

MINUTES

**Special Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Thursday, April 16, 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 special meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 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; Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, Legal; 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 Avila.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Ortiz.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

STAFF RESPONSE – None

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY MANAGER

- 1. AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA ENACTING (1) A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY MORATORIUM ON THE USE OF HOTELS, MOTELS, SHORT TERM RENTALS OR OTHER RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES FOR HIRE OR RENT LOCATED IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK FOR CONVERTING OR UTILIZING THEIR BUSINESSES OR PROPERTIES FOR COVID-19 USES OR PURPOSES WITHOUT PRIOR CITY APPROVAL, (2) A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY MORATORIUM ON DRIVE THROUGH COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS WITHOUT PRIOR CITY APPROVAL, AND (3) RESTATING AND REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL CONTROL OVER LAND USE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES DURING THE CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY**

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman announced the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 2020-XX enacting (1) a Temporary Emergency Moratorium on the Use of Hotels, Motels, Short Term Rentals or Other Residential Properties for Hire or Rent Located in the City of Huntington Park for Converting or Utilizing their Businesses or Properties for COVID-19 Uses or Purposes Without Prior City Approval, (2) a Temporary Emergency Moratorium On Drive Through COVID-19 Testing Locations Without Prior City Approval, and (3) Restating and Reaffirming the Importance of Local Control Over Land Use and Related Activities During the Current State of Emergency, 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

2. Update on City Activities Addressing COVID-19.

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Chief of Police Cosme Lozano and Director of Community Development, Sergio Infanzon, who would provide updates on this item.

Chief of Police Lozano stated that the City did form at the direction of City Council and City Manager a Task Force to address Compliance and Enforcement related concerns due to this crisis. Deployment of Police Officers has conducted on a daily basis. Three components of the Task Force are: 1) Information and Education; 2) Seeking Voluntary Compliance; and 3) Enforcement.

Director of Community Development Infanzon added that Code Enforcement and Business Licensing Officer are also part of the Task Force. The City is divided into four different regions. They have provided businesses with vast amount of information to help them navigate through this crisis.

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Martinez - None.

Council Member Sanabria wanted to thank all staff for continuing to come to work during these times. Announced the Food Pantry taking place today.

Council Member Macias wanted to thank staff and all essential workers for coming to work.

Vice Mayor Ortiz informed everyone that the Disaster Team did come up with a type of protocol to provide updates on COVID-19 relating items and thanked staff for their work.

Mayor Avila thanked everyone for putting together this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Avila adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m. in the name essential employees who are out fighting this battle, to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



M. Susan Crum
Acting City Clerk