

Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Sergeant at Arms read the Rules of Decorum.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Graciela Ortiz presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mayor Graciela Ortiz; and Council Members Valentin Palos Amezquita, Jhony Pineda, and Karina Macias. ABSENT: Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria. CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Edgar Cisneros City Manager; Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; Noel Tapia, Assistant City Attorney; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director; Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager; Michael Ackerman, City Engineer, Christina Dixon, Staff Analyst, Public Works, Maria Torres, Senior Management Analyst Art Cueto, Senior Management Analyst, Annie Ruiz, Finance Manager and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Mayor Ortiz.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gabriel Lopez, age 10, Huntington Park Elementary.

**PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Gabriel Lopez for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Asha Congdon, representative of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. for providing Free Workshops in the month of March on Immigration and DACA.

Council presented a proclamation to Arnold and Eva Perez, "Proclaiming April 2016 as DMV/Donate Life Month."

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition" to the 2016 Community Police Academy Graduates.

Chris Hedden, LA County Metro Consultant, presented a PowerPoint on the Strategic Transportation Plan

Juliano Jarquin, Historic Commissioner, presented a PowerPoint on the CicLAvia Event

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. National Coalition for Immigration Reform Action, Robert Lalten, spoke in regards to the transportation plan, concerned with bike lanes slowing traffic and commented on global warming.
2. Community Parents Middleton Elementary School, Diego Enriquez, voiced concern with Valiente Charter School using classrooms at Middleton School and potential for services that can be taken away and asked Council for their support in relocating the charter school.
3. Patricia Salgado, spoke in support of Middleton Elementary School and asked Council for their support in relocating the charter school.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)**

4. Diana Anguiano, spoke in support of Middleton Elementary School and an incident that had occurred with an employee of Valiente Charter School
5. Mrs. Anderson, Middleton Elementary School, asked for Council's support to speak to the LA County Unified School District in regards to Valiente Charter School, she noted there are numerous complaints/violations occurring at Middleton School, substitute teachers that are not qualified, services not being provided to special needs students, and asked to support keeping Middleton School a single school campus.

Mayor Ortiz asked City Manager Cisneros to obtain the speakers contact information so that she can meet with them.

6. Juliano Jarquin, The Human Element, spoke on resources and development for kids, announced a Job Resources event on April 19, 2016 at Walnut Park through Hilda Solis' Office and The Train Run on June 26, 2016, entry free for 18 years old and under.
7. Gloria Rodriguez, spoke in support of Middleton Elementary School and is opposed to having the charter school using the classrooms and asked the City to host a meeting.
8. Rodolfo Cruz, spoke in opposition to the pension tax, commented on the permit that was given to a charter school, police officers at the meetings and not on the streets and acknowledged Council Member Amezquita.
9. Irving Pacheco, announced that the Governor has allocated \$176 million for the clean-up of the excide contamination.
10. Sandra Orozco, spoke in opposition to Council, acknowledged the passing of Council Member Amezquita's father, read a quote from the Bible, commented on medical marijuana dispensaries in the city and made a remark to City Attorney.
11. Dr. Robert Newman, We the People Rising, asked that the two undocumented immigrants be removed, thanked Council Member Pineda for surrendering his compensation for being absent from the previous meeting, remarked DA office is watching, letters received, read a quote from the Bible, acknowledged the funeral for Council Member Amezquita's father, and named his loyal friends.
12. Daniel Salazar, commented on the city going downhill, bad reputation, commented on the two undocumented immigrants, stated he works for Uber part-time noted customer negativity to the city, commented on CicLAvia, diversity, various retail and asked to improve the city.
13. George Franco, commented on the lighting over the projector screen, sound system in the back of the chambers, no coaches for kids baseball league, motorcycles being loud, maintenance of bathrooms, graffiti and his experience speaking with staff.
14. Patient Benefit Association, spoke in support of medical marijuana dispensaries asked that when choosing who gets the permits it should be someone who is going to work hard, feels it is revenue generating and will turn the city completely around.
15. Stella Stephens, commented on lawlessness, spoke in opposition to the City Attorney, commented on the two undocumented immigrants, letter received, read government sections and spoke in opposition to the Council.
16. DeAnn D'Lean, held up a sign and commented on discrimination, quoted the Brown Act, remarked on a comment by the Mayor regarding racism, mentioned DA's office and commented on the use of speaker cards.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)**

17. Raul Rodriguez Jr., remarked DA watching city, noted unpatriotic citizens, gave his condolences to Council Member Amezquita, commented on City Attorney and asked to withdraw the two appointments.
18. Nick Ioannidis, spoke in opposition to Council, commented on his life in the city, and noted April 21<sup>st</sup> is his 41 year anniversary for being an American citizen.
19. Arthur Schaper, announced his attendance at the funeral of Council Member Amezquita's father, spoke in opposition to Council, commented on Freedom of Speech, asked to rescind the two appointments, asked to respect rule of law, and noted a letter received from the DA's office.
20. Robin Hvidston, We the People Rising, commented Americans need to represent on the commissions, commented on the presentation to Catholic Charities, read a letter from the DA's office, and commented on laws being broken and violated.
21. Wes Parker, spoke in opposition to Council and City Manager, commented on the presentation to Catholic Charities, and racism.
22. Mike McCoy, commented on racism, Catholic Charities, and read a quote from Chairman Mao.
23. Janet West, read a statement from Senator Jeff Sessions.
24. Vaughn Becht, commented on liberalism and asked Council to step down.
25. Orlando Montalvo, spoke in opposition to Police, feels he has been mistreated, and wants justice.

## **STAFF RESPONSE** - None

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:12 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
(Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2)) – Two matters
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
  
Santa Fe Ave Marijuana Dispensary/Huntington Park v. OG 25 CAP  
Collective  
L.A.S.C case number VC065057
3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR - Regarding Represented Employees  
(Government Code Section 54957.6(a))  
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Edgar Cisneros, City Manager  
  
Employee Organization: Police Officers Association

At 8:02 p.m. Mayor Ortiz reconvened to open session. All Council Members present with the exception of Vice Mayor Sanabria ABSENT.

## **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Assistant City Attorney Noel Tapia announced that Council had discussed closed session items 1-3 stating for item 1, direction was given no action taken; item 2, no reportable action taken and for item 3, direction given no action taken.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Council Member Amezquita requested Item 1 be pulled for further discussion.

Council Member Pineda requested Item 2 be pulled for further discussion.

### **OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

#### **1. Approve Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):**

- 1-1 Special City Council Meeting, Goal Setting Discussion, held Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12, 2016; and
- 1-2 Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Council Member Amezquita requested to pull this item in order to amend his comments for both meetings.

**Motion:** Council Member Macias motioned to table consent item 1 to the next City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

Council Member Amezquita noted he would reach out to the City Clerk with his amendments.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### **2. Approve Ordinance Relating to Allowed Land Uses and Adoption of an Associated Negative Declaration Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- 1. Second reading, waive further reading and Adopt Ordinance 2016-947, Amending Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 3 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code Relating to Allowed Land Uses and Adoption of an Associated Negative Declaration Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Council Member Pineda pulled item 2 due to his absence when the item was introduced on March 15, 2016, and requested staff present the information as was presented previously.

Economic Development Manager Manuel Acosta presented the information.

**Motion:** Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the adoption of Ordinance 2016-947, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

### **FINANCE**

#### **3. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated April 5, 2016**

Mayor Ortiz would like to see more information on the maintenance of city vehicles.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM 3 (continued)**

Council Member Amezquita suggested an attachment to the warrants to include the vehicle information.

Mayor Ortiz asked if each department could have a system in place with vehicle numbers and invoices for finance department to input the information.

City Manager Cisneros stated this will be looked into.

Council Member Pineda reminded staff to shop locally.

City Manager noted to Council that some products cannot be purchased in the city.

**Motion:** Council Member Macias motioned to approve consent item 3, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed 3-1-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Pineda, Macias and Mayor Ortiz  
NOES: Council Member(s): Amezquita  
ABSENT: Council Member(s): Vice Mayor Sanabria

### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **CITY COUNCIL**

##### **4. Appointment to Historic Commission**

**Appointment:** Council Member Pineda appointed Jamie Bravo to the Historic Commission for a three year term ending March 2019.

#### **OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

##### **5. Approve Resolution Adopting a New Conflict of Interest Code in Accordance with the Political Reform Act**

**Motion:** Council Member Macias motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2016-09, Repealing all prior Resolutions Establishing Provisions of the City of Hunting Park Conflict of Interest Code and Adopting a New Conflict of Interest Code in Accordance with the Political Reform Act, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

Council Member Amezquita would like to add at a future time a signature page to be signed by the Form 700 filers stating that there is no financial or relationship with a particular company where applicable.

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

##### **6. Approve Second Amendment to Agreement with Transtech Engineers, Inc. for City Engineer and Building & Safety Services**

**Motion:** Council Member Macias motioned to approve second amendment to agreement with Transtech Engineers, Inc. for city engineer and building & safety services and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with the condition to continue month-to-month and go out to RFP, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed

4-0-1 by the following vote:

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 6 (continued)**

ROLL CALL:

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

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**7. Approve Consultant Agreements with Lead Tech Environmental and Barr & Clark Independent Environmental Testing**

**Motion:** Council Member Macias motioned to approve three-year Consultant Agreements with Lead Tech Environmental and Barr & Clark Independent Environmental Testing in an amount not to exceed \$62,690 in total and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement in a form approved by legal counsel, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**FINANCE**

**8. Approve Contract with Data Ticket, Inc. for Parking Citation Processing Services**

**Motion:** Council Member Macias motioned to approve agreement with Data Ticket, Inc. for Parking Citation Processing Services for an initial period of three (3) years, authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and adopt Resolution No. 2016-10, Establishing Parking Violation Processing Fees to be collected by a Third Party, seconded by Mayor Ortiz *with the condition to remove* the "(2) optional one-year extensions" and to return to Council after the 3 years. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**9. Approve Use of Salt Lake Park for 2016 Telemundo Sports Experience Event and Approval of Agreement with Estrella Communications, Inc. to Produce Event**

**Motion:** Council Member Macias motioned to approve the Special Event Application for use of Salt Lake Park for the 2016 Telemundo Sports Experience event, approve agreement with Estrella Communications, Inc. to produce the 2016 Telemundo Sports Experience event at Salt Lake Park and authorize City Manager to execute agreement. Subsidiary, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

## **10. Review and Consider Concessionaire Services at Keller Park**

### **RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

1. Review Sample RFP for Concessionaire Services; and
2. Direct staff to issue a Request for Proposals for Concessionaire Services at Keller Park.

**Motion:** Council Member Macias motion to continue item to next City Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

Mayor Ortiz directed Chief of Police to report back to Council the possibilities of using Asset Forfeiture funds at the next City Council meeting.

## **11. Consideration and Approval of an Activities in Public Places Permit for the Redemption Church, of Commerce**

**Motion:** Council Member Pineda motioned to approve Activities in Public Places permit for use of the Salt Lake Park Parking Lot on Saturday, April 9, 2016 on behalf of The Redemption Church of Commerce, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **12. Approve Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Application to the State Water Resources Control Board for Financial Assistance and/or Grant Funding for Well No. 17**

**Motion:** Council Member Macias motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-11, Authorizing to Sign and File a Financial Assistance Application for a Financing Agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board for the Planning and/or Design for Improvements to Well No. 17 and authorize the City Manager to execute the grant application, seconded by Council Member Amezquita. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

### **13. Select and Approve Award of Contract for Graffiti Removal and Bus Stop Maintenance Services**

**Motion:** Council Member Amezquita motioned to award both services to lowest bidder. Motion FAILED due to lack of a second.

**Motion:** Mayor Ortiz moved to approve award of contract to GPC for Graffiti Removal services for a base contract amount of \$388,200 annually with a maximum of two 1-year extensions of term, authorize City Manager to execute the agreement and encumber the remaining portion of the annual contract amount for 2015-2016 for the payment of

graffiti removal, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed 3-1-1 by the following vote:

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 13 (continued)**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Pineda, Macias and Mayor Ortiz  
NOES: Council Member(s): Amezquita  
ABSENT: Council Member(s): Vice Mayor Sanabria

**Motion:** Council Member Macias motioned to approve award of contract to Nationwide Environmental Services for Bus Stop Maintenance services for a base contract amount of \$111,462 annually with a maximum of two 1-year extensions of term, directed City Manager to negotiate, as part of Scope of Service, power washing on Pacific Boulevard, authorize City Manager to execute the agreement and encumber the remaining portion of the annual contract amount for 2015-2016 for the payment of bus stop maintenance, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 3-1-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Pineda, Macias and Mayor Ortiz  
NOES: Council Member(s): Amezquita  
ABSENT: Council Member(s): Vice Mayor Sanabria

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**14. Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/17 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) Program Federal Funds**

Staff noted that this item was not a public hearing item that this will be a public hearing in May 2016.

Mayor Ortiz opened up public comment, hearing none, closed public comment.

Council discussed at length various suggestions and recommendations of allocations.

Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager explained that this item tonight was to receive and file, action regarding the allocations will come back to Council in May 2016.

Council concurred to receive and file the Draft Fiscal Year 2016/17 Annual Action Plan.

**END OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS** (Information only)

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** - None

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita, announced the passing of his father noting he hadn't told anyone due to his privacy, he spoke highly of his father, encouraged everyone to spend time with their family, reiterated his recommendation of the award of contract for Graffiti and Bus Stop Maintenance to lowest bidders to save money, commented on his changes to the minutes and noted the direction the city is going if monies aren't trying to be saved.

Council Member Karina Macias, noted she was unaware of Mr. Amezquita's father passing and gave her condolences, agrees with spending time with family, reiterated her reason for her vote on the Graffiti and Bus Stop Maintenance contracts due to the great service that has been provided, noted to be mindful on what is said regarding the

city's budget and gave direction to the City Manager, and as a reminder from a previous email,

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (continued)**

to look into the parking reforms that Long Beach just had for any possible implementation in the city.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda, noted he was unaware of Mr. Amezquita's father passing and gave his condolences and wished everyone a good night.

Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria - ABSENT

Mayor Graciela Ortiz, thanked everyone who stayed, acknowledged Mr. Amezquita's comment regarding the lowest bidder but feels companies that work hard and provide good service also deserve to be given contracts. Ms. Ortiz gave her condolences to Council Member Amezquita, and also noted she and staff were unaware of his father's passing, thanked staff for staying late, to take care of themselves and wished everyone a good night.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:40 a.m. Mayor Ortiz adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk