

**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, April 4, 2017**

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 6:04 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Marilyn Sanabria presiding.

**PRESENT:** Council Member(s): Manuel "Manny" Avila, Karina Macias, Graciela Ortiz, and Mayor Marilyn Sanabria. **ABSENT:** Council Member Pineda. **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; Michael Ackerman, City Engineer; Daniel Hernandez, Public Works Director; Sergio Infanzon, Community Development Director; Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager; Teresa Garcia, Budget Analyst; Annie Ruiz, Accounting Manager and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk. **ABSENT:** Martha Castillo, Human Resources Director.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Mayor Sanabria.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Michelle Garcia-Monay, Lucille Roybal-Allard Elementary School.

**PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Michelle Garcia-Monay for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Cisneros announced that the following presentation will be moved to the next Regular City Council meeting - Proclamation Presented to the American Heart Association, Proclaiming April 2017 as "Walking Month "

Council presented a proclamation to Ms. Stella Lugo, Program Manager, Fair Housing Foundation, proclaiming April 2017 as "Fair Housing Month"

Mr. Sergio Calderon, Director of District 4, Water Replenishment District 4 of Southern California (WRD) presented acknowledged the "2017 Water Awareness" Elementary School Poster Contest Winners. Mayor Sanabria announced the program and presented the winners with "Certificates of Recognition."

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Stephanie Lopez, noted a water maintenance notice she received and questioned what work had been performed.

**STAFF RESPONSE**

City Manager Cisneros noted that a representative from Severn Trent, water manager for the City would be speaking later on agenda Item 5 regarding Well 15 and 17 and the City's water distribution system

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:25 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION -  
[three matters] Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

J.H., a minor, by and through his Guardian Ad Litem, Marcela Lujano, et al. v. City of South Gate/ City of Huntington Park, et al.  
LASC No. BC 614412

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

Mkay, et al. v. City of Huntington Park, et al.  
Case No. 2:17-cv-01467-SJO-AFM

2. LIABILITY CLAIM- [one matter] Government Code Section 54956.95  
Claimants: R. Herrera (a minor)  
Agency claimed against: City of Huntington Park
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54957.9(d)(4) Consideration of Initiation of  
Litigation – One Matter
4. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Regarding Represented  
Employees - Government Code Section 54957.6(a)  
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Edgar Cisneros,  
City Manager  
Employee Organization: General Employees Association (GEA)

At 7:50 p.m. Mayor Sanabria reconvened to open session. All Council Members present with the exception of Council Member Pineda ABSENT.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced Council discussed closed session items 1 through 4 all four Council Members were present. Item 1, regarding J.H., a minor, was not discussed. Item 1, regarding California Charter Schools Association, an update was provided, this matter was presented to the Superior Court yesterday there was no decision made nothing further to report. Item 1, regarding MKay, Council was briefed and provided authorization to retain special counsel. Item 2. Council, by a 4-0 vote, authorized settlement authority. Item 3. Council gave direction to City Attorney's office to proceed in preparing a law suit against Central Basin Water District regarding selection of Board Members pursuant to recent legislation. Item 4. Direction was given, no final action taken, nothing to report.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion:** Council Member Macias motioned to approve consent calendar items, seconded by Council Member Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0 (Pineda ABSENT) by the following vote:

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**FINANCE**

1. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated April 4, 2017.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

## FINANCE

### 2. Resolution Approving the Amended Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/2017 City Budget

City Manager Cisneros introduced Teresa Garcia, Budget Analyst who presented the item.

**Motion:** Mayor Sanabria motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2017-05, Amending the Annual Budget for FY 2016/2017 and authorize City Manager to implement the approved amendments. In addition, for City staff and City Manager not to award contracts or agreements over \$5,000 unless it is approved by City Council and that this temporary restriction is to remain until the City Council finds it appropriate, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0, (Pineda ABSENT) by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Members(s): Pineda

## OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

### 3. Appointments of City Council Members to the Various Outside Committees and/or Organizations

City Manager introduced City Clerk Schwartz who presented the item.

City Clerk Schwartz announced for the Eco Rapid Transit (formerly Orange Line Development Authority) an Alternate needed to be appointed.

**Motion:** Mayor Sanabria motioned to **appoint herself as the Alternate** on the Eco Rapid Transit (formerly Orange Line Development Authority), seconded by Council Member Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0, (Pineda ABSENT) by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Members(s): Pineda

City Clerk Schwartz announced for the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No.1 that the Delegate must be Mayor and an Alternate needed to be appointed.

**Motion:** Mayor Sanabria motioned to **appoint herself as the Delegate and Council Member Macias as the Alternate**, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0, (Pineda ABSENT) by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Members(s): Pineda

City Clerk Schwartz announced for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) an Alternate need to be appointed.

**Motion:** Council Member Ortiz motioned to remove herself as the Delegate and to **appoint Council Member Avila as the new Delegate and appoint Council Member Macias as the Alternate**, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0, (Pineda ABSENT) by the following vote:

## REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)

### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK ITEM 3 (CONTINUED)

#### ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Members(s): Pineda

#### 4. Appointments, Re-Appointments and Removal (if Necessary) by Council Members to the Various City Commissions

City Manager introduced City Clerk Schwartz who presented the item.

City Clerk Schwartz announced each Council Member followed by each Commission. Appointments, reappointments and removals as follows:

#### Civil Service Commission

Mayor Sanabria will be giving another Huntington Park resident the opportunity to serve the community as a Civil Service Commissioner, therefore Elsa Avalos' term will end April 4, 2017. **Appointment for the vacancy will be made at a later date.**

Vice Mayor Pineda – ABSENT.

Council Member Ortiz reappointed Maria Magana.

Council Member Avila appointed Teresa Baldazar.

Council Member Macias reappointed Guillermo Monterrosa.

#### Health & Education Commission

Mayor Sanabria appointed Ebony Batiste

Vice Mayor Pineda – ABSENT.

Council Member Ortiz will be giving another Huntington Park resident the opportunity to serve the community as a Health & Education Commissioner, therefore Robert Cabrales' term will end April 4, 2017. **Appointment for the vacancy will be made at a later date.**

Council Member Avila - **no appointment at this time**.

Council Member Macias appointed Robert Cabrales, therefore Rebecca Avila's term will end April 4, 2017.

#### Historic Preservation Commission

Mayor Sanabria reappointed Kathy Gaytan.

Vice Mayor Pineda – ABSENT.

Council Member Ortiz appointed Wally Shidler, therefore Luz Gomez's term will end April 4, 2017.

Council Member Avila - **no appointment at this time**.

Council Member Macias reappointed Guillermo Flores.

#### Parks and Recreation Commission

Mayor Sanabria reappointed Betty Davis-Gonzalez.

Vice Mayor Pineda – ABSENT.

Council Member Ortiz reappointed Jonathan Sanabria.

Council Member Avila appointed Manuel "Pete" Morado.

Council Member Macias appointed Edgar Gordillo.

#### Planning Commission

Mayor Sanabria appointed Angelica Montes.

Vice Mayor Pineda – ABSENT.

Council Member Ortiz appointed Luz Gomez, therefore Efren Martinez's term would end April 4, 2017 if not for having then been reappointed by Council Member Avila.

Council Member Avila appointed Efren Martinez.

Council Member Macias reappointed Eduardo Carvajal.

## REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)

### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK ITEM 4 (CONTINUED)

#### Youth Commission (Each Council Member appoints two (2))

Mayor Sanabria reappointed Joel Palma and Pauline Ramos.

Vice Mayor Pineda – ABSENT.

Council Member Ortiz reappointed Kevin Cervantes and Karol Gutierrez.

Council Member Avila appointed Nelly Perez and appointment for the second vacancy will be made at a later date.

Council Member Macias reappointed Kaitlyn Zesati and Angel De Santiago.

### PUBLIC WORKS

#### 5. Update on Huntington Park's Water Distribution System and Operations

City Manager Cisneros introduced Iris Ramos, Project Manager, Severn Trent who provided an update on the City's water distribution system and operations.

- Update ONLY -

#### 6. Approve Pacific Boulevard Pedestrian Improvements Project Phase I Contract Change Orders 3 Through 7 and 9

City Manager Cisneros introduced Michael Ackerman, City Engineer who presented the item.

**Motion:** Council Member Ortiz motion to approve Contract Change Orders (CCOs) Nos. 3-7 and 9 in the amount of \$80,030.51 and authorize City Manager to execute the Contract Change Orders, seconded by Council Member Macias. No vote due to amended motion.

**Amended Motion:** Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve Contract Change Orders (CCOs) Nos. 3-7 and 9 in the amount of \$80,030.51 and authorize City Manager to execute the Contract Change Orders, but with the condition to create an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Mayor Sanabria, Council Member Ortiz, Special Counsel Ornelas, City Engineer, Project Manager and Project Contractor, seconded by Council Member Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0 (Pineda ABSENT) by the following vote:

#### ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Members(s): Pineda

#### 7. Approve First Amendment to Contract Services Agreement (CSA) with Nationwide Environmental Services for Bus Stop and Parklets Cleaning Services

City Manager Cisneros introduced Daniel Hernandez, Public Works Director who presented the item.

**Motion:** Council Member Ortiz motioned to table the item to allow more time to review, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0 (Pineda ABSENT) by the following vote:

#### ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Members(s): Pineda

## REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)

### **PUBLIC WORKS ITEM 7 (CONTINUED)**

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

1. Approve first amendment to contract with Nationwide Environmental Services for the Bus Stop and Parklet Services;
2. Authorize City Manager to execute contract; and
3. Encumber the remaining portion of the annual contract amount for FY 2016/2017 for payment of services.

### **8. Approve First Amendment to Lease of Office Space at City Hall to Senator Ricardo Lara of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate District**

City Manager Cisneros introduced Daniel Hernandez, Public Works Director who presented the item.

**Motion:** Council Member Ortiz motioned to approve First Amendment to lease with the Senate Rules Committee of California for the lease of office space at City Hall for use by Senator Ricardo Lara of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate District, and authorize City Manager to execute the lease, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0 (Pineda ABSENT) by the following vote:

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

**NOES:** Council Member(s): None

**ABSENT:** Council Members(s): Pineda

### **9. Update on I-Park Deployment 11**

- Update ONLY -

City Manager Cisneros introduced Michael Ackerman, City Engineer who presented an update.

Council Member Macias recommended that the Ad Hoc Committee that is specific for this project review the parking study that was previously done for the City.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **10. Review Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2017/2018 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) Program Federal Funds**

City Manager Cisneros introduced Sergio Infanzon, Community Development Director who presented the item and introduced Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager who added additional information. Staff recommend to receive and file.

At 8:44 p.m. Council Member Avila excused himself from the chambers.

At 8:47 p.m. Council Member Avila returned to the chambers.

No action was taken. Council concurred (Pineda ABSENT) to receive and file the Draft Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Annual Action Plan.

## **REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)**

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

#### **11. Approve Use of Salt Lake Park for 2017 Telemundo Sports Experience Event and Approval of Agreement with Estrella Communications, Inc. to Produce Event**

City Manager Cisneros introduced Josette Espinosa, Parks and Recreation Director who presented the item.

**Motion:** Council Member Ortiz motioned to approve the Special Event Application for use of Salt Lake Park for the 2017 Telemundo Sports Experience event, approve agreement with Estrella Communications, Inc. to produce the 2017 Telemundo Sports Experience event at Salt Lake Park, approve the possible test driving of new vehicle models as part of the automotive exhibit and authorize City Manager to execute agreement, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0 (Pineda ABSENT) by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

#### **12. Consideration and Approval of Activities in Public Places Permit and Fee Waiver Request by the American Cancer Society for the "Relay for Life" Event**

City Manager Cisneros introduced Josette Espinosa, Parks and Recreation Director who presented the item.

**Motion:** Council Member Ortiz motioned to approve Activities in Public Places Permit for American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" event, scheduled for June 23 – 25, 2017, Salt Lake Park baseball diamonds and approve facility fee waiver request by the American Cancer Society for the "Relay for Life" Event, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0 (Pineda ABSENT) by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### **13. Approve Request to Purchase Two (2) Police Department Patrol Operations Division Police Vehicles and Supplementary Equipment**

City Manager Cisneros introduced Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police who presented the item.

Mayor Sanabria clarified funds are from the forfeiture fund and not the general fund.

**Motion:** Council Member Ortiz motioned to authorize the requisition of funds to purchase and equip two new Police Department Patrol Services Division police vehicles from the FORD MOTOR COMPANY, specifically South Bay Ford in Hawthorne, CA, authorize additional budget appropriation of \$124,970.00 from the Forfeiture Fund, Account #229-7010-421.74-10 and authorize Chief of Police to purchase the vehicles and associated equipment, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0 (Pineda ABSENT) by the following vote:

## REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT ITEM 13 (CONTINUED)**

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Members(s): Pineda

#### **14. Approve Request to Purchase and Install Upgraded Office Furnishing for the Police Department**

Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police presented the item.

**Motion:** Council Member Ortiz motioned to increase the expenditure amount from \$19,525 to a not to exceed amount of \$27,000 to purchase replacement office furniture for the Police Department – Patrol Division, more specifically the Officer's Report Writing Room, the Patrol Sergeant's Office, and the Watch Commander's Office and authorize Chief of Police to purchase the furnishings from Closet Factory, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0 (Pineda ABSENT) by the following vote:

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Members(s): Pineda

#### **15. Approve Appropriation of Funds for the Completion of Information Technology Projects for the Police Department**

Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police presented the item.

**Motion:** Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve an expenditure of \$70,020.96 from the Police Forfeiture Fund #229-7010-421.74.10 to upgrade aged and failing technology systems for the Police Department, authorize the services of LanWan, as a single source option, to install and implement necessary hardware and software and authorize Chief of Police to acquire hardware and other associated equipment, software and labor costs needed to complete this project, seconded by Council Member Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0 (Pineda ABSENT) by the following vote:

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Members(s): Pineda

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **16. Resolution Determining the Duties of Senior Police Officer for the Purpose of Public Employee Disability Retirement**

Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police presented the item.

**Motion:** Mayor Sanabria motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2017-06, Determining that Steve Castro is not Disabled and Incapacitated to Perform the Duties of Senior Police Officer for the purpose of Public Employee Disability Retirement (CalPERS), seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0 (Pineda ABSENT) by the following vote:

## **REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)**

### **HUMAN RESOURCES ITEM 16 (CONTINUED)**

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Members(s): Pineda

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)**

#### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None**

#### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Manuel “Manny” Avila, thanked staff and his colleagues for all their support.

Council Member Graciela Ortiz, thanked staff for all their support and invited the public to attend the UFCW’s Grand Opening and Resource Fair located at 5500 Pacific Boulevard on Saturday 8 to 1 p.m., wished all students a safe spring break and all a good evening.

Council Member Karina Macias, thanked staff for all their support, wished all students a good spring break, welcomed Council Member Avila and wished all a good night.

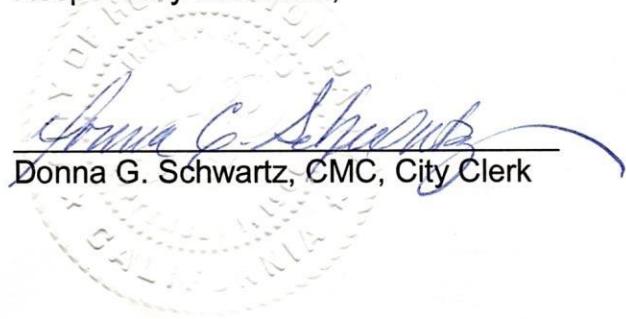
Vice Mayor Jhonny Pineda - ABSENT

Mayor Marilyn Sanabria, thanked staff for all their support and wished all a good night.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:03 p.m. Mayor Sanabria adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk