

**MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, April 21, 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 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 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, Araceli Almazan, 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 Macias.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Sanabria

**PRESENTATIONS**

A Proclamation Proclaiming April 2020 as "Autism Awareness Month" was presented and read by Vice Mayor Ortiz.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following Public Comments were submitted within the allotted time and were read by Acting City Clerk, Susan Crum.

1. Kristen Haining, voiced her approval of Item No. 5, and asked City Council to ratify the GEA MOU.
2. Mahesh Patel, voiced his concern regarding the adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-XX (not allowing hotel's to be used for COVID-19).

**STAFF RESPONSE** – None

At this time, City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman asked City Council if Item No. 4 could be moved up on the agenda and discussed at this time.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria approved moving Item No. 4 up on the agenda and discussed at this time, seconded by Council Member Macias.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

4. **ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION UPHOLDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DETERMINATION REVOKING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. 1530 IN CONNECTION WITH REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5728 SANTA FE AVENUE, HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AND FINDINGS THERETO**

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman presented the item. Indicated that Legal Counsel, for Appellant, submitted Appellant's Closing Arguments and the 18 page brief would be made part of the record.

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman noted that since Council Member Martinez was not part of the body of the City Council when this item was first presented, he could not vote on this matter.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to receive final argument or comments from the Appellant or the City and other comments from members of the public; and 2) Adopted 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 (Kitty Kat Bar), seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:13 p.m. City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, recessed to closed session and announced that Araceli Almazan, Legal would be attending and handling the balance of the meeting.

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. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)  
One Matter

At 7:03 p.m. Mayor Avila reconvened to open session.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Araceli Almazan, Legal, announced with all five members of the City Council present, all 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, and 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

**FINANCE**

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

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**CITY MANAGER**

- 3. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VELADA CONSULTING LLC TO PROVIDE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER SERVICES, PUBLIC AFFAIRS SUPPORT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR SPECIALIZED ACTIVITIES**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve professional services agreement with Velada Consulting LLC; and authorized the City Manager to negotiate final terms and execute professional services agreement, with a three-year contract and no renewals, seconded by Council Member Macias. 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

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

- 5. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AND THE HUNTINGTON PARK GENERAL EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION (HPGEA)**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes presented the item.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Huntington Park and the Huntington Park General Employees' Association (HPGEA) for the period January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, seconded by Council Member Macias. 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 APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER AND INSTALLATION OF FOUR SYSTEM GATE VALVES AND TWO HYDRANT VALVES REPLACEMENTS**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes introduced Assistant City Manager Raul Alvarez, who would present this item, along with Items 7 and 8.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the purchase of four (4) system gate valves in the amount of \$46,310.00 from account 681-8030-461.73-10; Approved

the purchase of two (2) hydrant valves in the amount of \$18,590.00 from account 681-8030-461.73-10; Appropriate \$18,590.00 from account 681-8030-461.73-10 for the purchase of two hydrant valves; and Authorized City Manager or designee to execute the purchase orders. 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

**7. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 FUNDED BY SENATE BILL 1 THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017**

Assistant City Manager Raul Alvarez presented the item.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to Adopt Resolution No. 2020-XX approving the Fiscal Year 2020-21 project list for Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017; and authorized staff to upload the resolution with the list of streets to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) website, 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

**8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AND PROPOSALS NECESSARY TO CONTINUE AND COMPLETE CIP 2018-08 HUNTINGTON PARK GREENWAY PROJECT**

Assistant City Manager Raul Alvarez presented the item.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Klimt Consulting LLC for a not-to-exceed amount of \$60,000 payable from Account No. 152-6010-451.73-10; Approved Inframark's Request for Proposal for water meter abandonment and replacement for a not-to-exceed amount of \$44,765.60 payable from Account No. 681-8030-461.73-10; Approved Infrastructure Engineers' Request for Proposal for Geotechnical Engineering Services, however to include as part of the Scope of Work, the Study of a Privacy Fence, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$25,000 payable from Account No. 152-6010-451.73-10; and Authorized the City Manager to execute the Professional Services Agreements and Request for Proposals to continue and oversee the completion of the construction contract for CIP 2018-08 Huntington Park Greenway Project, seconded by Council Member Martinez. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

At this time, Council Member Sanabria excused herself from making a vote on the matter and left the Chambers before the Roll Call.

ROLL CALL:

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

**END OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS** (Information only)

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** – None.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Martinez thanked all staff. Reminded residents of Earth Day and the opportunity for residents to have their bulky items picked up. Wanted to take this opportunity to thank his family, especially his Mom, and most importantly his Dad, who turned 90 a couple of weeks ago. He is battling cancer and would have been present at his Swearing-In Ceremony, he would have been proud to part of the ceremony. He would like to dedicate this meeting, along with the Swearing-In Ceremony in honor of his Dad.

Council Member Sanabria thanked all staff. She also asked for clarification of what types of items could be left out on the curb during the Bulky Item pickup event occurring over the weekend.

Council Member Macias thanked staff for their help during these difficult times and reminded everyone to fill out the Census, as this will help our community to provide more resources, especially in the future, as it will be a little difficult for the city.

Vice Mayor Ortiz Welcomed and Congratulated new city employee, Cesar Roldan. Thanked staff for all their hard work. It shows that as a community, we are coming together. Thanked everyone for making our residents safe. Reminded everyone of the period for leaving bulky items out on the curb.

Mayor Avila wished a Happy Secretaries Day to all. Also mentioned that 1 in 3 helpers is a woman during this coronavirus and wanted to honor these women and let them know they are appreciated.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Avila adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m., to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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M. Susan Crum  
Acting City Clerk