

MINUTES

Special Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Friday, August 14, 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 6:03 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 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, City Attorney; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development/Acting City Clerk; Nita McKay, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Cesar Roldan, Director of Public Works; ABSENT: Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks & Recreation and Raul Alvarez, Assistant City Manager.

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Vice Mayor Ortiz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Macias

PRESENTATIONS

1. No Presentations

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. No Public Comment Cards were submitted.

STAFF RESPONSE

1. No staff response

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:05 p.m. Mayor Avila, recessed to closed session.

1. TREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES
Government Code Section 54957 – Consultation with City Manager, City Attorney, Chief of Police and other appropriate City Officials

At 6:25 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 item 1. 1). No final action taken, nothing to report.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCE

1. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS ADOPTING THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARKS'S FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET AND OTHER RELATED ACTIONS AND ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATION LIMIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Nita McKay, Director of Finance and Administrative Services to present the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the resolutions adopting the City of Huntington Park's Fiscal Year 2020-21 Operating Improvement Program (CIP) Budget and other related actions and establishing the appropriation limit for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, 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

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Macias thanked the Finance Director and City Manager for getting the budget together. She stated that this year was harder given the circumstances, but staff was able to present a balance budget to continue providing services to the residents.

Council Member Martinez thanked the staff for making sure the council meeting was able to have a safe meeting and for all the time invested to prepare the budget.

Council Member Sanabria thanked staff for their hard work and making sure the residents continue having good services.

Vice Mayor Ortiz thanked the Finance Director and the City Manager for preparing the budget under these difficult times that no one would have predicted. She stated that five (5) years ago when Councilmember Sanabria and I got elected, the City of Huntington Park was on a 4.2-million-dollar deficit, in the red, and for 5 years they worked very hard to make sure this never happens again. She also stated that the goal is for the city to always sustain itself without relying on outside sources. She also thanked the departments heads and stated that the city doesn't have control over the pandemic and sales taxes and other revenue are not coming in. She also mentioned that it was not an easy meeting and was thankful for the clear presentation of the budget. This is the beginning of tough times and as difficult as things have gotten, staff is always looking for whatever is best for the residents of the City. She finished by saying that they all are here to make sure residents receive the services they deserve and the City is self-sustain.

Mayor Avila thanked the Director of Finance and the City Manager. He also reminded everyone to be careful with the pandemic and reminded the rest of the Council to provide names of volunteers, individuals/residents that been helping during the pandemic to be recognized.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Avila adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m. on Memory of the mother and stepfather of Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Sergio Infanzon
Acting City Clerk