

## **MINUTES**

### **Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park City Council Tuesday, December 1, 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, December 1, 2020, 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; Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; Araceli Almazan, Legal; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development/Acting City Clerk; Cesar Roldan, Director of Public Works; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; **ABSENT:** Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks & Recreation; Nita McKay, Director of Finance & Administrative Services

## **INVOCATION**

Invocation was led by Council Member Macias.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Martinez.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

1. Staff presented the Census 2020 Report

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. No Public Comments

## **STAFF RESPONSE**

1. City Manager requested item #3 to be pulled from the Regular Agenda for further evaluation.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:22 p.m. Mayor "Manny" Avila, recessed to closed session

City Attorney Araceli Almazan, asked the City to recess into closed session to discuss the matter listed under the close session portion of the agenda.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) – One matter

At 6:50 p.m. 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. 1) no final action was taken, nothing further is required to report.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the consent calendar from the September 15, 2020, Regular Meeting, 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

**OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

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

1-1. Regular City Council Meeting held December 1, 2020

**FINANCE**

**2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated December 1, 2020**

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FIRE PLAN CHECKING AND RELATED SERVICES**

Item was pulled by City Manager for further Evaluation

**4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CIP 2019-07 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT – HILL STREET AND CUDAHY STREET**

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

Council Member Martinez recused himself from participating during the discussion of this item,

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the construction contract with Stephen Doreck Equipment Rentals for the construction of CIP 2019-07 Water Main Replacement Project - Hill Street and Cudahy Street as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,938,491, and appropriate \$840,130 from the Gas Tax Fund (SB1 funds) from account no. 221-8010-431.76-14 Hill/Cudahy Mainlines Capital Improvement Project and \$2,098,361 from the Water Fund from account no. 681-8030-461.76-14 Hill/Cudahy Mainlines Capital Improvement Project, and appropriate a five percent (5%) construction contingency of \$146,925 payable from the Water Fund from account no. 681-8030-461.76-14 Hill/Cudahy Mainlines Capital Improvement Project, and authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract agreement seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 4-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE AS PART OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CYCLE 10 FUNDING APPLICATION**

Director Cesar Roldan presented the item.

Council Member Martinez recused himself from participating during the discussion of this item,

**Motion:** Mayor Avila, moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a letter of support for the City of South Gate as part of the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP) Cycle 10 funding application for enhancements at the signalized intersection of Santa Ana Street and California Avenue., seconded by Council Member Sanabria, Motion passed 4-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

**6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO RECLASSIFY PROJECT ACCOUNT NUMBER FROM LOCAL MEASURE R FUNDS TO METRO MEASURE R FUNDS FOR CIP 2019-02 SLAUSON AVENUE CONGESTION RELIEF IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, LACMTA PROJECT ID# MEASURE R MR306.53 AND FTIP LAOG1669**

Director Cesar Roldan presented the item.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to authorize the acceptance of funding provided through LACMTA Measure R funds totaling \$700,000 in account number 222-0000-340.65-15 LACMTA Measure R Revenue, and appropriate \$700,000 in account number 222-8010-431.76-13 LACMTA Slauson Avenue Capital Improvement Project for the design of CIP 2019- 02 Slauson Avenue Congestion Relief Improvements Project, LACMTA Project ID# Measure R MR306.53, and FTIP LAOG1669, and authorize staff to make the necessary budget adjustments 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 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM ANNUAL EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR FY 2020-21**

Director Cesar Roldan presented the item.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the Los Angeles County Safe, Clean Water Program Annual Expenditure Plan for FY 2020-21 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

**8. RECONSIDERATION OF BID PROCESS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 22160 ET SEQ. AND APPROVAL OF A DESIGN BUILD CONTRACT PROCESS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF THE AQUATIC CENTER AND RELATED AMMENATIES AT SALT LAKE PARK**

City Attorney Arnold Glasman presented the item.

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Ortiz, moved to approve the reconsideration of the design-build Bid award process pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 22160, et seq. Such approval is without admission of fault or any lack of compliance by the City in its award of a design-build approach approved on August 6, 2019, and authorize the City Manager, City Attorney and City Engineer to prepare and release a Request

for Qualifications (RFQ) in order to prequalify or short-list all proposers to be evaluated for final selection, and upon identifying the short-list or prequalified vendors, the City Manager is authorized to prepare and release a Request for Proposal (RFP) to those short-listed or prequalified parties, and from those responding to the RFP, the City Manager, the City Engineer, and other appropriate staff or consultants are authorized to review and evaluate responses utilizing a "best value" approach and analysis and in compliance with other requirements and conditions set forth in the RFP and/or the California Public Contract Code Section 22160, et seq., and upon completion of the RFQ/RFP process, the City Manager is to present to the City Council a recommended design-build entity, 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**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS** (Information only) - None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** – None.

### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Council Member Martinez** thanked the staff for making sure the council meeting was conducted safely. Reminded all residents covid is surging and we have to do what we can to stay safe, please wear your mask do not have gatherings. He also asked for prayers for dispatch supervisor Nick Pacheco for his full recovery.

**Council Member Sanabria** echoed what her colleagues said.

**Council Member Macias** echoed her colleagues and thanked staff for their hard work and commitment to continue providing essential services to the community. She reminded everyone to be safe, and stated that cases are increasing in the LA County area, just in Huntington Park we have over 60 people who have died of covid. It is a big number for a small community, if you are in need please reach out to us, our business cards have our cell phone numbers. Last, she announced the virtual tree lighting ceremony on December 7, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

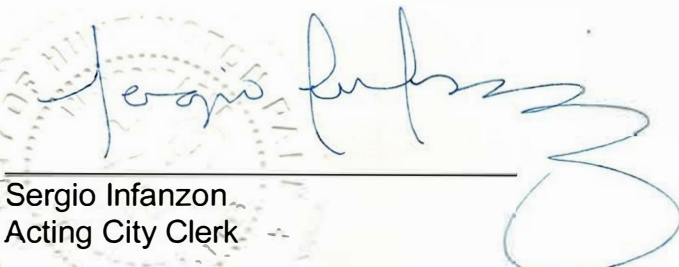
**Vice Mayor Ortiz** stated that she was hoping to see the community on line for the virtual tree lighting ceremony. She indicated that a special guest wearing a red suit was going to be part of the event. She also reminded residents going through difficult times to reach out to the councilmembers for assistance. Police department always comes across cases so she asked them to please let them know.

**Mayor Avila** recommended our community to continue doing the basic steps against covid by washing their hands, covering their mouth, and keeping social distance.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Avila adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m. in honor of the Local Police Department to a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sergio Infanzon  
Acting City Clerk