and order the consolidation of a special municipal election of the City of Huntington Park with other elections occurring on June 5, 2018, and requesting the County Clerk/Registrar of Voters to provide certain services in connection with such election and adopt Resolution No. 2018-08, setting deadlines for filing written arguments and rebuttals regarding the City measure and directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis, seconded by Council Member Avila. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

9. Consideration and Approval of an Ordinance Amendment Bundle Relating to Various Sections of the City of Huntington Park's Municipal Code

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Conduct a public hearing;
2. Take public testimony and staff's analysis;
3. Waive first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2018-962, approving a Zoning Ordinance Amendment bundle relating to various sections of the City of Huntington Park's Municipal Code; and
4. Schedule the second reading and adoption of said Ordinance, as described above, for the March 6, 2018 City Council meeting.

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman announced item noting it would be continued and recommended Mayor Sanabria open and close the public comment portion.

Mayor Sanabria opened public comment, there being none, closed public comment.

Motion: Mayor Sanabria motioned to continue item to the next Regular City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Manuel “Manny” Avila, welcomed the new Finance Director Nita McKay and was happy to see those who attended tonight’s meeting.

Council Member Graciela Ortiz, announced a Community Clean-up Event on Saturday starting at 9 a.m. at Aspire Pacific Academy, welcomed Ms. McKay, thanked staff and Interim City Manager Ricardo Reyes for all their support and wished everyone a good night.

Council Member Karina Macias, thanked staff for all their support, noting the many recent fires and announced the American Red Cross requested the use of the City logo for their Community Leaders Briefing to prepare community leaders in case of fire situations, on Thursday, March 15th at the American Red Cross office in Commerce. Council Member Macias ask Council for their approval for the use of the City logo, Council approved by one motion. Council Member Macias commented on the Transportation Summit that took place in Long Beach topic being West Santa Ana Branch Project and wants to make sure Council reviews information to consider the alignments and which one to support.

Vice Mayor Jhonny Pineda, welcomed the new Finance Director Nita McKay and wished everyone a good night.

Mayor Marilyn Sanabria, thanked everyone who attended tonight’s meeting, thanked staff for all their support and reiterated the Clean-up Event on Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:13 p.m. Mayor Sanabria adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council in Memory of Mr. Manuel Basurto, father-in-law of Cristina Basurto, TreePeople’s Regional Manager. He was a resident of Huntington Park since 1979, Korean War Veteran and an active community member, to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 6:00 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk