

## **MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, April 17, 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 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Jhonny Pineda presiding.

**PRESENT:** Council Member(s): Manuel "Manny" Avila, Graciela Ortiz, Marilyn Sanabria, Vice Mayor Karina Macias and Mayor Jhonny Pineda.

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

### **INVOCATION**

Invocation was led by Mayor Pineda.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Manuel Hernandez, Bridge Street Elementary School.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation," to Manuel Hernandez for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition," to the Huntington Park Parks and Recreation 2018 Tiny Tot Pre-School Program Graduates for their accomplishment.

Council presented a proclamation to Leticia Martinez, Sonia Chavez and Martin Nava, The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, Proclaiming "25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Carnaval Primavera Downtown Festival"

Michael Kodama, Executive Director, Eco-Rapid Transit presented a West Santa Ana Branch Project Presentation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Pineda reminded the audience there will be no clapping during public comment.

1. Ed Ramirez, commented on parking issues, spoke in regards to citations he received, the City not being consistent with parking enforcement, live streaming of council meeting videos not being shown on the website and commented on Measure S.
2. Kerry Porter, spoke in opposition to Measure S, commented on high salaries of city employees, and commented on Regular Agenda Item 3.
3. Katherine, HP Library, announced a Library event in collaboration with LA Opera called "Opera Tales" on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
4. Rodolfo Cruz, spoke in opposition to Measure S, commented on the Dial-A-Ride contract, Chief of Police salary, stores closing due to not enough business on Pacific Boulevard, high salaries, and Measure L.

- 5-10. Natalie Martinez, Frankie Lopez, Mark Vasquez, Nelly Perez, Kim Castro, Michelle Cervantes, representing Youth for Environmental Justice, all spoke in support of Greenway Linear Park.
11. Joseph Moreno, Youth for Environmental Justice, called, no show.
12. Veronica Lopez, CBE, in support of Linear Park.
13. Lena Ruvalcaba, Youth for Environmental Justice, presented a petition to Council with over a thousand signatures from the community in support of Linear Park.

### **STAFF RESPONSE**

Interim City Manager Ricardo Reyes responded to Mr. Ramirez's comment regarding the live streaming of City Council Meetings stating the City Council Meetings are being streamed live on the City's website, archived meetings can be viewed as well. He commented on the Measure S comments stating council did not vote to increase the taxes but instead voted for the measure to be placed on the ballot. Mr. Reyes commented on an article from the LA times referenced by Mr. Cruz regarding a 47 percent increase on Dial-A-Ride services stating it was false and proceeded by stating Dial-A-Ride service cost has decreased by 29 percent under new contract. Mr. Reyes mentioned the City is mandated to undergo audits and announced copies of Regular Agenda Item 6 were available with City Clerk

Mayor Pineda stated he is available to speak with anyone in the public regarding the items on the budget.

Chief of Police Cosme Lozano addressed the comments regarding parking enforcement stating that parking enforcement does rotate to various areas in the city, with regard to all violations, red zones, parking in front lawns etc. but for the public to follow regulations and citations can be avoided.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:06 p.m. Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney, recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1) [One Matter]

HP Automotive and Tow, Inc. dba Hub City Tow v. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. VC066929

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2) and (e)(1)  
[Two (2) potential cases]

At 8:19 p.m. Mayor Pineda 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 2. Item 1) Direction given to City Manager and City Attorney to work with Olivarez & Madruga Law Firm on this matter, vote was by unanimous decision. Item 2) no action taken, nothing to report, direction given to City Attorney.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Macias, motioned to approve consent calendar with change to item #3 to read "to execute and negotiate," seconded by Council Member Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0-1 by one motion, zero no votes, Avila ABSTAINED.

## OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held April 3, 2018.

## FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated April 17, 2018

## CITY ATTORNEY

3. Authorized the retention of The Kilkenny Group to conduct an educational and information program to the City's residents regarding Measure "S" and authorized Interim City Manager to negotiate and execute a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with The Kilkenny Group.

## CITY MANAGER

4. Approved a special assessment of \$1,500 for Eco-Rapid Transit to conduct a strategic vision planning session.

## END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

## REGULAR AGENDA

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

5. **Consideration and Approval of an Award of Contract to Alfredo De La Torre Construction Services in Connection with the City's Lead Based Paint Program for Property Located at 6722 Albany Street, Huntington Park, California**

Interim City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Director of Community Sergio Infanzon who presented the staff report.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve contract with Alfredo De La Torre Construction Service in the amount of \$13,550 to remediate lead-based paints hazards on a single-family unit located at 6722 Albany Street and approve Interim City Manager to execute the contract and approved change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% of the total contract amount, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

### ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

## PARKS AND RECREATION

6. **Consideration and Approval of Agreements and the Design, Bid Advertisement, and Bid Analysis for the Development of the Huntington Park Greenway Linear Park Project**

Interim City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Director of Parks and Recreation Cynthia Norzagaray who presented part of the staff report, she then turned it over to Director of Public Works Daniel Hernandez who continued.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve, motion failed due to lack of second.

**Substitute Motion:** Council Member Ortiz motioned to approve with following changes on item #2, to change Parks Advisory Committee to Community Outreach which would

include of Chair of Parks and Recreation Commission, Chair of Health and Education Commission, Chair of Youth Commission, 2 Council Members, Representative from Communities for Better Environment and Representative from Tree People. Item #3 motioned to select Infrastructure Engineering but for City Manager to negotiate the 7% to lower max to 6%, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **7. Continued from the Regular City Council Meeting of 4-3-18 - Consideration and Approval of Second Amendment to Contract Services Agreement with Graffiti Protective Coating, Inc. for Graffiti Removal Services**

Interim City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Director of Public Works who presented the staff report.

**Motion:** Council Member Ortiz motioned to approve second amendment with Graffiti Protective Coating Inc. for graffiti removal services, authorized Interim City Manager to execute agreement and encumber the remaining portion of the annual contract for FY 20017-2018 and to add a budget line for additional funds in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for removal of increase graffiti, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

### **8. Consideration and Approval of Acceptance of Work Performed by Alfaro Communications Construction, Inc. (ACCI) for the Pacific Boulevard Lighting and Beautification Project**

Interim City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Director of Public Works Daniel Hernandez who presented the staff report.

**Motion:** Mayor Pineda motioned to approve acceptance of work performed by Alfaro Communications, Inc. for the construction of the Pacific Boulevard Lighting and Beautification Project with a total final amount of \$642,642.87; including \$75,451.64 for Contract Change Order #8 for increased scope, Director of Public Works to sign the "Notice of Completion" (NOC), direct City Clerk to file the NOC with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office and release the 5% retention being withheld from the payment to Contractor after 35 days of the effective date of the recordation of the Notice of Completion, if no Stop Notices are filed within the 35-day period, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

**END OF REGULAR AGENDA**

## PUBLIC HEARING

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

9. Continued from the Regular City Council meeting of 4-3-18 - Consideration and Approval of an Ordinance Amendment Bundle Relating to Various Sections of the City of Huntington Park's Municipal Code

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman announced the item and advised Mayor Pineda to open public comment.

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

#### 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 May 1, 2018 City Council meeting.

Associate Planner Juan Arauz who presented a PowerPoint presentation.

**Motion:** Council Member Ortiz motioned to continue the item and to create an Ad-Hoc Committee to meet with staff and two Council Members. Council concurred appointing Council Member Ortiz and Vice Mayor Macias, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

#### ROLL CALL:

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

10. **Consideration and Approval of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 5, Section 5-3.7 and Section 5-3.8 of the Downtown Specific Plan (DTSP) to Include Language Allowing for Additional Roof Signage and the Adoption of an Associated Negative Declaration under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman announced the item and advised Mayor Pineda to open public comment.

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

Senior Planner Carlos Luis presented a PowerPoint presentation.

**Motion:** Council Member Ortiz motioned to waive first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2018-964 amending Chapter 5, Section 5-3.7 and Section 5-3.8 of the Downtown Huntington Park Specific Plan (DTSP) and adopting a Negative Declaration, and schedule the second reading and adoption of said Ordinance, as described above, for the May 1, 2018 City Council meeting, second by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

#### ROLL CALL:

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

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS** (Information only)

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** – None.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Manuel "Manny" Avila, commented on his vacation and spoke in memory of Father Rody Ignatius Gorman of St. Matthias Church.

Council Member Graciela Ortiz, announced the Earth Day event on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at Keller Park and announced Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> is Linda Marquez High Schools Annual Health Fair at 9:00 a.m.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria, thanked staff for all their support, all those who attended and those in support of the linear park, invited everyone to attend the Earth Day Event and gave her condolences to Father Rody Ignatius Gorman.

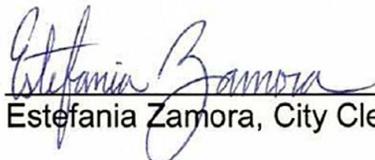
Vice Mayor Karina Macias, thanked staff for all their support, requested the link for Facebook to watch City Council Meetings, spoke in memory of Father Rody Ignatius Gorman, invited everyone to the Earth Day event and wished everyone a good night.

Mayor Jhonny Pineda, announced and invited everyone to attend the Earth Day event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:07 p.m. Mayor Pineda adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council in Memory of Father Rody Ignatius Gorman of St. Matthias Church, to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2018, at 6:00 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Estefania Zamora, City Clerk Staff