

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, April 7, 2020

The City Council conducted this meeting in accordance with California Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 and N-29-20.

The Rules of Decorum were played prior to the start of the Regular Meeting.

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, April 7, 2020, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Manuel "Manny" Avila presiding.

PRESENT: Council Member(s): Eduardo "Eddie" Martinez, Marilyn Sanabria, Karina Macias, Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz, and Mayor Manuel "Manny" Avila.

CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Ricardo Reyes, City Manager; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Araceli Almazan, Legal (via teleconference); Raul Alvarez, Assistant City Manager/Acting Director of Public Works; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development; Nita McKay, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; and Susan Crum, Acting City Clerk. **ABSENT:** Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks & Recreation.

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Mayor Macias.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Martinez.

PRESENTATIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Jaime Bravo, (Public Comment was submitted within the allotted time and was read by Acting City Clerk, Susan Crum), voiced concerns regarding the City's Memorandum and the parking situations during this time.

STAFF RESPONSE – City Manager Ricardo Reyes wanted to report that recommendation #3 on Staff Report No.3, was missed when published, but was part of the staff report. Correction will be noted in the minutes.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:14 p.m. Araceli Almazan, Legal (via teleconference), recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Regarding Represented Employees - Government Code Section 54957.6
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Ricardo Reyes, City Manager and Nita McKay, Finance/Administrative Services Director
Employee Organization: Police Management Association (PMA)
2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
Government Code Section 54957
One Matter
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
One Matter

At 7:37 p.m. Mayor Avila reconvened to open session.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Araceli Almazan, Legal (via teleconference), announced with all five members of the City Council present, all three items of the Closed Session portion of the agenda were discussed. No final action was taken. Nothing further to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

ROLL CALL:

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

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. Approved Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):
 - 1-1. Emergency City Council Meeting held March 17, 2020 (5:30 p.m. start); and
 - 1-2. Regular City Council Meeting held March 17, 2020

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated March 17, 2020.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY MANAGER

3. **Authorize and Approve Employment Agreement for Public Works Director.**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the City Manager's recommendation of candidate to serve in the position of Public Works Director; authorized City Manager to negotiate final terms; and approved City Manager to execute an employment agreement for Public Works Director, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

4. **Resolution issuing Executive Order No. 04.07.2020 by the City Council of the City of Huntington Park Restricting Commercial and Residential Evictions due to the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019.**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Director of Community Development, Sergio Infanzon, who would present the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to adopt Resolution 2020-XX issuing Executive Order No. 04.07.2020 by the City Council restricting eviction of commercial and residential tenants due to the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

POLICE

5. Approve purchase of Wireless Infrastructure for ICI Montebello – Huntington Park Link compatible with the Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI) Radio System.

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Chief of Police Cosme Lozano, who would present the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Wireless Infrastructure Services (WIS) and Motorola Solutions Inc. for the installation of a Cambium Networks 4ft Single POL Microwave Link, needed to connect the Police Department's dispatch center to the NEW ICI radio system; authorized the Chief of Police to purchase the new Microwave Link and coordinate the installation from Wireless Infrastructure Solutions (WIS); and approved a budget appropriation in the amount of \$54,634 to account number 229-7010-421.74-10, Asset Forfeiture Fund Capital Outlay, Equipment, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC WORKS

6. Consideration and Authorization to accept an offer for the Lease Out of 1,200 Acre Feet of Water Rights with Flex to Golden State Water Company

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Assistant City Manager Raul Alvarez, who would present the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to enter into an Agreement with Golden State Water Company for the lease of 1,200 acre feet of water rights with flex (flex being the carryover privileges associated with the quantity leased water rights) or any portion thereof, and authorized City Manager or his designee to execute, in duplicate, any and all documents pursuant to the disposition of water lease rights for the City Water Utility, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Martinez asked everyone to be strong, be well, be kind, and to be of service. To hang in there and together we will get the city back to the way it was in a few months.

Council Member Sanabria wanted to thank all staff for continuing to come to work during these times. Congratulated newly elected Council Member Martinez and looked forward to working with him. Announced the upcoming Senior Pantry on Thursday, April 16th.

Council Member Macias wanted to thank staff for still coming to work. This shows the community that we are working together. Mentioned the food pantry and that residents can still participate via a drive through operation. Thanked LA Food Bank for providing this service to our seniors.

Vice Mayor Ortiz asked that everyone stay safe. Thanked staff for coming in and putting together a different swearing in ceremony the night before and for keeping everyone safe. Mentioned the food pantry. Announced the Senior Citizen food distribution/delivery program, along with the “Grab-n-Go” meal program at various schools within the community.

Mayor Avila congratulated the “Magic Team”. Happy to be part of this team. Congratulated outgoing Mayor Macias for her leadership and passion. Welcomed newly elected Council Member Martinez and looks forward to working with him. Congratulated re-elected Council Member Sanabria and Vice Mayor Ortiz, and looks forward to working with everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Avila adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m., in the name of the volunteers, Police and Fire Personnel, City Staff and everyone involved in working to fight the Coronavirus, to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



M. Susan Crum
Acting City Clerk