

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park City Council Tuesday, July 07, 2020

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

The Rules of Decorum were played prior to the start of the Regular Meeting.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Manuel "Manny" Avila presiding.

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

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

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Council Member Sanabria.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Macias

PRESENTATIONS

Vice Mayor Ortiz presented a certificate of recognition to "Habana San Juan Barberia" on their 50th Celebration Anniversary as a business in The City. The Mayor will deliver the certificate outside the City Council chambers at a later date due to the COVID-19.

Mayor Avila presented a certificate of recognition to "Juan Toño Ramon" on his 99th birthday. The Mayor will deliver the certificate outside the City Council chambers at a later date due to the COVID-19.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment Cards were submitted by the public.

STAFF RESPONSE

No staff response

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:05 p.m. City Attorney Araceli Almazan, recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) [One matter]
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3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -- EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(1)(d) Name of case: Humberto Lozano (deceased) v City of Huntington Park Claim No. 16-126100

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Avila reconvened to open session with all Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Aracely Almazan announced all five Council Members were present and briefed on closed session items 1., 2., and 3. 1). No final action was taken, nothing to report. 2). No final action taken, nothing to report, 3). No final action taken, nothing to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the consent calendar from the July 7, Regular Meeting, seconded by Council Member Macias, Motion passed 4-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

***Vice Mayor Ortiz recused herself from participating of the discussion and voting of the consent calendar items.**

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

- 1-1. Special Regular City Council Meeting held on June 11, 2020
- 1-2. Regular City Council Meeting held on June 16, 2020

FINANCE

2. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated July 7, 2020

PUBLIC WORKS

- 3. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSITION 68 GROUNDWATER TREATMENT AND REMEDIATION GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION**
- 4. **APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF WORK PERFORMED FOR CIP 2018-05 HUNTINGTON PARK SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION & BUS SPEED IMPROVEMENTS**

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REALLOCATION OF FUNDS AND ALLOCATION AND APPROPRIATION FOR THE EXPENSE OF IMPORTED WATER

Assistant City Manager Raul Alvarez announced the item and introduced Director Cesar Roldan to present the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the reallocation of funds and allocation and approval for the expense of imported water, seconded by Council Member Sanabria, Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CIP 2018-08 HUNTINGTON PARK GREENWAY PROJECT.

Assistant City Manager Raul Alvarez announced the item and introduced Director Cesar Roldan to present the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the award of a construction contract for CIP 2018-08 Huntington Park Greenway Project, seconded by Council Member Macias, Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

***Councilmember Sanabria recused herself from participating of the discussion and voting of the consent calendar items.**

7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CIP 2018-10 ZOE AVENUE TRENCH AND PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT.

Assistant City Manager Raul Alvarez announced the item and introduced Director Cesar Roldan to present the item.

Motion: Mayo Avila moved to approve the award of a construction contract for CIP 2018-10 Zoe Avenue trench and pavement repair project, seconded by Council Member Sanabria, Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

Public Works Director Cesar Roldan reported that the City received approximately 300 Oil Change Kits that are available for the residents. Council Member Sanabria asked the City Manager's office to let the public know about this opportunity.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Martinez thanked the staff for the effort to reduce illegal fireworks in the City during the 4th of July Celebration. He also reminded everyone to be counted for the Census.

Council Member Sanabria thanked staff and announced the next senior food pantry on July 16th from 12 to 3 pm for registered participants.

Council Member Macias thanked staff for their work during the COVID-19 period. She reminded everyone watching the meeting to wear a mask and about the importance of keeping us and our families safe. She also thanked staff for continue providing services to the residents.

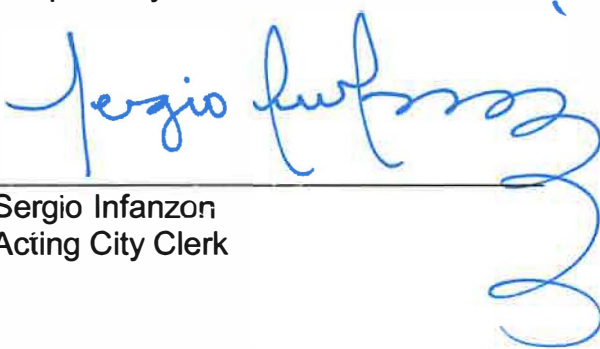
Vice Mayor Ortiz thanked staff for the hard work during this difficult time, and she specially thanked Public Works and the Police Department for their support during the food distributions and other events to help the community. She also added that during challenging situations when there is danger, the police department always face the situation and protects the community. School police and other safety entities are going through a difficult time, facing budget cuts and other critical situations, however, they work is very positive. There was a protest on 4 of July, and is good that we are able to celebrate 4th of July with freedom of speech, however, the harassment and fault language used towards the police officers on that day is not acceptable. She stated that nevertheless, this is part of the times we are currently facing. She thanked the staff and police officers one more time.

Mayor Avila thanked the Chief and police department for taking care of Pacific Boulevard. He also reminded people to wear a mask, and keep their social distance.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Avila adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m. on Memory of Vanessa Guillen, to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sergio Infanzon", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.

Sergio Infanzon
Acting City Clerk