

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park City Council Tuesday, June 2, 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 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 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; Alvarez-Glasman, Legal, Araceli Almazan, Legal; Raul Alvarez, Assistant City Manager; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development/Acting City Clerk; **ABSENT:** Nita McKay, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks & Recreation.

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Council Member Sanabria.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Martinez

PRESENTATIONS

The Huntington Park Police Department Southeast Regional Mental Evaluation Team (SERMET) conducted a presentation about the daily activities they perform and the resources the City provides to the residents of the city throughout this program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Huntington Craft, a business owner stated she was attending the council meeting for informational purposes.
2. HP Chamber of Commerce, Leticia Martinez, Executive Director, stated she was there for item No. 4 and after speaking with business owners voiced her concern about the resolution supporting an increase on higher taxes for the properties that may result on higher costs for the small business owners. Therefore, many of them are not in favor. Also, in the minutes from the previous meeting, the allocations and approvals for the HUD CDBG funds and COVID-19. There are no notes of official voting on this item. She also stated that the staff report for Item 7 was not included in the agenda pocket and asked for a copy.

The following Public Comment was submitted electronically within the allotted time and was read by Acting City Clerk, Sergio Infanzon.

3. Gregory Hammond, submitted a comment via email in support of protecting fireworks freedom in Huntington Park.

STAFF RESPONSE – City Manager Ricardo Reyes asked the members to consider pulling the minutes of the regular May 19 meeting to ensure they are properly drafted and adopted before they are available for the public record. Emergency meeting minutes are correct. In regards of Item 7, a copy of the staff report is available for the public outside the chamber.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to hold the minutes from the previous regular meeting for review, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz, Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

Vice Mayor Ortiz also stated for clarification, that Mrs. Martinez was correct and the minutes needed to be revised. In addition, Vice Mayor Ortiz indicated that the application for small businesses was going to be ready in the following days.

Council Member Sanabria clarified that based on the public comment submitted electronically about legal fireworks was not going to be considered during the meeting and Vice Mayor Ortiz confirmed that what was included in the agenda for discussion was the use of illegal fireworks.

At 6:58 p.m., City Attorney Aracely Almazan recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
City of Huntington Park v. County of Los Angeles, Dean Logan, County Registrar-Recorder, et al.
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
One matter involving the County of Los Angeles

At 7:34 p.m., Mayor Avila reconvened to open session with all Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Aracely Almazan announced all five Council Members were present and briefed on closed session items 1 & 2. 1). No final action was taken, nothing to report. 2). No action was taken, nothing to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the consent calendar without the minutes from the May 19, Regular Meeting, 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

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. **Approve Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):**
 - 1-1. Emergency City Council Meeting held May 19, 2020

FINANCE

2. **Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated June 2, 2020**

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY MANAGER

3. APPOINTMENTS, RE-APPOINTMENTS AND REMOVAL (IF NECESSARY) BY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE VARIOUS CITY COMMISSIONS.

City Manager Ricardo Reyes presented the item.

Council Member Martinez appointed Illy Baltazar to the Health and Education Commission and Alanis Rodriguez to the Youth Commission

Council Member Sanabria asked for the applications submitted for the Youth and Civil Service Commissions for her to review.

4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES FUNDING ACT OF 2020

City Manager Ricardo Reyes presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the Resolution in support of the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2020, 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

5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LETTER TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOME SEEKING RETENTION OF LOCAL TAX REVENUE

Motion: Mayor Avila moved to approve the letter to California Governor Gavin Newsome seeking retention of local tax revenue, 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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

6. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ILLEGAL FIREWORKS

City Manager Ricardo Reyes presented the item.

Council Member Martinez read a list of recommendations to staff for consideration and implementation of a program to report illegal fireworks and expand community outreach by educating the community on this problem affecting the families.

PUBLIC WORKS

7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND DISPOSAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR SOIL REMOVAL AS PART OF THE PRE-CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF AN AQUATIC CENTER AND RELATED AMENITIES AT SALT LAKE PARK

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced the Director of Public Works Cesar Roldan to present the item.

REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PUBLIC WORKS ITEM 7 (CONTINUED)

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve an industrial waste and disposal services agreement with Waste Management for soil removal as part of the pre-construction phase of an aquatic center and related amenities at Salt Lake Park, 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

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

City Manager Ricardo Reyes thanked staff and management team their commitment during these challenging times.

Chief of Police Cosme Lozano informed Council that the police department every year runs a fireworks informational campaign associated to the 4th of July and they will provide a flyer to the public that includes the guidelines and information about possible fines if the public act outside them. He also thanked the members of the Council for allowing the SERMET team to make a presentation and the support provided to this team.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Martinez thanked the staff. He brought awareness about the Census and how important it is to participate and send our responses. He asked the public to talk to their neighbors to make sure they are counted. He also talked about the difficult times we all are experiencing related to COVID-19 so this is a time to reflect on the things we need to do to create the change needed in our community. We don't need to have another murder in our community. This is an opportunity for all to reflect, be aware on how we can get to a better place.

Council Member Sanabria thanked all staff. She also reminded everyone that on Sunday, June 7, they were going to partner with a non-profit to provide a food give away to the community. She also mentioned that for all of those protesting out there to do it safely.

Council Member Macias thanked staff for their help during these difficult times and all the employees that attended the last food distribution to the community. There were about 2000 families that received help and it was possible due to the support from everyone from the City of Vernon and our City. She also announced another food distribution taking place on Sunday, June 7. She mentioned that if residents were going to protest, to do it in a peaceful way.

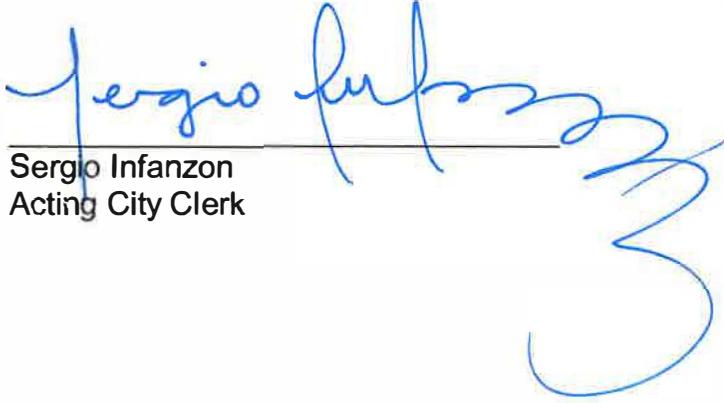
Vice Mayor Ortiz congratulated all graduates that couldn't get that graduation that they dreamed about since they were kids. She also stated that these type of situations make us stronger and send a message to all of them graduating this year. She stated that she was glad Council Member Martinez brought up the issue about the illegal fireworks, because it is a problem out there for our community. She also thanked the City Manager, Assistant City Manager and the Chief of Police for their commitment and assistance during the time the protests were taking place around.

Mayor Avila thanked the chief of police, public works, city manager and the work done to prevent the vandalism in our city. He adjourned the meeting in the name of all the victims of the Corona Virus in the state of California.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Avila adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m., to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sergio Infanzon", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and extends below the line.

Sergio Infanzon
Acting City Clerk