

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, December 15, 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 6:09 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 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; Araceli Almazan, City Attorney; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development/Acting City Clerk; Cesar Roldan, Director of Public Works; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Nita McKay, Director of Finance & Administrative Services **ABSENT:** Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks & Recreation; Raul Alvarez, Assistant City Manager

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Council Member Macias.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Ortiz.

PRESENTATIONS

Chief of Police Cosme Lozano presented a plaque recognizing Sergeant Joe Settles who retired in October 2020. Sergeant Settles worked for 27 years and held many assignments in many ranks including: Patrol, Senior Officer Sergeant, Patrol Supervisor, Detective, Narcotic Detective, K-9 handler and many years in the Administration Office. Councilmembers stated that he will be missed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Business Owner, located at 7127 Pacific Blvd. asked council for a waiver of the in-lieu parking fees for their business application process.
2. John Longoria thanked the City Council Members for getting the Lieu parking fee issues on the agenda and asking for this measure to be pass.
3. Mr. Eman Khoubian, supported reducing the Lieu parking fee considered by the City Council during the meeting.

STAFF RESPONSE

No staff response

CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Sessions items

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz, 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 15, 2020

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO LIST SURPLUS VEHICLES TO SELL AT AUCTION

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

Motion: Council Member Sanabria, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-57 declaring surplus property and authorize the disposal of said property through US Auctions and authorize staff to sell via auction, 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

4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ACCEPTANCE OF WORK PERFORMED FOR CIP 2018-10 ZOE AVENUE TRENCH AND PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT

Motion: Mayor Avila, moved to approve acceptance of work performed by Onyx Paving Company, Inc. for the construction of CIP 2018-10 Zoe Avenue Trench and Pavement Repair Project, and authorize staff to execute the Notice of Completion and direct the City Clerk to file the NOC with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office, and release the 5% retention in the amount of \$15,220.99 to Onyx Paving Company, Inc. 35 days of the effective date of the recordation of the NOC, if no Stop Notices are filed within the 35-day period, 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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR PARKING MANAGEMENT SERVICES

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Director Sergio Infanzon to present the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to **authorize staff to publish and solicit a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified firms to provide parking management services** 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 FOR A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARKING SPECIFIC PLAN (DTSP) TEMPORARY IN-LIEU PARKING FEE REDUCTION

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to table the item for the following council meeting, 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 SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE FY 2020-21 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (AAP) FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS

City Manager Ricardo Reyes presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Macias, moved to **approve the Substantial Amendment Number One to the Annual Action Plan for FY 2020-21, inclusive of any comments received by the City Clerk during the 5-day public comment period, and authorize City staff to electronically transmit the amended components of the FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) via Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS)** 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

HUMAN RESOURCES

8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

City Manager Ricardo Reyes presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to **approve the First Amendment to the Employment Agreement for the Director of Community Development and authorize Mayor to execute the Amendment** 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

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS – City Manager Ricardo Reyes wishes everyone a safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Martinez thanked the staff for making sure the council meeting was conducted safely. Wished everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Hanukkah. Last, he asked everyone to stay safe & well.

Council Member Macias thanked staff for their hard work and commitment to continue providing essential services to the community. She also thanked the staff that helped and volunteered for the Nimitz food distribution. It was a lot of work but we were able to help many families and it was possible thanks to the help of all the departments: Public Works, Parks, thank you! I want to wish all of you, happy holidays! I hope you take some rest and enjoy the holidays with your families safely. She reminded everyone that there were two more food distributions on 12/17 and 12/19. She also reminded all residents that if they need help during the holidays please reach out to us, we are here to help.

Council Member Sanabria thanked staff and colleagues for a wonderful year working alongside as well as with Community Directors, and Police Officers. Wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Vice Mayor Ortiz thanked colleagues for supporting item number 7, the Wi-Fi for our community members. As an educator, I see the inequities that our community faces. Many of us faced those education inequities while growing up attending our local schools. Systematically, unfortunately, our educational system has not caught up in comparison to many other communities. Our students are still falling behind and these are the type of programs and the type of services that we can provide as a city to our community members that will close that achievement and educational gap. Thank you for supporting the item! I think is important for our youth to have locations where they can obtain good Wi-Fi right now with the pandemic. Unfortunately, many students are failing courses. Many of you may have seen the LA Times article about all the different issues that are going on in our District. Miss Ortiz wished everyone a happy holiday season and invited residents to a toy distribution that the Council Members were putting together.

Mayor Avila thanked the Police Department, Public Works, Parks & Rec. and all the volunteers who participated in the food distributions. He stated that it was great to see the faces of residents receiving the food. He wished everyone Happy Holidays and a New Year. He also reminded everyone to stay home and avoid having celebrations due to the covid situation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Avila adjourned meeting in the name of the people who has passed away and victims of the covid, and the relatives of the residents of our community, to a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergio Infanzon
Acting City Clerk