

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Sergeant at Arms read the Rules of Decorum before the start of the Special Meeting of the Huntington Park Public Financing Authority.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:04 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Graciela Ortiz presiding.

PRESENT: Council Member(s): Valentin Palos Amezquita, Jhony Pineda, Karina Macias, Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria and Mayor Graciela Ortiz. **CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF:** Edgar Cisneros, City Manager; Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation; Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director; Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager; Sergio Infanzon, Community Development Director; Daniel Hernandez, Public Works Director and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk. **ABSENT:** Martha Castillo, Human Resources Director.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mayor Ortiz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eduardo Luna Vivas from Miles Avenue Elementary School.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Eduardo Luna Vivas for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to City of Huntington Park's Code Enforcement Officer Enrique Mendez on his Retirement.

Council presented the Mayor's Holiday Awards to the "Best Decorated Home" for "Best Display," "Originality," "Holiday Spirit" and "Creativity" winners. Mayor's Holiday Awards also went out to "Best Decorated Apartment Balcony" and "Best Decorated Neighborhood" winners.

Carlos Mancia, volunteer coach, presented a framed jersey to Mayor Ortiz for implementing the City of Huntington Park's Girls Softball Program

At 6:42 p.m. Mayor Ortiz RECESSED back to the Public Financing Authority Special Meeting.

At 6:52 p.m. Mayor Ortiz RECONVENED back to the City Council Regular Meeting with all Council Members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Jose Albarca, International Soccer, spoke in regards to using the soccer fields.
2. Fernando Cole, Bank Manager, Bank of Hope, concerned with trash and vagrants being an issue in the parking lot and asked the city to do something.
3. Eduardo Villa, spoke in regards to residents being notified of the "Rethink Randolph Initiative" feels city could have done more to notify the residents.

4. Nancy Carina Herrera, feels there could have been more Huntington Park representatives at the “Rethink Randolph Initiative” meeting and notification for the residents and asked about city funds.
5. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on various issues: a comment made at the last meeting regarding city funds, the need for more police officers, .21 percent tax, trash throughout the city, and city obligation payments.
6. Antonino Padilla, questioned communication amongst the council, commented on agenda item 10, commented on mailers that were sent out and on the previous city project of curb painting of addresses.
7. Francisco Rivera, spoke in regards to trash on Pacific Boulevard and notifying the city, thanked the city for a nice holiday parade, thanked those who are repainting bus stops, likes nice things in the community, mentioned long lines of kids to see Santa Claus, opposed to marijuana dispensaries in the city, noted trash on Saturn and Zoe and between Pacific Boulevard and Rita Avenue, thanked Council Member Pineda for mentioning in a newspaper the issue of illegal dumping in the city.
8. Robin Hvidston, noted a lot of trash in the city and to get citizens to stop, feels there should be an action to stop unnecessary trash, asked to resend commissioners and appoint two citizens, asked to do the right thing and have all citizens on commissions.
9. Janet West, commented on the minutes and asked for a more accurate presentation of what she said, commented on agenda item 8, grants and funds, keeping two illegals on commissions and grant monies not being granted.
10. Arthur Schaper, spoke in opposition to council, commented on newly elected president, justice for Americans being killed, the two illegals on commissions, sanctuary cities, funding being cut, and remarked “you’re fired.”
11. Raul Rodriguez Jr., commented on the invocation, noted requests for removing the two illegals, not doing the right thing, commented on his request for a forensic audit and issue not being addressed, read a list of un-Americans, spoke in opposition to council, asked to enforce the laws, and asked to use tax dollars on American citizens not illegals.
12. Wes Parker, stated he was pro trash, spoke in opposition to council, commented on illegals, sanctuary cities, and asked to remove illegal commissioners.
13. Vaughn Becht, read an article regarding homicides by illegals.
14. Mike McKoy, read an article regarding homicides by illegals, noted stats of homicides, and commented on sanctuary cities.
15. Valentin Palos Amezquita, congratulated Mayor Ortiz for initiating a girls softball program, commented on services for kids, kids paying a fee for soccer and feels kids shouldn’t be charged to play on an open field, monies can go to parks and activities for the youth, spoke in support of charter schools, education and public schools, and wish city had a bigger vision.

STAFF RESPONSE

Mayor Ortiz asked City Manager Cisneros to follow up with Mr. Jose Albarca.

Mayor Ortiz asked City Manager and Chief Lozano to follow up with Fernando Cole, Bank Manager of Bank of Hope and to follow up with UPW regarding the trash bends.

Mayor Ortiz commented on the comments made regarding “Rethink Randolph Initiative” and stated that a meeting was held in Huntington Park and that Council Member Macias was in attendance and represented the City of Huntington Park also noting that one of the

commissioners also sits on the advisory board and directed staff to add information regarding any meetings on the reader board.

Mayor Ortiz commented on Mr. Padilla's comment regarding mailers being sent out and clarified that these mailers were not sent out by the city but were paid privately by individual Council Members and are free to do so.

Mayor Ortiz clarified that the new Public Works Director Daniel Hernandez implemented the repainting of the bus stops as well as other projects.

Mayor Ortiz asked Vice Mayor Sanabria to explain the curb painting project. Vice Mayor Sanabria stated that the project was implemented one time for safety reasons to enable faster emergency responses. Anyone else asking for donations is not part of the city.

Mayor Ortiz asked Chief Lozano to follow up with Mr. Padilla regarding his address being painted.

Council Member Amezquita commented on the trash issue and feels code enforcement should go before the street sweeper.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:46 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
(Government Code Section 54957.6(a)) - Regarding Represented Employees
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Edgar Cisneros, City
Manager
Employee Organization: Police Officers Association (POA)
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

City of Huntington Park v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
L.A.S.C No. BC 547969

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

California Charter Schools Association v. City of Huntington Park, et al.
(Case no. BS 166035)

At 8:47 p.m. Mayor Ortiz reconvened to open session. All Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced Council discussed closed session items 1-3. Item 1) no action was taken. Item 2) direction was given, no settlement agreement, nothing to report. Item 3) no action was taken nothing to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to approve consent calendar items, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 4-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): Amezquita

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. Approved Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):

1-1. Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2. Adopt Ordinance No. 2016-952, Amending Title 4, Chapter 7, Article 19 Entitled "Medical Marijuana Delivery" and Title 3, Chapter 1, Article 24 Entitled "Medical Marijuana Businesses" of the City of Huntington Park Municipal Code Relating to Medical Marijuana Dispensary and Cultivation Permits

FINANCE

3. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated December 20, 2016

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCE

4. Authorization to Satisfy the Final Arbitrage Rebate and Yield Restriction Payment in Connection with the Issuance of \$55,875,000 Huntington Park Public Financing Authority Refunding Revenue Bonds, 2004 Series A

City Manager Cisneros requested to receive and file the item at this time and introduced Interim Finance Director Jan Mazyck who gave a brief explanation.

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to receive and file and to schedule a future study session or special meeting to discuss item, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote.

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

5. Approve a Lease with Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc. (KMBS) for Leasing of Copying Equipment for Huntington Park City Hall

City Manager Cisneros introduced Interim Finance Director Jan Mazyck who presented the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve a Master Premier Lease Agreement between Konica Minolta Business Solutions (KMBS) and the City of Huntington Park relating to copying equipment and related maintenance services for a period of five (5) years commencing in January, 2017 and authorize the City Manager to execute the lease, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

6. Resolution Establishing an Economic Development Committee, Governing Committee Policies, Method of Appointment, Guidelines for the Conduct of

Meetings and Other Related Matters

City Manager presented the item and introduced Community Development Director Sergio Infanzon who provided the information.

Motion: Council Member Pineda motioned to change resolution to add supporting members not able to vote and to move City Manager to support staff, seconded by Mayor Ortiz.

Substitute Motion: Council Member Amezquita motioned to also add a community member from the business community. Substitute motion failed due to lack of a second.

Council Member Amezquita provided information of his experience, nominated himself and continued with his experience.

Vice Mayor Sanabria “**Called for the Question**,” seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-1 to end the discussion/debate, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): Amezquita

Motion: Council Member Pineda motioned to change resolution to add supporting members not able to vote and to move City Manager to support staff and with those changes to adopt Resolution No. 2016-52, Establishing an Economic Development Committee, Governing Committee Policies, Method of Appointment, Guidelines for the Conduct of Meetings and Other Related Matters and Appoint Graciela Ortiz, Karina Macias, Efren Martinez, as members of the Committee and two alternate members from the City Council, first alternate member Jhonny Pineda and the second alternate Marilyn Sanabria, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): Amezquita

HUMAN RESOURCES

7. Resolution Adopting the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Huntington Park Police Officers Association (POA)

City Manager Cisneros presented the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019, with the Huntington Park Police Officers’ Association (POA), adopt Resolution No. 2016-56 Approving and Adopting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Huntington Park Police Officers’ Association and Rescinding Resolution No. 2016-31 and approve additional budget appropriation of \$306,239 in order to offset the balance needed for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-2017 payroll expenditures, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

PUBLIC WORKS

8. Approve Award of Contract for the Pacific Boulevard Lighting and Beautification Project, Phase II

City Manager Cisneros presented the item and announced a protest by the second lowest bidder was received and appropriate response was sent deemed on specifications outlined on the bid packet.

Motion: Mayor Ortiz motioned to approve with modifications to the Amendment to change augmentation from Transtech to City's Public Works Director assisted by the Community Development Director to oversee the project due to conflict of interest, then to award contract to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, Alfaro Communication Construction, Inc. which will accept this project and proceed with the work in accordance with the bid, authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the Contract, authorize the Finance Director to make the necessary appropriations and adjustments to the City Budget and authorize Staff, under the currently approved Augmentation Contract, to proceed with necessary work (Project Management, Construction management, Inspection, Administration) in compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract and not to exceed 10% of the project budget, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motioned passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

9. Resolution Authorizing City of Huntington Park's Participation in the Process of Appointment of Directors to the Central Basin Municipal Water District's Board of Directors

City Manager Cisneros presented the item.

Motion: Mayor Ortiz motioned to appoint Vice Mayor Sanabria as the designee, adopt Resolution No 2016-53, Authorizing the City of Huntington Park's Participation in the Process of Appointment of Directors to the Central Basin Municipal Water District's Board of Directors, authorize the City of Huntington Park's participation in the process of appointment of qualified individuals with technical expertise representing the water purveyors in the service area of the Central Basin Municipal Water District to its Board of Directors, authorize the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to vote in the Central Basin Municipal Water District Board elections for the appointed Directors' positions on behalf of the City and authorize the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to nominate a qualified individual with at least 5 years experience (pursuant to Section 71267 of the Water Code) to run, and if elected, hold office for a Board position on behalf of the City District, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): Amezquita

10. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance and the Execution of an Agreement with CalTrans for the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Middleton Street Elementary School Project

City Manager Cisneros presented the item.

Motion: Mayor Ortiz motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2016-54, Authorizing the Acceptance of the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Middleton Street Elementary School Project, authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and to direct staff to proceed with the project's implementation and authorize the Finance Director to facilitate the necessary actions and adjustments to the City Budget as required, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

11. Approve List of Vehicles as Surplus and Authorization to Sell Via Auction

City Manager Cisneros presented the item and introduced Public Works Director Daniel Hernandez who provided the information.

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve the attached list of vehicles as surplus and authorize Public Works Department to sell via auction, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed 5-0, the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

12. Issuance of Revenue Bonds by the California Municipal Finance Authority to Assist in the Refinancing of Casa Rita Apartments, Located at 6508 Rita Avenue

City Manager Cisneros presented the item, announced Economic Development Manager Manuel Acosta, Anthony Stubbs, Municipal Finance Authority and Sean Baylor, Century Housing were in attendance for any questions.

Community Development Manager Sergio Infanzon briefed the Council on the item.

Public Comment

Mayor Ortiz opened the item up for public comment, seeing there was none, closed public comment.

Motion: Council Member Pineda motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2016-55, Approving the Issuance of the Multifamily Revenue Bonds by the California Municipal Finance Authority for the Purpose of Financing the Acquisition and Rehabilitations of a Multifamily Rental Housing Facility known as Casa Rita Apartments, such adoption is solely for the purposes of satisfying the requirements of TEFRA, the Code and the California Government Code Section 6500, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): Amezquita

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:28 p.m. Mayor Ortiz adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk