

MINUTES

**Special Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Monday, April 6, 2020**

The City Council conducted this meeting in accordance with California Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-25-20 and N-29-20.

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 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, Vice Mayor Manuel "Manny" Avila and Mayor Karina Macias. **ABSENT:** Council Member(s): Jhonny Pineda

CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Ricardo Reyes, City Manager; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, Legal(via teleconference); Raul Alvarez, Assistant City Manager/Acting Director of Public Works; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development; Nita McKay, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; and Susan Crum, Acting City Clerk. **ABSENT:** Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks & Recreation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Avila.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REGULAR AGENDA

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. Waive Further Reading and Adopt Resolution Reciting the Facts of the Consolidated Municipal Election Held on March 3, 2020.

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to adopt Resolution 2020-XX, Reciting the Facts of the Consolidated Municipal Election Held on March 3, 2020, Declaring the Results thereof as Provided By Law, seconded by Vice Mayor Avila, Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote.

ROLL CALL:

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

2. Presentation of Certificates of Election, Administration of the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance and Seating of Council Member(s): Graciela Ortiz, Eduardo "Eddie" Martinez and Marilyn Sanabria

Mayor Macias announced the presentation of Certificates of Election, the Administration of the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance for incoming council members.

Mayor Macias first called up Re-Elected Council Member Marilyn Sanabria.

Re-Elected Council Member Marilyn Sanabria – Oath administered by Jonathan Sanabria, her brother, bible held by Joshua Sanabria, her brother.

Acting City Clerk Susan Crum presented Council Member Sanabria with a Certificate of Election.

At 6:40 p.m. Mayor Macias called for a recess to clear out the room and then continue with Re-Elected Council Member Ortiz's swear-in.

At 6:48 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened to continue with the presentation to Re-Elected Council Member Graciela Ortiz. All Council Members present, with the exception of Council Member Pineda.

Re-Elected Council Member Graciela Ortiz - Oath administered by Graciela Garcia Coolbaugh, her mother, bible held by Silvia Andrade, Godmother.

Acting City Clerk Susan Crum presented Council Member Ortiz with a Certificate of Election.

At 6:53 p.m. Mayor Macias called for a brief recess to sanitize the room again, before we continued with the next swear-in of the new council member.

Mayor Macias reminded viewers watching On-Line, that these ceremonies are usually different. Unfortunately, due to the COVID 19 concerns; we are taking precautions and making sure we sanitize the room before each of the swear-ins. Mayor Macias also thanked staff and cleaning crew for keeping everyone safe.

At 6:59 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened to continue with the presentation to Council Member-Elect, Eduardo "Eddie" Martinez. All Council Members present, with the exception of Council Member Pineda.

Newly Elected Council Member Eduardo "Eddie" Martinez - Oath administered by Richard Lawrence Saldivar, and bible held by Benjamin Martinez.

Acting City Clerk Susan Crum presented Newly Elected Council Member Martinez with a Certificate of Election.

Mayor Macias announced the conclusion of presentations of Certificates of Election and the Administration of the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance, and moved on to Item No. 3, Selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor for a term of one year.

Mayor Macias announced they were on Facebook live, noted that she will be stepping down as Mayor, but will still be part of the City Council. Thanked everyone in attendance, congratulated the new Council Members. Thanked her colleagues and family for their support. Thanked Directors and Staff for all their assistance. Thanked all those frontline workers during this challenging time.

At this time the new City Council is seated at the dais, consisting of Council Member(s): Eduardo "Eddie" Martinez, Marilyn Sanabria, Graciela Ortiz, Vice Mayor Manuel "Manny" Avila and Mayor Karina Macias.

APPOINTMENTS

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

Mayor Macias opened up nominations for Mayor.

At 7:10 p.m. Mayor Macias called for a brief recess.

At 7:18 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened the meeting to continue with the selection of Mayor.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned to nominate Council Member Manuel "Manny" Avila as Mayor, seconded by Council Member Sanabria, Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote.

ROLL CALL:

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

Mayor Macias announced at this time the newly appointed Mayor would re-affirm his Oath.

Newly appointed Mayor Manuel "Manny" Avila, accompanied by his wife Rebecca Avila – Oath administered by his daughter, Martha Avila, bible held by his daughter Maria Avila Gengenbacher.

City Manager Ricardo Reyes presented a plaque and flowers to out-going Mayor Karina Macias, thanked her on behalf of the city and staff. Looks forward to working with Council in the future.

Mayor Avila opened up nominations for Vice Mayor.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to nominate Council Member Ortiz as Vice Mayor, seconded by Council Member Macias, Motion passed 5-0-1, by the following vote. ROLL CALL:

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

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Karina Macias congratulated incoming Mayor Avila. Thanked her colleagues. Noted that these are tough times, but that they would get through it together. Thanked everyone for all their support during her time as Mayor.

Council Member Eduardo "Eddie" Martinez congratulated former Mayor Macias. Thanked her for the work she has done. Looking forward to working with his colleagues and the community. Noted these are challenging times for everyone, but together they will fight with love and education to overcome these times. He asked residents, schools, and business leaders to work together to move the city forward.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria thanked family, friends, and volunteers for their support and help during her campaign. Looking forward to help move the city forward. Thanked both Council Member Macias and Vice Mayor Ortiz for their support and look forward to working with them and the community.

Vice Mayor Ortiz thanked her colleagues for the opportunity to be Vice Mayor and is looking forward to working with them. Congratulated Mayor Avila. Thanked the residents of Huntington Park for giving her the opportunity for her second term. Thanked former Mayor Macias for the work she has done. Thanked family, friends, teammates, co-workers, and colleagues for their support. Thanked her volunteers for the help during the campaign. Looking forward to moving this beautiful city forward.

Mayor Manuel "Manny" Avila thanked his colleagues for the opportunity and thanked his family and friends for all their support. Together with his colleagues and Community, they will move the city forward. Looking forward to help the City of Huntington Park to be a better place to work, play and live.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:51 p.m., Mayor Avila adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., and in memory of all those who have lost their lives due to the Coronavirus disease.

Respectfully submitted,


M. Susan Crum, Acting City Clerk