

Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, March 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Karina Macias presiding.

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

CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Ricardo Reyes, City Manager; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Araceli Almazan, Legal; Raul Alvarez, Assistant City Manager/Acting Director of Public Works; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development; Nita McKay, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks & Recreation and M. Susan Crum, Acting City Clerk.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was led by Mayor Macias.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Avila.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Presentations to Outgoing Council Member Jhonny Pineda by the Following:

Senator Lena Gonzalez's Office  
Gateway Cities of Southeast Los Angeles County  
City of Commerce, City Council  
City of Huntington Park, City Council

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Maximino Olivos, spoke in regards to the confiscation of his shopping cart by the Huntington Park Police Department.

Mayor Macias requested staff to note his contact information.

**STAFF RESPONSE** – None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:16 p.m. Araceli Almazan, Legal, recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
HP Automotive and Tow, Inc., dba Huntington Park Tow Service v. City of Huntington Park, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. VC066929
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: Police Management Association (PMA)

At 6:54 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened to open session.

## **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Araceli Almazan, Legal announced that with all five members of the City Council, both items were discussed. No final action was taken. Nothing further to report.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion:** Council Member Ortiz moved to approve consent calendar, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

### **OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

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

- 1-1. Special City Council Meeting held February 18, 2020 (4:30 start); and
- 1-2. Regular City Council Meeting held February 18, 2020

### **FINANCE**

#### **2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated March 17, 2020.**

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### **3. Consideration and Approval of an Activity in Public Places Permit for the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual "Carnaval Primavera" Downtown Street Festival (APP 20-01)**

**Motion:** Council Member Ortiz moved to approve the Activity in Public Places Permit request from the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual "Carnaval Primavera" along Pacific Boulevard, from Gage Avenue to Slauson Avenue, on April 17 through April 19, 2020; contingent on the current health measures and concerns, since this event is held in a public place. Also, should this event be postponed to another date, the item is to be brought back before City Council, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

#### **4. Consideration and Approval of an Activity in Public Places Permit and Fee Waiver Request by the American Cancer Society for the 2020 "Relay for Life" of Southeast Cities Event**

**Motion:** Council Member Ortiz moved to approve the Activities in Public Places Permit for the American Cancer Society to host the 2020 "Relay for Life" of Southeast Cities event on June 20, 2020; approved Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation on the fee waiver; approved waiving additional Building and Safety fees requested by American Cancer Society; contingent on the current health measures and concerns, since

this event is held in a public place. Also, should it be postponed to another date, the item is to be brought back before City Council, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**5. Consideration and Approval of Authorization and Ratification of certain expenditures for Production Services with Pageantry Parades to plan and produce the City of Huntington Park's 2020 and 2021 Holiday Parades**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Director of Parks and Recreation, Cynthia Norzagaray, who would present the item.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Avila moved to approve the authorization of Pageantry Parades as a sole source, in the amount of \$31,800 for the Annual Holiday Parade production of 2020 and 2121; and authorized City Manager to enter into a 2 year agreement with Pageantry Parades to complete the Holiday Parade Production for 2020 and 2021, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**6. Authorization to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Los Angeles County Office of Youth Diversion and Development Program and Soledad Enrichment Action, Regarding Youth Diversion Services**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Chief of Police Cosme Lozano, who would present the item.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the Partnership Agreement with both The Los Angeles County Office of Youth Diversion and Development (YDD), and Soledad Enrichment Action (SEA); and authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement, seconded by Council Member Ortiz. Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**7. Consideration and Approval of CIP 2019-11 High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk Beacon at Gage Avenue and Bissell Street 100% Design of Plans, Specifications and Engineer's Estimate and Authorization to proceed with BID Advertisement.**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Assistant City Manager Raul Alvarez, who would present the item.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Avila moved to approve CIP 2019-11 High-Intensity Activated crosswalk beacon at Gage Avenue and Bissell Street 100% design of Plans, Specifications and Engineer's Estimate (PS&E); approved Environmental Assessment as follows: The proposed project is categorically exempt from the

requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15301 as a Class 1 categorical exemption; and authorized staff to proceed with bid advertisement for construction, seconded by Council Member Ortiz. Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**8. Recommendation to reject all BIDs received for CIP 2018-10 Zoe Avenue Trench and Pavement Repair Project in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22038(A)(1)**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Assistant City Manager Raul Alvarez, who would present the item.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to reject all bids for CIP 2018-10 Zoe Avenue Trench and Pavement Repair Project in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22038(a)(1); authorized staff to modify the project scope of work in conformance with all applicable engineering standards; and authorized the Public Works Department to re-advertise the Notice Inviting Bid in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22038(a)(1), seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**9. Consideration and Approval to adopt Resolution No. 2020-40 and submit a Letter of Interest to The Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority for Measure M Active Transport Program Cycle I**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Assistant City Manager Raul Alvarez, who would present the item.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-40 and submit an official Letter of Interest (LOI) to the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation authority to apply for Measure M Metro Active Transport (MAT) Program Cycle 1; and authorized the City Manager to sign the Letter of Interest, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**END OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS** (Information only)

City Manager Ricardo Reyes reported the Lease Agreement for the Linear Park project has been fully executed by the Department of Water and Power.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** – None.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Graciela Ortiz thanked city staff for all the work they do. Knows these are tough times, but wanted to remind everyone that we are the local government of the City of Huntington Park, residents look to us for consistency, strength, and order and asked that everyone remain calm. Also mentioned that we stay informed, stay healthy and be there for fellow staff members for support during the Coronavirus. Again thanked everyone for their duty in providing services to the community.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda, thanked staff and colleagues for passing Resolution 2020-41 regarding the Coronavirus. Also reminded staff about removing the lights on Pacific Boulevard. Mentioned to stay safe and pitch-in to help our seniors. Mentioned the Food Pantry, Grab-N-Go that is still moving forward.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria, thanked staff and employees of the City. Mentioned the duty to serve our community. Thanked Parks & Recreation for continuing with the Food Pantry, with modifications. Mentioned the new application for reporting Graffiti and Bulky items. Thanked everyone and mentioned everyone to stay safe.

Vice Mayor Manuel "Manny" Avila, reminded the public stay safe and again wished to thank outgoing Council Member Jhonny Pineda for his service and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

Mayor Karina Macias, thanked staff for all their work. Knows these are uncertain times, and mentioned that we are Public Servants and the community looks up to us for guidance and at times comfort. Asked that we continue with providing service. Mentioned that we take all the precautions necessary to take care our families and ourselves. She wished to thank the community for coming together and assisted the elderly. Wished to thank those community members who are faithful viewers, for stepping up and providing assistance within the community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:13 p.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



M. Susan Crum  
Acting City Clerk