

MINUTES

Special Meeting of the City of Huntington Park City Council Tuesday, February 18, 2020

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 4:31 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Karina Macias presiding.

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

CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development, Carlos Luis, Planning Manager, Lieutenant Patrick Kraut, Detective Juan Porras and Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk.

PUBLIC HEARING

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman explained that the public hearing item being presented tonight is an appeal from a decision made by the Planning Commission and on a request from staff to revoke a conditional use permit case No. 1530 in connection with property located at 5728 Santa Fe Avenue. Both the City and the appellant will have an opportunity to present their cases to you. It is similar to a courtroom proceeding and Council will serve in a judicatory quasi fashion, general rules of a bench trial will apply while rules of evidence will liberally apply, the attorney and counsel for the appellant of the Kitty Kat Bar are present and also city staff is present and I myself as city attorney will represent the Council.

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman had the appellant’s attorney state his name.

Attorney Armando Chavira introduced himself and noted the appellant Mr. Custodio Mendez, Owner of the Kitty Kat Bar was present along with a translator for Mr. Mendez.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Upholding the Planning Commission’s Determination Revoking Conditional Use Permit Case No. 1530 in Connection with Property Located at 5728 Santa Fe Avenue, Huntington Park, California

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman introduced Community Development Sergio Infanzon and asked him to make known who the witnesses will be for the City tonight. Mr. Infanzon introduced Carlos Luis, Planning Manager, Detective Juan Porras, Lt. Patrick Kraut, and Mr. Gerry Sanchez, Supervising Agent in Charge, ABC.

Community Development Sergio Infanzon presented the staff report and a PowerPoint presentation on Appeal Case No. 2019-01, Conditional Use Permit Revocation for 5728 Santa Fe Avenue. Mr. Infanzon then introduced Detective Porras who continued the PowerPoint presentation on Huntington Park Police Department Calls for Service and Significant Incidents. Mr. Porras introduced Mr. Gerry Sanchez, Supervising Agent in Charge, State of California Alcohol Beverage Control who provided additional information to the presentation regarding the charges brought by ABC on Mr. Mendez, Owner of the Kitty Kat Bar.

Attorney Armando Chavira noted binders he had provided to Council before the start of the special meeting, he then proceeded to present his case with exhibits of Custodio Mendez dba Kitty Kat Bar. Mr. Chavira proceeded to present exhibits of photos, calls for service for the Kitty Kat Bar, Novacane Bar & Grill, Margarita Jones, Mariscos Luna Bar & Grill, Ibiza Nightclub, Leonardos Restaurant, 7-Eleven at 2321 Florence Avenue, 7-Eleven at 6224 Pacific Boulevard, 7-Eleven at 2583 E. Slauson Avenue, Princess Liquor Store, Gage Bowl and Legal documents from the Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of California for Accusation Under ABC Act and State Constitution, Stipulation and Waiver for Prehearing Settlement, Investigation Reports, Decision and Certificate of Decision and Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles document.

At 6:22 p.m. Mayor Macias called for a RECESS.

At 6:29 p.m. Mayor Macias RECONVENED the meeting with all Council Members present with the exception of Council Member Pineda ABSENT.

After lengthy discussion of questions and concerns from Council regarding security, incidents, calls for service, each side went into rebuttal with related information regarding incidents, questions related to calls for service and landmark system, reports and process used by ABC.

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman closed the hearing and opened up to Council for discussion, motion or direction.

Council Member Ortiz voiced concern with the various issues pointing out the human trafficking allegation brought forth in the information provided by staff.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2020-39, Upholding the Planning Commission's Determination to Revoke Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Case No, 1530 in connection with Real Property Located at 5728 Santa Fe Avenue, Huntington Park, California and directed City Attorney to prepare a resolution memorializing Council action which includes findings and conclusion and bring back to Council for adoption, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote.

ROLL CALL:

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:56 p.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



M. Susan Crum
Acting City Clerk