

Minutes
Special Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, March 28, 2017

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 4:36 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Graciela Ortiz presiding.

PRESENT: Council Member(s): Valentin Palos Amezquita, Jhonny 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; Sergio Infanzon, Community Development Director; Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager; Martha Castillo, Human Resources Director and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk. **ABSENT:** Daniel Hernandez, Public Works Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Sanabria.

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Mayor Ortiz.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

At 4:35 p.m. Mayor Ortiz RECESSED the meeting to 5:30 p.m.

At 5:32 p.m. Mayor Ortiz RECONVENED the meeting with all Council Members present.

REGULAR AGENDA - 5:30 p.m.

ELECTION PRESENTATION

1. **Presentation of Certificates of Election, Administration of the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and Seating of Council Member(s): Karina Macias and Manuel "Manny" Avila**

City Clerk Schwartz announced the presentations to be given and called up each new Council Member and the individuals who would be administering the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance as follows:

Re-Elected Council Member Karina Macias – Oath administered by John Zapata, bible held by Gloria Rodriguez.

City Clerk Schwartz presented Council Member Macias with a Certificate of Election.

Newly Elected Council Member Manuel "Manny" Avila – Oath administered by his two daughters, Martha Avila and Maria Avila Gengenbacher, bible held by wife, Rebecca Avila.

City Clerk Schwartz presented Council Member Avila with a Certificate of Election.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those in attendance congratulated and gave well wishes to both Council Members Macias and Avila.

APPOINTMENTS

2. Selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor for a Term of One Year

Mayor Ortiz opened up nominations for Mayor.

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to nominate Vice Mayor Sanabria as Mayor, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

Mayor Ortiz announced at this time the newly appointed Mayor would be given the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance.

City Clerk Schwartz called up Mr. Jonathan Sanabria who would be administering the oath.

Newly appointed Mayor Marilyn Sanabria – Oath administered by her brother, Jonathan Sanabria.

Mayor Sanabria thanked her colleagues for the opportunity and thanked her family and friends for all their support.

Mayor Sanabria opened up nominations for Vice Mayor.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned to nominate Council Member Pineda as Vice Mayor, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representatives from the following offices were in attendance to honor outgoing Mayor Ortiz:

Ms. Elizabeth Alcantar, representative from Supervisor Hilda Solis' office presented outgoing Mayor Ortiz with a "Certificate of Commendation."

Ms. Talia Leon, Field Deputy, representative from Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's office presented outgoing Mayor Ortiz with a "Certificate of Congressional Recognition."

Mr. Johnathan Flores, representative from Senator Ricardo Lara's Office presented outgoing Mayor Ortiz with a "Certificate of Recognition."

Representative for Los Angeles Unified School District, Board Member Rodriguez, District 5, presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to outgoing Mayor Ortiz.

Council Member Graciela Ortiz, thanked everyone for the recognitions, thanked UTLA Members, thanked former Mayor and 41st U.S. Treasurer Rosario Marin, and presented an outgoing speech thanking everyone, friends and family, noting all the projects and her continued commitment to the community, congratulated re-elected Council Member Macias, newly elected Council Member Macias, newly appointed Mayor Sanabria and Vice Mayor Pineda.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Graciela Ortiz, invited the public to a celebration at Leonardo's Restaurant.

Council Member Manuel "Manny" Avila, noted he is a very humble man but main idea was to become a member of the city council to work along his colleagues and provide his experience to be a team player, to be a team player for the community, police department, listen to the people, thanked staff for their support, he concluded with wanting to be a leader to serve and to make this a main goal. Mr. Avila thanked his family and everyone who worked on his campaign.

Council Member Karina Macias, thanked parents and family for all their support, commented on the negativism during her campaigning but noted all the positive, big gratitude to all those who supported her, thanked all who endorsed her, UTLA, former Mayor and 41st U.S. Treasurer Rosario Marin, Efren Martinez, John Ornelas, proud to call her colleagues friends, thanked former Mayor Ortiz, congratulated newly appointed Mayor Sanabria and Vice Mayor Pineda, happy to call Council member Avila her colleague, truly an honor to see Council Member Avila in this role, thanked Mr. Avila for his support as well as his family, thanked the employees, police officers, and everyone.

Vice Mayor Jhonny Pineda, noted lots of emotions in the room, happy for reelection of Macias, congratulated Council Member Avila and the newly appointed Mayor Sanabria, looks forward to working with his colleagues, thanked former Mayor Ortiz for all her work, noted he is married and thanked his wife, thanked all those who supported him during his campaign, noted his efforts to create a youth employment program and making it happen, this year he plans on launching a beautification and educational campaign to work with the community, it's his passion to help others to succeed, look forward to working with everyone to continue to move city forward and thanked everyone.

Mayor Marilyn Sanabria, thanked everyone who was in attendance and looks forward to working alongside her colleagues.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:40 p.m. Mayor Sanabria adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk