

MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, June 20, 2017**

Sergeant at Arms read the Rules of Decorum before the start of the Meeting.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Marilyn Sanabria presiding.

PRESENT: Council Member(s): Karina Macias, Graciela Ortiz, Vice Mayor Jhonny Pineda and Mayor Marilyn Sanabria. **ABSENT:** Manuel "Manny" Avila.

CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Cosme Lozano, Acting City Manager/Chief of Police; Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; Daniel Hernandez, Director of Public Works; Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation; Sergio Infanzon, Community Development Director; Martha Castillo, Human Resources Director; Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk. **ABSENT:** Edgar Cisneros, City Manager

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Reverend Ruben Restrepo of St. Matthias Catholic Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Jimenez, Walnut Park Middle School.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation," to Kevin Jimenez for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation," to Mr. Albert Parkhill, Teacher, on His Retirement after 39 Years of Teaching.

Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition," to Reverend Ruben Restrepo of St. Matthias Catholic Church for his 20 Years of Service in the Priesthood

Not in attendance - "Certificate of Appreciation," Presented to Water Replenishment District (WRD) for a Longstanding and Collaborative Relationship with the City of Huntington Park and for their Commitment to Protecting the Groundwater in the Central Basin

Martha Castillo, Human Resources Director and Evelia Castillo-Rodriguez, Southeast Area Chair for Huntington Park, announced the City of Huntington Park's Participation in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" Event to be held at Salt Lake Park, June 24 through 25, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Robert Herrera, spoke in opposition to "illegal immigrants" and Council.
2. Harim Uzziel, spoke in opposition to "illegal immigrants" and Council.
3. Genevieve Peters, commented on the ranking of the schools in the city, safety for the people and other concerns.

Mayor Sanabria reminded audience that loud personal conversations are not allowed or people will be called out of order.

Mayor Sanabria announced let the record show this is the 1st warning for Arthur Schaper.

PUBLIC COMMENT (CONTINUED)

4. Alex Sanchez, commented on comments made by previous speakers regarding illegal immigrants and negativity and feels they should focus on helping their own communities and for America to remain diverse.

Mayor announced no clapping during public comment.

5. Silvia Merlos, spoke against the people who are disruptive here and in other cities, feels they are a dangerous group. States she will be at the meetings until they leave the city, stated that immigrants contribute billions to the economy and spoke in support of the citizens in Huntington Park and Cudahy.

Mayor Sanabria announced 1st warning to Joseph Turner, noting if he disrupts the meeting one more time he will be escorted out by the Sergeant of Arms.

6. Carolyn Denise Barlage, thanked Council for their support, noted she is married to a Hispanic, feels meetings should be for the residents only, notes how everyone comes together during tough times, and asked to make the city a sanctuary city.

7. Ivonne Correa, spoke in opposition to We the People Rising noting how she wasn't comfortable sitting down, noted her involvement in the community and spoke in support of the residents.

Mayor Sanabria announced 1st warning to the man in the 3rd row wearing a black shirt, noting if he disrupts the meeting one more time he will be escorted out by the Sergeant at Arms.

8. Dubi Jones, spoke in opposition to We the People Rising.

9. George Franco, commented on shots he heard on June 17th and there were no patrol cars, asked when city is going to protect citizens and that he pays taxes.

Mayor Sanabria announced let the record show 1st warning to man in 4th row wearing a black hat calling him out of order and noting if he disrupts the meeting one more time he will be escorted out by the Sergeant at Arms.

10. Betty Retema, spoke in opposition to Council, commented on Pacific Boulevard, utility user tax, and laws not being obeyed.

11. Robin Hvidston, commented on Arthur Schaper being arrested at the last meeting, lawlessness, federal laws, the two appointments and feels citizens in city are the rightfully entitled to the commission seats.

12. Arthur Schaper, commented on the paper work filed, spoke in opposition to police, commented on utility user tax, himself filing a lawsuit, his unlawful arrest, comments made by prior speakers, set of laws, and funding being cut.

Mayor Sanabria announced 1st warning to Robin Hvidston.

Mayor Sanabria announced 1st warning to gentleman in gray hat.

Mayor Sanabria announced let the record show 1st warning to man in white shirt noting if he disrupts the meeting one more time he will be escorted out by the Sergeant at Arms.

13. Lakota, spoke in regards to his land and in opposition to white supremacy.

14. Dre, commented on what is required to qualify for Medi-Cal, therefore "illegal immigrants" cannot obtain Medi-Cal, opposed to the utility user tax, and commented on legislation.

15. Dean Cilva, spoke in opposition to Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT (CONTINUED)

16. Joseph Moreno, spoke in opposition to Arthur Schaper and his group that terrorizes everyone, spoke in support of those who are not immigrants even though they are Mexican and asked Council to turn city into a sanctuary city.
17. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on speaker cards, trash in the city, feels there's no enforcement, commented on the line to get in, no police around when people run red lights, and noted how the city used to be beautiful.
18. Joseph Turner, American Children First, commented on prior comments, someone that got stabbed, an initiative he filed yesterday regarding utility user tax, tax on cell phone use and asked to remove commissioners.
19. Todd Matthew, commented on immigration, rules being violated, supports immigration reform and spoke in opposition to Council.
20. Luis Reyes, commented on the constitution and oath taken by Council and Police, remarked something is about to happen for not abiding by the constitution, feels city is harboring and hiring illegals, and loves immigration.
21. Vaughn Becht, quoted a president regarding illegal immigration and nation of laws.
22. Edin Enamorado, commented on comments made by others and spoke in support of "illegal immigrants," commented on initiative filed regarding utility user tax, asked why Arthur Schaper is able to return, and noted list of lives saved by "illegals."
23. Melinda Amato, thanked Council for increasing police presence at the meetings, and spoke in support of immigrants and undocumented veterans.

STAFF RESPONSE

Acting City Manager/Chief of Police Cosme Lozano invited the speaker who commented on crime rate in the city, to provide the statics to the city so that staff can review them. Comment made regarding graffiti in the city, he informed the public that the city has a reporting program and an app that can be downloaded to your phone.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:22 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT
Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) -
Title: Director of Finance
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2)) - One matter

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:04 p.m. Mayor Sanabria reconvened to open session with all Council Members present with the exception of Council Member Avila ABSENT.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced four of the Council was in closed session (Avila ABSENT) and were briefed on closed session items 1 and 2. Item 1, no action taken to be revisited at a special meeting July 14, 2017. Item 2, no action taken nothing to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned to approve consent calendar items with minor change to minutes, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. Approved Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):
1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, June 6, 2017.

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated June 20, 2017.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

Acting City Manager/Chief of Police Cosme Lozano announced revised items were distributed to Council for regular agenda item 4 there was a revision to the appointing title on the resolution and a revision to item 13 a name change in the table of the staff report and that copies were available for the public.

FINANCE

3. **Review and Consideration to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2017-13 Adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

Acting City Manager/Chief of Police Lozano presented item.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned to table item to next City Council meeting so that previous information regarding contractual services, city events and break down of items requested at the budget workshop can be added, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

Vice Mayor Pineda noted his recommendation to transfer approval of entertainment license to Community Development.

4. **Resolution Delegating Investment Authority to Finance Director/Treasurer and Adopt the Statement of Investment Policy**

Acting City Manager/Chief of Police Lozano presented item.

REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)

FINANCE ITEM 4 (CONTINUED)

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2017-14, Delegating Investment Authority to the Finance Director/Treasurer Pursuant to Government Code Section 53607 and Adopt the Statement of Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, seconded by Council Member Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): Avila

5. Resolution Establishing the Appropriation Limit for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017 and Ending June 30, 2018

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2017-15, Establishing the Appropriation Limit Pursuant to the Provisions of the California Constitution Article XIIIB for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017 and Ending June 30, 2018.

Acting City Manager/Chief of Police Lozano presented item.

Motion: Mayor Sanabria motioned to table item to next city council meeting as it relates to regular agenda item 3, seconded by Vice Mayor Pineda. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): Avila

6. Resolution Revising Fees to the City of Huntington Park Master Fee Schedule

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2017-16, Revising Fees Amounts Applicable to Listed City Services in Accordance with the City of Huntington Park Master Fee Schedule.

Acting City Manager/Chief of Police Lozano presented item.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned to table item to next city council meeting as it also relates to regular agenda item 3, seconded by Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): Avila

7. Resolution Adopting a New Schedule of Fines for Parking Related Violations

Acting City Manager/Chief of Police Lozano presented item.

REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)

FINANCE ITEM 7 (CONTINUED)

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2017-17, Repealing Resolution No. 2016-23 and Adopting a New Schedule of Fines for Parking Related Violations, seconded by Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

PARKS AND RECREATION

8. Approve Expenditures for Installation, Storage, and Removal of Holiday Decorations on Pacific Boulevard and Holiday Tree Decoration at City Hall Utilizing City Art Funds

Acting City Manager/Chief of Police Lozano presented item.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned to authorize the use of City Art Funds included in the FY 2017-2018 proposed budget, for the installation, storage, and removal of city owned holiday decorations on Pacific Boulevard, authorize the use of City Art Funds included in the FY 2017-2018 proposed budget, to purchase additional holiday decorations to supplement older decorations and to add Santa mail boxes; authorize staff to utilize City Art Funds and enter into an agreement with Sierra for the installation, storage, and removal of the holiday tree decorations for the city hall holiday tree, approve the use of City Art in Public Places funds to artwork on four City-owned utility boxes, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

POLICE

9. Resolution to Approve the Standard Agreement between the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Grant Assistance Program (GAP) and the City of Huntington Park for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018 ABC Grant Assistance Program Funding

Acting City Manager/Chief of Police Lozano presented item.

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to approve the Standard Agreement with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Grant Assistance Program, adopt Resolution No. 2017-18, Authorizing Chief of Police, Cosme Lozano to enter into an Agreement with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and authorize budget appropriation of \$35,000 to the ABC Fund for FY 2017-2018, seconded by Vice Mayor Pineda. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)

POLICE (CONTINUED)

10. Approve Request to Purchase and Install Four (4) Mobile Data Computers for New Police Vehicles

Acting City Manager/Chief of Police Lozano presented item.

Motion: Mayor Sanabria motioned to authorize the purchase of four Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) and installation, authorize the repurposing of funds from Cal Cops Fund 225-7120-421.74-10 for this project in the amount of \$17,519.48 and authorize the Chief of Police to acquire hardware and other associated equipment, software and labor costs needed to complete this project, seconded by Vice Mayor Pineda. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC WORKS

11. Approve Pacific Boulevard Pedestrian Improvements Project Contract Change Orders (CCOs) 8 and 10

Acting City Manager/Chief of Police Lozano announced the item and introduced Daniel Hernandez, Director of Public Works, who presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned to approve Contract Change Orders (CCOs) Nos. 8 and 10, submitted by Interlog HYM Engineering, in the amount of \$194,931.41 and authorize City Manager to execute the Contract Change Orders, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

12. Approve Pacific Boulevard Lighting and Beautification Contract Change Orders (CCOs) 1, and 3-7

Acting City Manager/Chief of Police Lozano announced the item and introduced Daniel Hernandez, Director of Public Works, who presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned to approve Contract Change Orders (CCOs) Nos. 1, and 3-7 in an amount not to exceed \$70,450.67, submitted by ACCI and authorize City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute the Contract Change Orders, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PUBLIC WORKDS (CONTINUED)

13. Approve Expenditures of Art in Public Places Program Funds and Additional Budget Appropriation for Purchase of two (2) Seth Thomas Street Clocks to be Installed on Pacific Boulevard

Acting City Manager/Chief of Police Lozano announced the item and introduced Daniel Hernandez, Director of Public Works, who presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned to approve the Art in Public Places program funds expenditure for the purchase and installation of two Seth Thomas Street Clocks to be installed on Pacific Blvd, authorize additional budget appropriation of \$190,719.56 to the Art in Public Places Fund Account # 232-8010-431.73-10 and authorize the Interim Finance Director to make the required payments vendors/contractors listed, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

14. Approve Liability Agreement with the County of Los Angeles and the County Sanitation District No. 2 to host the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Acting City Manager/Chief of Police Lozano announced the item and introduced Daniel Hernandez, Director of Public Works, who presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to approve the Liability Agreement with the County of Los Angeles and the County Sanitation District No. 2 for Household Hazardous Roundup on October 14, 2017 held in the City of Huntington Park Public Works and authorize City Manager to enter into the liability agreement, seconded by Vice Mayor Pineda. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

15. Approve Agreement with County of Los Angeles Public Works for the Bridge Preventative Maintenance Program (BPMP)

Acting City Manager/Chief of Police Lozano announced the item and introduced Daniel Hernandez, Director of Public Works, who presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to approve agreement with the County of Los Angeles Public Works Department for services related to the local Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program (BPMP) and authorize the Interim Finance Director to make the required deposit payments, seconded by Council Member Ortiz. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)

PUBLIC WORKS (CONTINUED)

16. Approve Appropriation and Allocation of Unencumbered Grant Funding for Used Oil Recycling Programs

Acting City Manager/Chief of Police Lozano announced the item and introduced Daniel Hernandez, Director of Public Works, who presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Macias motioned to authorize additional budget appropriation of \$1,989 to the Used Oil Recycling Fund Account # 287-8057-432-61-20, seconded by Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): Avila

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Manuel "Manny" Avila - ABSENT

Council Member Graciela Ortiz, invited the community to the 4th of July event at Salt Lake Park from 5 to 9 p.m., fireworks at 9 p.m. and wished everyone a good night.

Council Member Karina Macias, thanked staff, noted efforts of Police Officers this evening in managing the meeting, invited the public to attend the Scoping Meetings on June 24th from 10-12 p.m. at the Community Center for the West Santa Ana Branch Project regarding two possible Metro Stations coming to Huntington Park, Tree People hosting summer tree events, first one on June 23rd 9 to 12 p.m. and wished all a good night.

Vice Mayor Jhonny Pineda, thanked police officers for a great job this evening, thanked his colleagues, tree people and community members for identifying areas in need, noted a resident reaching out to a commercial property owner requesting to paint a mural on the building and likes the idea, would like more lights at the playground at Salt Lake park, commented on the beautiful lighting on Pacific Boulevard, and reiterated his direction of having code enforcement patrol Carmelita Street residents cleaning up after their pets notes the issue is on-going and wants staff to set-up a meeting with the property owners.

Mayor Marilyn Sanabria, thanked staff for all their support, reiterated the 4th of July event and wished everyone a good night.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:34 p.m. Mayor Sanabria adjourned City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on **Wednesday, July 5, 2017, (Tuesday, July 4th being a holiday)** at 6:00 P.M

Respectfully submitted,


Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk