

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park City Council Tuesday, February 16, 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 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 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 ABSENT: Nita McKay, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks & Recreation

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Council Member Sanabria.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Ortiz.

PRESENTATIONS

Council Member Martinez made a presentation to proclaim "February as Kindness and Civic Unity Month".

PUBLIC COMMENT

STAFF RESPONSE

1. Jacob Jimmy submitted a public comment to report an Illegal dumping and transient encampment in the alley located at 58th Street between Soto and Seville.
2. Constanza Pachon, CEO at The Whole Child, submitted a public comment to report the work The Whole Child, a non-profit organization has done in Southeast Los Angeles County and the City of Huntington Park. Miss Pachon stated on her public comment that they have assisted nearly 4000 vulnerable families providing them with services such as: mental health therapy, housing services, parent enrichment resources.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:17 p.m. Mayor "Manny" Avila, recessed to closed session

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

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(dX1)
Citiwide Engineering, Inc. v. City of Huntington Park
Los Angeles Superior Court Case 20NWCV00399
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) One Matter

At 6:35 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 with that all five members of the City Council present, both items in the close session portion of the agenda were discussed. Item 1, 1) Citiwide Engineering, Inc. v. City of Huntington Park, City Council was briefed, direction was provided, and with a vote of 5-0 final action was taken. Item 2, 1) The item was tabled. This matter will be discussed in the upcoming City Council Meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the consent calendar from the February 2, 2021, Regular Meeting, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

Vice Mayor Ortiz asked to review an item included in the warrants regarding the League of California membership dues for \$18,000. City Manager Ricardo Reyes stated that staff was going to review and verify the amount included for this membership.

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

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated February 16, 2021

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR SERVICES FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF WATER METERS AS PART OF CIP 2019-07 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT - HILL STREET AND CUDAHY STREET

Director of Public Works Cesar Roldan presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve Inframark's Request for Services for the procurement of water meters and appurtenances as part of CIP 2019-07 Water Main Replacement Project – Hill Street and Cudahy Street for a not-to-exceed amount of \$54,145.56 payable from Account No. 681-8030-461-73.10, and authorize the City Manager to execute the Request for Services, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-0-0, by the following vote:

Council Member Martinez recused himself from participating on this item.

ROLL CALL:

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

4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION FOR SOIL REMOVAL AS PART OF THE PRE-CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF AN AQUATIC CENTER AND RELATED AMENITIES AT SALT LAKE PARK

Director of Public Works Cesar Roldan presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve payment of a not-to-exceed amount of \$98,640 to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration 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 \$98,640 from the General Fund fund balance to account number 111-6010-451.76-05 Aquatics Center Capital Project; and authorize staff to process payment Waste Generator Fee Return to the California Department of Tax & Fee Administration, 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

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS – None.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Martinez thanked the staff for making sure the council meeting was conducted safely. He also stated that the proclamation presented should remind all residents to be united to prevent bullying in our city and to promote kindness in our City.

Council Member Sanabria thanked all employee staff and police officers who continue to come to work every day, thanked Council Member Martinez leadership for making it possible to work with other leaders to promote kindness and to report bulky items. She asked the residents to please use City's App or call City Hall.

Council Member Macias echoed what was said by her colleagues, and thanked staff for the on-going work through this difficult time. She reminded the residents about the Senior Pantry that takes place every third Thursday of the month. She added that the next event was going to take place on the 18th from 1-3 p.m. LA food partnership with the city is accepting new seniors, sixty and older, that want to participate. Registration can take place on that day.

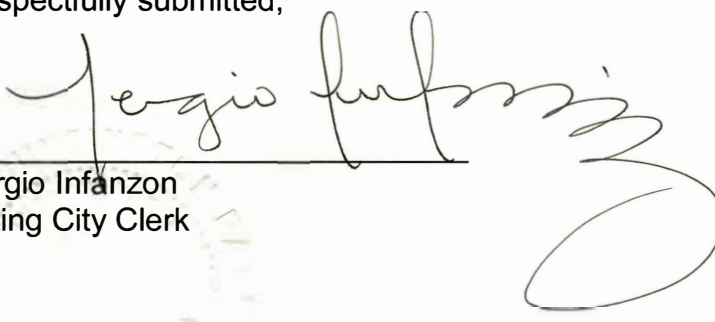
Vice Mayor Ortiz thanked staff and echoed what Council Member Sanabria stated about Council Member Martinez for organizing a community clean up in our community. Vice Mayor also thanked her colleagues for delivering food boxes to residents. She also stated that if residents needed food, they could contact city hall or leave a message through Facebook. She reminded everyone that the grab and go locations are still happening Monday – Friday at Gage Middle School and Marquez High School and serving food every morning. Also, covid testing is still taking place through LAUSD. She also stated that there are two more Saturday's with CALSOAP. Students can sign up through the CALSOAP website and enter their names to win two scholarships of \$250.00.

Mayor Avila congratulated Vice Mayor Ortiz for her job promotion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Avila adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m. to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sergio Infanzon
Acting City Clerk

