

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park City Council Tuesday, January 5, 2021

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 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 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: Raul Alvarez, Assistant 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; ABSENT: Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks & Recreation; Ricardo Reyes, City Manager; 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 Vice Mayor Ortiz.

PRESENTATIONS

No Presentations

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

STAFF RESPONSE

No staff response

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:12 p.m. Mayor "Manny" Avila, recessed to closed session.

City Attorney Araceli Almazan, asked the City to recess into closed session to discuss the 4 matters listed under the closed session portion of the agenda.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Lisner v. City of Huntington Park, et al
Case Number 5:19-cv-02009-VAP-SP

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
One matter involving the threat of litigation by Los Angeles County Fire
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Aragon, et al. v City of Huntington Park, et al.
LA Superior Court Case No. 20STCV33933
4. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Government Code Section 54956.8 One matter:
Property: APN # 6322-003-028 Huntington Park, CA 90255
Agency Negotiators: Ricardo Reyes and Sergio Infanzon
Negotiating Parties: City of Huntington Park and RASA, L.P.
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

At 7:09 p.m. Mayor Avila reconvened to open session with all Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Arnold Glasman announced that all five members of the City Council were present and briefed on closed session. Item 1, 1) No action taken, nothing further to report. Item 2, 1) Direction was provided, no action taken, nothing further to report. Item 3, 1) City Council authorized the defense of all named defendants in the action. Item 4, 1) No action taken, nothing further to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Sanabria, moved to approve the consent calendar from the January 5, 2021, 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 15, 2020

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated January 5, 2021

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF WASTE MANAGEMENT'S FINAL INVOICE FOR SOIL REMOVAL AS PART OF THE PRE-CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF AN AQUATIC CENTER AND RELATED AMENITIES AT SALT LAKE PARK

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

Motion: Council Member Sanabria, moved to approve final payment of a not-to-exceed amount of \$320,511.10 to Waste Management from account number 111-6010-451.76-05 for soil removal as part of the pre-construction phase of an Aquatic Center and related amenities at Salt Lake Park, and approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$320,511.10 from the General Fund fund balance to account number 111-6010-451.76-05 Aquatics Center Capital Project, and authorize staff to process final payment for services rendered, 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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

4. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARKING SPECIFIC PLAN (DTSP) TEMPORARY IN-LIEU PARKING FEE REDUCTION

Assistant City Manager Raul Alvarez announced the item and introduced Director Sergio Infanzon to present the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2020-58 approving a temporary reduction of the in-lieu parking fee for a period of two (2) years for restaurant uses within the Downtown Huntington Park Specific Plan Area (DTSP) and requested for a Point of Sale System to be added to the resolution as part of the requirements for the restaurants to obtain approval for the reduction of the in-lieu fees, seconded by Council Member Martinez, Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

ADMINISTRATION

5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THIRD AMENDMENT TO PRIME STRATEGIES LLC PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Assistant City Manager Raul Alvarez announced the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the Third Amendment to Prime Strategies LLC Professional Services' Agreement, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Third Amendment to 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

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS –

1. Community Development reported that the Red Cross through the Emergency Preparedness program is offering a Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Kit to the public.
2. Chief Lozano presented a plaque to Sergeant Gabriel Alpizar for 21 years of service to the City of Huntington Park and thanked him for his dedication and service to the residents of the City.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Martinez thanked the staff for making sure the council meeting was conducted safely and his colleagues for having a productive meeting. He also asked everyone to stay home and take care of themselves.

Council Member Sanabria wished everyone a Happy New Year and an early happy birthday to Vice Mayor Ortiz.

Council Member Macias thanked staff and wished everyone a Happy New Year 2021 and wished Vice Mayor Ortiz an early Happy Birthday!

Vice Mayor Ortiz thanked her colleagues for the birthday wishes and also wished everyone a Happy New Year. Vice Mayor Ortiz thanked Sergeant Alpizar for his years of service to the residents of the City. She announced that besides having a covid testing site at Perez Park in partnership with the LA County, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) also has covid testing sites, therefore if you have a child attending an LAUSD school or if you work for the district, you can get a test at their testing sites, just google LAUSD COVID TESTING and register. Gage Middle School is the closest testing site. She also reminded everyone to stay home as much as possible and thanked all the employees for coming to work every day and provide the necessary services to the residents.

Mayor Avila wished everyone a Happy New Year. He stated that 2020 was a unique year for different reasons and hoped 2021 is a better year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Avila adjourned meeting, to a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Sergio Infanzon
Acting City Clerk