

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Sergeant at Arms read the Rules of Decorum before the start.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Karina Macias presiding.

PRESENT: Council Member(s): Graciela Ortiz, Jhonny Pineda (ARRIVED at 6:45 p.m.), Marilyn Sanabria, Vice Mayor Manuel "Manny" Avila and Mayor Karina Macias.

CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Ricardo Reyes, City Manager; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Noel Tapia, Assistant City Attorney; Daniel Hernandez, Director of Public Works; Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks and Recreation; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development; Nita McKay, Director of Finance & Administrative Services and Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mayor Macias.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Aylene Negrete, Huntington Park High School.

PRESENTATIONS

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation," to Aylene Negrete for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition," to the Salutatorians and Valedictorians of Huntington Park High School.

Mayor announced this would be moved to the June 18th City Council Meeting - Proclamation Proclaiming "June 2019" as "LGBTQ Pride Month."

Council presented a proclamation proclaiming the "Month of May 2019" as "National Mental Health Awareness Month."

Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition," to Aylene Negrete, Finalist, of the 26th Annual Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard Student Art Competition.

Mayor announced this would be moved to the June 18th City Council Meeting "Certificate of Appreciation," Presented to Juan Castillo, Representative of Latino Equality Alliance, for His Work in the Community.

At 6:28 p.m. Mayor Macias called for a **RECESS**. At 6:49 p.m. Mayor Macias **RECONVENED** the meeting with all Council Members Present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Sonia Gallardo, spoke in opposition to the proposed one way designs on Strafford Avenue and Templeton Street in Huntington Park.
2. Connie Perez representing Women's Club Relay for Life team, spoke in support of the Women's Club, commented on those with cancer and wants people to know they are not alone.
3. Nelly Perez, Relay for Life team captain, spoke in support of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event.

4. Evelia Castillo-Rodriguez, Southeast Cities Relay for Life, voiced disappointment with not being able to secure the June 22 date wanted for the Relay for Life event, and the need to choose August 3rd as the new date.
5. Kailey Cuillinsky, American Cancer Society staff partner, spoke in support of Relay for Life events.
6. Ivonne Correa, voiced disappointment of not being able to secure June 22 for the Southeast Cities Relay for Life event.
7. Christina Velasquez, voiced concern with not being able to take her kids to the parks in Huntington Park, but instead having to take them to a different City because dog owners are not picking up after their dogs and in opposition to the proposed parking and one way designs on Strafford Avenue and Templeton Street.

STAFF RESPONSE

Mayor Macias asked staff to respond to the proposed one-way design. City Manager stated studies have showed that it improves parking and reduces vehicle collisions.

Mayor Macias asked staff to respond to the comments made regarding the relay for life event. City Manager Ricardo Reyes stated that there is a process to having an event, the city supports this event and has not received an application for Relay for Life to have their event. Mr. Reyes offered to meet in order to clarify some of the processes.

Director of Parks and Recreation Cynthia Norzagaray responded to the comments made regarding disappointments and date change of the relay for life event, stating there are discrepancies left out from some of the comments. Ms. Norzagaray informed Council that the Parks and Recreation Department has not received any applications since sending them out March 28th and May 29th and that Parks and Recreation has made attempts to offer alternative spaces available. What was received was an application to have a T-Ball Championship on June 22 but that the City is still willing to work with Southeast Cities Relay for Life but has not received an application yet.

City Manager Ricardo Reyes stated June 22 is reserved but that the City will work with Southeast Cities Relay for Life to find other options and dates.

Council Member Ortiz stated she has received several phone calls regarding regular agenda item 5 stating the City needs an assessment of all departments not just Police, mistakes have been made and they need to stop, previous council members put our city in a financial crisis and we need to put our city back on track financially. Ms. Ortiz stated she will never support bringing in Sheriffs and will always support having a Police Department in Huntington Park.

Council Member Pineda stated City should be mindful of these relay for life events taking place in June. Employees should reply within 24 hours. Suggested those submitting applications to cc a Council Member. Noted August 3rd seems to work for everyone and asked Southeast Cities to submit the application and personally supports the event.

Council Member Sanabria clarified the submittal of an application and pointed out the application received shows it was signed today. Stated the City wants to be fair to everyone.

Vice Mayor Avila suggested a meeting with City Manager and Director of Parks and Recreation and someone with South Cities to clarify the process.

Mayor Macias thanked everyone who came to speak, apologized to Ms. Rodrigues for not returning her call due to a personal emergency, reiterated the process, noted other events are as important and ask that we all work together to figure out a solution.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:18 p.m. Assistant City Attorney Noel Tapia, recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
California Charter Schools Association v. City of Huntington Park
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)
Case name: MKay v. City of Huntington Park, et al.

At 8:04 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened to open session with all Council Members present

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Noel Tapia announced all Council Members were present and briefed on closed session items 1 and 2. 1.) staff presented the case, Council gave direction, no action taken, nothing to report. 2.) staff presented the case, Council gave direction, no action taken, nothing to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve consent calendar, seconded by Vice Mayor Avila. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. Approved Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):
1-1. Special City Council Meeting held May 28, 2019.

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated June 4, 2019.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

3. Adopted Ordinance No. 2019-974, amending Title 4, “Public Safety,” Chapter 8 “Fireworks,” Sections 4-8.03, 4-8.04 and 4-8.06 through 4-8.08 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code to update the application process and procedures for issuance of permits for firework sales.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY ATTORNEY

4. **Consideration and Approval of an Ordinance Amending Sections 5-33.01, “Definitions” and 5-33.03, “Loud or Disruptive Parties or Assemblages,” Chapter 33 “Parties or Assemblages,” Title 5 “Public Welfare, Morals and Conduct,” of the City of Huntington Park’s Municipal Code Related Noise**

Assistant City Attorney Noel Tapia presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to waive first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2019-976, amending Sections 5-33.01 and 5-33.03 in Chapter 33 at Title 5 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code relating to noise and schedule the second reading and adoption of said ordinance to the next regular city council meeting, seconded by Council Member Ortiz. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

CITY MANAGER

5. Consideration and Approval for a Comprehensive Analysis of Police Services and Authorization of the City Manager to Execute the Professional Services Agreement (PSA)

City Manager Ricardo Reyes presented the staff report and added that the analysis is not only for police but for all departments.

Discussion followed by Council addressing concerns by the police department but Council reassured the analysis is to find better ways to be efficient and financially fiscal, suggested that finance be the second department to have the analysis. Council recommended upper management have better communication with all the department heads and requested a timeline of when each department would be having the analysis.

Motion: Mayor Macias moved to approve Comprehensive Analysis of Police Services; and authorize City Manager to negotiate final fee and execute agreement, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 4-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

6. Consideration and Approval for Appointment for the Position of Assistant City Manager

City Manager Ricardo Reyes presented the staff report and recommended appointment of Raul Alvarez.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the Appointment of **Raul Alvarez** for the position of Assistant City Manager, authorize City Manager to negotiate final term and execute the Employment Agreement subject to and conditioned upon the successful completion of a medical evaluation and background check, seconded by Mayor Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

PARKS AND RECREATION

7. Consideration and Approval for Use of Salt Lake Park for the 2019 Telemundo Sports Experience Event and Approval of Agreement with Estrella Communications, Inc. to Produce Event

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Director of Parks and Recreation Cynthia Norzagaray who presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the Special Event Application for use of Salt Lake Park for the 2019 Telemundo Sports Experience event, approve agreement with Estrella Communications, Inc. to produce the 2019 Telemundo Sports Experience event at Salt Lake Park and authorize City Manager to execute agreement, seconded by Council Member Ortiz. Motioned passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

8. Consideration and Approval of Activities in Public Places Permit and Fee Waiver Request by Sathya Sai International for 2019 Medical Camp

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Director of Parks and Recreation Cynthia Norzagaray who presented the staff report and requested in addition to the recommendations, kitchen fees of \$600 be waived.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz moved to waive the kitchen fees of \$600, approve the Activities in Public Places Permit for Sathya Sai International to provide a free Medical Event & Health Screenings for the 2019 Medical Camp, approve Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation on the fee waiver and waive pending fees recommended by the Parks and Recreation Director, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motioned passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

Council Member Ortiz announced that the medical camp is in need of Optometrist and asked for volunteers.

Council Member Pineda requested staff to put information about the medical camp on the reader boards.

PUBLIC WORKS

9. Consideration and Approval of First Amendment to Contract Services Agreement (CSA) for Additional Fire Alarm Services

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

Motion: Council Member Pineda moved to approve First Amendment to agreement with Valley Alarm for an expansion of existing services to provide one additional site for a security system at the After School Program Building and authorize City Manager to execute the agreement, seconded by Vice Mayor Avila. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

CITY MANAGER

10. Consideration and Approval to Adopt the City of Huntington Park's Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan

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

Renea Ferrell, Klimt Consulting, consultant for the City, presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan, authorize City Manager to prorate allocations to projects and programs with FY 2019-2020 CDBG and HOME entitlement allocations, authorize Acting City Manager to execute all required documents for transmittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) and amend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget in accordance with the approved Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan, seconded by Council Member Ortiz. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Graciela Ortiz, congratulated all the classes of “2019,” wished all the fathers a Happy Father’s Day and wished all a good night.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda, thanked staff for all their support, congratulated the new Assistant City Manager Raul Alvarez, acknowledged a former commissioner in the audience, and wished all a good night.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria, thanked all who attended tonight’s meeting, announced the Food Pantry event was a success and thanked staff and everyone who participated and wished all a good night.

Vice Mayor Manuel “Manny” Avila, announced the 2019 Telemundo Sports Experience event on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at Salt Lake Park.

Mayor Karina Macias, thanked staff for all their support, welcomed the new Assistant City Manager Raul Alvarez, wished all the fathers a Happy Father’s Day and wished all a good night.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:05 p.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted



Donna G. Schwartz, CMC
City Clerk