

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park City Council Tuesday, February 2, 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 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 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: 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; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police Works; Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks & Recreation; Nita McKay, Director of Finance & Administrative Services, **ABSENT:**

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. Jonathan Hawes, former City Clerk at City of El Monte submitted a request asking the City Council to call out crimes & protect the vulnerable residents of the City of El Monte.

STAFF RESPONSE

1. City Manager Ricardo Reyes stated that the comment submitted by Mr. Hawes were completely unrelated to the City of Huntington Park. In order to protect the integrity of our public comments, his request was presented as provided. Mr. Reyes also stated that the City will process all public comments submitted.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:04 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- EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – McKay v. Caraballo (Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STRO05683)

At 6:42 p.m. Mayor Avila reconvened to open session with all Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Araceli Almazan, announced the minutes should reflect that all five members of the City Council the item in the closed session portion of the agenda was discussed. Item 1, 1) Council received a briefing and direction was provided nothing further to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the consent calendar from the February 2, 2021, 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 February 2, 2021
Council Member Macias indicated that Item 3 under Public Works had motion by Vice Mayor Ortiz and second by Vice Mayor Ortiz and needed to be reviewed.

FINANCE

- 2. **Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated February 2, 2021**

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

- 3. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MASTER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

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

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to **approve the Master Cooperative Agreement ("Agreement") with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of a portion of the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor project, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement, subject to approval by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority**, 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

POLICE

- 4. **CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT REIMBUSIBLE GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,199 AND APPROVE THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR GRANT YEAR 2018 BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Chief Cosme Lozano to present the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to **accept reimbursable grant funding and increase estimated revenues in the amount of \$70,199 in account number 230-0000-335.30-70, and approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$70,199 to account number 230-7010-421.74-10, and authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute the agreement**, 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

PARKS AND RECREATION

5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) TO EXTEND THE MASTER AGREEMENT WITH PAGEANTRY PARADES TO PLAN AND PRODUCE THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK'S 2021 AND 2022 HOLIDAY PARADES

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

Motion: Mayor Avila moved to **approve an amendment to the 2020 Professional Services Agreement, to reflect an extension upon mutual agreement for 2021 and 2022 parade production services with Pageantry Parades, and approve agreement with Pageantry Parades to provide parade production services for the City of Huntington Park's 2021 and 2022 Holiday Parades, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Amendment and agreement** 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

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS –

1. Director Norzagaray announced that the City was having the Senior Food Pantry on Thursday, February 18, 2021 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at HPCC. If not registered, sign-ups may take place the same day.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Martinez thanked the staff for making sure the council meeting was conducted safely. Also reminds everyone to stay safe. Seniors 65 years and older should get vaccinated. On February 14, 2021, council and some residents will get together for a community clean up in Huntington Park. More information should come out and be posted up in the City's web page.

Council Member Sanabria thanked all employee staff and police officers who continue to come to work every day, making sure residents get the service they require and to continue being safe by wearing your mask.

Council Member Macias echoed what was said by her colleagues and thanked staff for their ongoing work with the community and reminded the community to stay safe and get

vaccinated. She reminded all families that if anyone is in need of food, Council Members are happy to deliver some food to your family if you cannot leave your home.

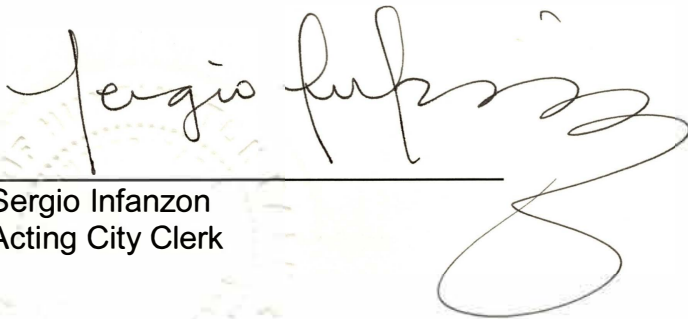
Vice Mayor Ortiz thanked and echoed what her colleagues had said. It is difficult at this time to have a College & Career Expo in person, but CALSOAP, an organization who has provided resources to our community in the Southeast & East LA will be having a virtual zoom February 13, 20 & 27, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Ortiz will be one of the many sponsors and is asking Southeast LA student and High School students to participate. Those participating will have an opportunity to receive a scholarship. Students can register to WWW.CALSOAPLA.ORG

Mayor Avila wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Avila adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m. in memory of Ernesto Barrios, Laura Garcia, and Pastor Alfredo Almejo to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sergio Infanzon", written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sergio Infanzon
Acting City Clerk