

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, October 20, 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 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 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; Araceli Almazan, City Attorney; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development/Acting City Clerk; Cesar Roldan, Director of Public Works; Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks and Recs; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; **ABSENT:** Nita McKay, Director of Finance & Administrative Services

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Council Member Martinez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Macias.

PRESENTATIONS – No Presentations**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Chris Chai submitted a request to vote No on the State Measure 16 and asked to help stop discrimination of any race in our community and in our state.
2. Terry Fung submitted an email vote No on Measure 16. He urged the City Council to take a position to oppose the measure.
3. Miguel Vargas a lifelong resident of Huntington Park invited all residents to participate of a care webinar organized by TreePeople on Thursday, October 22 at 5:30 p.m. via zoom. Mr. Vargas asked the City Council to share the flyers and information about the vent.
4. Mr. John Longoria submitted a request to remind the City Council about revising the in-lieu parking fee ordinance

STAFF RESPONSE

1. No staff response

CLOSED SESSION

AT 6:08 pm Mayor Avila 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
Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency designated representatives: Ricardo Reyes
Employee organization: Huntington Park POA

At 6:56 pm, Mayor Avila reconvened to open session with all Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Araceli Almazan announced that all five members of the City Council were present and briefed on closed session item 1 and item 2. 1) no final action was taken, nothing further is required to report. 2) Item was discussed and the records should reflect the Council would be voting on this matter during the regular portion of the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the consent calendar from the October 20, 2020, Regular Meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

1-1. Regular City Council Meeting held on October 20, 2020

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated October 20, 2020

REGULAR AGENDA

PARKS AND RECREATION

3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AT CITY HALL

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Director Cynthia Norzagaray to present the item.

Motion: Mayor Avila moved to approve the use of the Arts in Public Places funds included in the FY 2020-21 adopted budget for the holiday tree decorations at City Hall, and authorized staff to proceed with Bright Life Designs to install and take down the holiday decorations at City Hall, and authorized staff to enter into a 2-year agreement with Bright Life Designs to complete the holiday decorations at City Hall for 2020 and 2021, 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

4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS & ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE FOR CIP 2019-07 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT – HILL STREET AND CUDAHY STREET AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH BID ADVERTISEMENT

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Director Cesar Roldan to present the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz, moved to approve an environmental assessment pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15301 as a Class 1 categorical exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and approve CIP 2019-07 Water Main Replacement Project – Hill Street and Cudahy Street (Project) 100% completion of plans, specifications and engineer's estimate (PS&E); and authorize staff to proceed with bid

advertisement for construction, seconded by Council Member Macias, Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PROJECT APPROVAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN OF CIP 2017-03 ATP CYCLE III PROJECT NO. ATPL-5150(015)

Director Cesar Roldan presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Macias moved to approve award the design of Project Approval and Environmental Design of CIP 2017-03 ATP Cycle III Project No. ATPL-5150(015) to Infrastructure Engineers for a not-to-exceed fee of \$8,946; and authorize the City Manager to execute the professional services agreement, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz, 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 CONTRACT FOR PROJECT APPROVAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN OF CIP 2018-11 ATP CYCLE IV PROJECT NO. ATPL-5150(014)

Director Cesar Roldan presented the item.

Motion: Mayor Avila moved to Award the design of Project Approval and Environmental Design of CIP 2018-11 ATP Cycle IV Project No. ATPL-5150(014) to West & Associates for a not-to-exceed fee of \$32,000, and authorize the City Manager to execute the professional services agreement, 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

7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PERFORM EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO WATER PRODUCTION WELL 18

Director Cesar Roldan presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve, pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2-5.13 Emergency purchase, authorize the City Manager, Public Works Director and Finance Director to proceed without solicitation of bids to a contract for construction of the repair/replacement of Water Production Well 18, and authorize Inframark to make the necessary repairs for a not-to-exceed amount of \$93,784.32 payable from Account No. 681-8030-461.43-30, and authorize the City Manager to spend up to \$100,000 from Account No. 681- 8030-461.43-30 if any other unforeseen repairs to Well 18 are required per video inspection report, seconded by Mayor Avila, Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

8. COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR LOCAL CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AND STATE, COUNTY AND OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES DESIRING TO ESTABLISHING, IMPLEMENT, OR OPERATE TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT HOUSING FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR PERSONS WHO TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 OR THOSE WHO HAVE HAD HIGH-RISK EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AT HOTELS, MOTELS, OR OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FACILITIES

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve an urgency ordinance of the city council of the city of Huntington Park, California establishing procedures for local consultation and coordination between the city of Huntington Park and State, county and other public agencies desiring to establishing, implement, or operate temporary or permanent housing for persons experiencing homelessness or persons who test positive for covid-19 or those who have had high-risk exposure to covid-19 at hotels, motels, or other public and private facilities, seconded by Mayor Avila, Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

9. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SIDE LETTER AND AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AND THE HUNTINGTON PARK POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve side letter and amendment to memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the city of Huntington Park and the Huntington Park Police Officers Association seconded by Mayor Avila, 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

PUBLIC HEARING

10. COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK'S FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2020/21 – 2024/25 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, FY 2020/21 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

City Manager Ricardo Reyes introduced the item and Mayor Avila announced the public hearing.

City Attorney announced that it was appropriate for the mayor to open for public hearing to discuss item Ten. Attorney Almazan also stated that under normal circumstances the Mayor presents the question to everyone present, whether they have any comments regarding item ten, but given that we are in the middle of the pandemic and that city council meeting are currently close to members of the public. The mayor needed to ask the city clerk if any comments from the public were received. Mayor Avila opened the public hearing and asked if there were any questions associated to item ten. City Clerk responded that no additional comments were submitted by the public and that all comments had been incorporated into the consolidated plan.

City Manager, Ricardo Reyes, added that comments were received and adjustments were made, and the only adjustment that needed to be made was to allocate \$50,000 for food pantry to cover three (3) food giveaways in the Parks and Recreation Department

and that \$50,000 came out of the unallocated CBDG funds bringing the balance down to \$523,614.00, that's the only change that was made from the previous reading.

Mayor Avila closed the public hearing and opened the floor for discussion.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the **council to consider adoption of the city of Huntington Park's fiscal year (FY) 2020/21 – 2024/25 consolidated plan, FY 2020/21 annual action plan, and citizen participation plan**, 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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

1. Director Cynthia Norzagaray provided a summary of the next activities for the community

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS –

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Martinez thanked the staff for making sure the council meeting was conducted safely. To all the families be strong stay well and make the best decisions to wear a mask during these difficulty times. He also thanked those who completed the Census and stated that a report will be presented on November. He congratulated the LA Lakers for becoming champions!

Council Member Sanabria thanked all the staff for all the hard work, and wished the Dodgers good luck. She asked everyone to be safe, celebrate safely, especially during this pandemic, and celebrate at home.

Council Member Macias thanked staff for their hard work. She also reminded everyone about a food distribution activity on Saturday October 24, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. CM Macias thanked Tzu Chi USA foundation that has been collaborating with Gage Middle School having monthly food distributions. In addition, she reminded everyone to vote early.

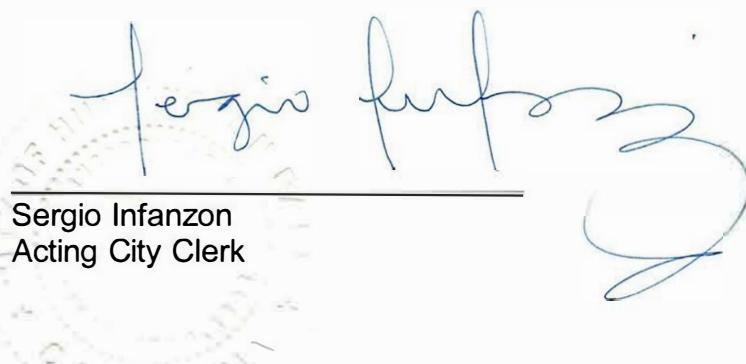
Vice Mayor Ortiz thanked everyone for their hard work. She gave a special thank you to the Acting City Clerk for advocating for our community to be able to get enough voting centers. She stated that unfortunately, LA County didn't provide enough voting centers, and the City was going to have only two centers. Vice Mayor Ortiz wanted the residents to know that they were going to continue fighting for equity, making sure we could get a third voting center. She also sent a message to those watching the meeting at home and she stated that it is our right to vote. Please vote early, lines will be long, please take advantage of the 5 days in case we are not able to get the third voting center. "Given that there are cities that have almost the same amount of register voters than our City and they have seven vote centers versus our two centers, it just tells us how we still have an issue of systemic racism. We will continue to fight for our community and will continue to advocate for you. Big thank you to Sergio Infanzon for trying to advocate as much as he could on the City's behalf for our residents. At this point, it has to be us community leaders to step in and advocate for our community." Thank you staff for continue to advocate for our residents day in day out.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Avila thanked Chief Lozano for taking care of the city with the Lakers and Dodgers and all the excitement behind their championships. People are tired of being at home, they want to go out and express their excitement. Thank you! Mayor Avila reminded everyone about the three big issues that we still have: the virus, census and the voting. There all three important things we need to take care before the end of the year.

Mayor Avila adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m. in the name of all essential workers that are helping and fighting against the corona virus.

Respectfully submitted,


Sergio Infanzon
Acting City Clerk