

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Sergeant at Arms read the Rules of Decorum before the start of the Successor Agency Meeting and the Regular Meeting.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:12 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Karina Macias presiding.

PRESENT: Council Member(s): Marilyn Sanabria, Graciela Ortiz, Jhonny Pineda, Vice Mayor Manuel "Manny" Avila, and Mayor Karina Macias. ABSENT: None.

CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Ricardo Reyes, City Manager; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; Raul Alvarez, Assistant City Manager/Acting Director of Public Works; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development; Nita McKay, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Susan Crum, Acting Sr. Deputy City Clerk. ABSENT: Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks & Recreation and Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk.

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Mayor Macias.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sophia Covarrubias

PRESENTATIONS

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation," to Sophia Covarrubias for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition," to Jessica Carrillo, for her commitment and efforts in volunteering her time as coach with the Pacific Elementary Robotics Team.

Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition," to Pacific Elementary Robotics Team "Robot Surfers" for their on-going achievements.

Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition," to Feliza Perez, Program Director, Un Paso Mas, for her 21 years of commitment to the community of Huntington Park.

Mayor Macias recommended moving the "Certificate of Appreciation," to Ms. Stephanie Reyes for Volunteering her time and Assistance with the Mayor's Holiday Award Program, to the next council meeting.

Mayor Macias reminded everyone about the Rules of Decorum before moving onto public comment. She noted that many of those in attendance tonight might be here regarding the ACLU Allegations. Mayor Macias read the Press Conference statement regarding the Sanctuary Policies, for those in the audience who may not have heard it previously read before the city council meeting in front of city hall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Rodolfo Barraga, *Joseph Moreno, Stephanie Velasquez, Angel Banuelos, Beatrice Castillo, *Brianna Carrera, voiced concern with the following: immigration issues, the authority of enforcement in the community, ICE, SB54, Border Patrol, Undocumented community members, and Asylum.

*At this point, Mayor Macias reiterated the Press Conference statement read before opening public comment regarding the already Sanctuary Policies already in place and proceeded to read the Press Conference statement in Spanish.

2. Allison Olvera and Vanessa Sandoval, voiced concerns about actions the city is and is not taking regarding immigration issues and ICE.
3. Daniel Joseph, commented on the lack of graffiti clean-up, hiring more police officers and immigration processes.

Mayor Macias again reminded everyone of the Rules of Decorum. Also, mentioned that the City is in the process of going through an RFP for Graffiti removal services, and has taken notice of the property in question.

4. Miriam Nunez Valdovinos and **Luna Perez Vega, spoke on immigration issues, HP Police Department, ICE and SB54.
5. Rodolfo Cruz, spoke in regards to the lack of keeping the city clean, graffiti, signs on poles, noted the March 3, 2020 election, opposed the aquatic center, repair of the city hall roof, the use of city facility for annual Toy Drive and asked if council paid for the use of the facility.

Mayor Macias stated an application was submitted, and all fees were paid through the Parks & Recreation Department.

**At 7:20 p.m., City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman informed Ms. Perez Vega that she needed to address the City Council.

Further disruption ensued.

At 7:21 p.m., Mayor Macias called for a 15-minute break and directed the Police Department to remove those in the audience causing a disruption.

At 7:28 p.m., Mayor Macias reconvened with all Council Members present and continued with public comment.

6. Li Chia, Attorney, commented on the Administrative Complaint filed by the ACLU, SB54, and Immigration issues.
7. Kristen Haining, Marcelo Retamosa and Stephen Schuch, voiced their support of the recent General Employees Association contract proposal.

STAFF RESPONSE – None.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:40 p.m., City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): [one matter]
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Regarding Represented Employees - Government Code Section 54957.6
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Ricardo Reyes, City Manager and Nita McKay, Finance/Administrative Services Director
Employee Organization: General Employees Association (GEA)

At 8:28 p.m., Mayor Macias reconvened to open session with all Council Members present with the exception of Council Member Pineda who did not return.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman announced all five Council Members were present and briefed on closed session items 1 & 2. 1). no discussion and directed to bring back at a future meeting. 2). direction was provided to City's Negotiators, with no final action taken and nothing to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve consent calendar, seconded by Vice Mayor Avila, Motion passed 4-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Sanabria, Ortiz, Vice Mayor Avila and Mayor Macias
NOES: Council Member(s): None
NOT PRESENT: Council Member(s): Pineda

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

1-1. Regular City Council Meeting held January 7, 2020.

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated January 21, 2020.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

HUMAN RESOURCES

3. **Consideration and Approval of First Amendment to the Employment Agreement for the Assistant City Manager**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz moved to approve First Amendment to the Employment Agreement for the Assistant City Manager and authorized Mayor to execute, seconded by Vice Mayor Avila, Motion passed 4-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Sanabria, Ortiz, Vice Mayor Avila and Mayor Macias
NOES: Council Member(s): None
NOT PRESENT: Council Member(s): Pineda

PARKS AND RECREATION

4. **Consideration and Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Dodgers RBI Program Grant from the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation for the 2020 Baseball and Softball Season at Salt Lake Park**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-37, Authorizing the Acceptance of the Dodgers RBI Program Grant from the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation for the 2020 Baseball and Softball Season at Salk Lake Park and authorized City Manager to executed all related grant documents, seconded by Council Member Sanabria, Motion passed 4-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Sanabria, Ortiz, Vice Mayor Avila and Mayor Macias
NOES: Council Member(s): None
NOT PRESENT: Council Member(s): Pineda

5. Consideration and Approval to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BREATHE CALIFORNIA of Los Angeles County

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BREATHE CALIFORNIA of Los Angeles County and authorize City Manager to execute the MOU, seconded by Vice Mayor Avila, Motion passed 4-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES:	Council Member(s): Sanabria, Ortiz, Vice Mayor Avila and Mayor Macias
NOES:	Council Member(s): None
NOT PRESENT:	Council Member(s): Pineda

PUBLIC WORKS

6. Consideration and Approval for Authorization to Purchase Backhoe and Skip Loaders for the Public Works Department

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Assistant City Manager Raul Alvarez who presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the Authorization to Purchase Backhoe and Skip Loaders for the Public Works Department and authorize City Manager to execute the Purchase Order, seconded by Vice Mayor Avila, Motion passed 4-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES:	Council Member(s): Sanabria, Ortiz, Vice Mayor Avila and Mayor Macias
NOES:	Council Member(s): None
NOT PRESENT:	Council Member(s): Pineda

7. Consideration and Approval of 100% Design Plans, Specifications and Engineer's Estimate for CIP 2018-10 Zoe Avenue Trench and Pavement Repair Project, Authorize Staff to Proceed with Bid Advertisement and Approve First Amendment to Agreement with Transtech Engineers

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Assistant City Manager Raul Alvarez who presented the staff report.

Council Member Ortiz voiced concerns with sections of Zoe Avenue from Santa Fe Ave to Alameda Street not being included with prior repairs to the Zoe Avenue Trench and Pavement Repair Project. The City's Engineer suggested the section from Santa Fe Avenue to Alameda Street, be added as a separate bid item in the Zoe Avenue RFP.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz moved to approve the 100% Design Plans, Specifications and Engineer's Estimate for CIP 2018-10 Zoe Avenue Trench and Pavement Repair Project, Authorize Staff to Proceed with Bid Advertisement and Approve First Amendment to Agreement with Transtech Engineers to extend agreement for construction management services, effective September 26, 2019 through September 30, 2020, approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$642,575 in Account No. 111-8020- 432. 76-03 from fund balance for this project, \$70,000 of which is for Transtech Engineers to complete the construction management phase of the Project, authorize City Manager to execute agreement, and to add the street repairs on Zoe Avenue, from Santa Fe Avenue to Alameda Street as a separate bid item in the Zoe Avenue RFP, Seconded by Council Member Sanabria, Motion passed 4-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Sanabria, Ortiz, Vice Mayor Avila and Mayor Macias
NOES: Council Member(s): None
NOT PRESENT: Council Member(s): Pineda

8. Consideration and Approval of First Amendment to Contract Services Agreement with St. Francis Electric for Traffic Signal Maintenance Services

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Assistant City Manager Raul Alvarez who presented the staff report.

Council Member Ortiz commented on preventative maintenance and directed staff to stay on top of the operations to ensure issues are addressed before they become a problem.

Motion: Vice Mayor Avila moved to approve First Amendment to Contract Services Agreement with St. Francis Electric for Traffic Signal Maintenance Services, seconded by Council Member Sanabria, Motion passed 4-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Sanabria, Ortiz, Vice Mayor Avila and Mayor Macias
NOES: Council Member(s): None
NOT PRESENT: Council Member(s): Pineda

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

9. Consideration and Approval of Ordinance Adopting by Reference the 2019 California Building, Residential, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical and Existing Building Codes with Los Angeles County Amendments, the Los Angeles County Green Building Standards, and the Los Angeles County Fire Code

Mayor Macias announced the Public Hearing item and opened public comment.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated that no one stepped forward for this item.

Mayor Macias noting there being none, closed public comment.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz moved to approve Ordinance No. 2020-981, Adopting by Reference and amend the 2019 California Building, Residential, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical and Existing Building Codes with Los Angeles County Amendments, the Los Angeles County Green Building Standards, and the Los Angeles County Fire Code, Seconded by Council Member Sanabria, Motion passed 4-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Sanabria, Ortiz, Vice Mayor Avila and Mayor Macias
NOES: Council Member(s): None
NOT PRESENT: Council Member(s): Pineda

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Graciela Ortiz, thanked city staff for all their support and hard work to ensure Huntington Park is a good community to live in and is proud of Huntington Park. If there are any discrepancies or errors, we correct and move forward. The community is a safe community and wished everyone a good night.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda, NOT PRESENT

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria, thanked staff and everyone that came to the city council meeting, mentioned Social Media and that the community can call our offices to confirm any ill information. Stated the community should not be afraid to speak with the Police Department or Council because of their immigrant status. Thanked everyone who came to express their feelings at City Hall, and wished all a good night.

Vice Mayor Manuel "Manny" Avila, congratulated Assistant City Manager on his appointment as Acting Director of Public works and wished everyone a good night.

Mayor Karina Macias, thanked staff for all their support and feels very strong about the Sanctuary Policies the city has in place and appreciates the patience of everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:47 p.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council in memory of Isaiah Angel Lopez, to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted



Donna G. Schwartz, CMC
City Clerk