

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park City Council Tuesday, March 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, March 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; **ABSENT:** Nita McKay, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks & Recreation

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Council Member Macias.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Sanabria.

PRESENTATIONS

No Presentations

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Jacob Jimmy submitted a public comment to follow up to Alley Issue. Jacob stated that the situation in the alley is still not yet resolved. There is a pile of furniture out in the alley. Due to the lack of patrolling in the area, many transients have been seen drinking during they day, doing drugs, as well as having altercations between them. Jacob is asking Council Members to fix this situation.
2. Jose Gonzalez Perez – Newell St. - asked the City Council to consider bringing in the Sheriff's. With all the complaints on social media by PD Officers, it is clear that they do not want to be here. Many officers have been laid off from other cities due to the pandemic, but our officers want to complaint about a position. Please consider out sourcing to Sheriff's they do not have time to complaint about things.
3. Concern resident from Cudahy St. – Resident asked Council to consider bringing in the Sheriff's. Seeing the online petition clearly tells me that our officers or some officers don't want to be here and or with the community. Other departments have seen layoffs and didn't expect an increase in salary. The city or the department is hiring officers so I am confused as to where the layoffs are? We do need more patrol out there in the community.
4. Anonymous Cottage St. – Resident stated that had a comment on PD, also that had seen a petition on line and was sad because we need a change. Residents stated that is thankful to the City Council or the Chief or to whoever was making the changes. Resident stated that have rarely seen PD out there and prefers to have more officers in the street being activate and engaging in the community than officers that don't want to be here.

5. Anonymous 6900 Seville Ave. – (Spanish) Resident stated that heard rumors about Police Department and City Council making changes. This is good because the Police Department needs officers who want to stay with our community. Resident wanted to remain anonymous because don't want to have any problems but change is needed.

STAFF RESPONSE

City Manager Ricardo Reyes mentioned that the alley problem is an on-going issue that has been revisited multiple times. We continue addressing, and mitigating the problems on that area. He also stated that staff will definitely take another look and address these problems.

Vice Mayor Ortiz stated that Public Works and the Police Department worked collaboratively to clean the alley and it was all clear out. Vice Mayor asked to check the area more often during day time.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:08 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 6:40 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 with all five members of the City Council present, the item listed in the close session portion of the agenda was discussed. Item 1, 1) Council was briefed, direction was provided, no final action was taken.

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:

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 16, 2021

FINANCE

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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING MEMBERSHIP DUES

City Manager Ricardo Reyes introduced Director of Public Works Cesar Roldan to present the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$32,657.86 to Account No. 220-8085-431.64-00 from unappropriated Proposition C fund balance, and approve the Gateway Cities Council of Government invoice for membership dues for a not-to-exceed amount of \$25,000 payable from Account No. 220- 8085-431.64-00, and approve Gateway Cities Council of Government invoices for staff support for Randolph Corridor MAT Application Process for a not-to-exceed amount of \$7,657.86 payable from Account No. 220-8085-431.64-00, and authorize the City Manager to execute the applicable fiscal documents, 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

ADMINISTRATION

4. APPROVE THIRD AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH LAN WAN ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES

City Manager Ricardo Reyes presented the item

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve third amendment to agreement with LAN WAN Enterprise, Inc. for information technology support services, and appropriate \$214,131.42 in account number 239-6010-451.76-15-CDBG Fund - Wi-Fi Access Project, and authorize City Manager to execute the amendment, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz, Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

Before a vote was taken, Vice Mayor thanked staff for working hard on the item. She stated that if approved, the project will be able to provide WI-FI services at five key locations to benefit not just the kids but also college students.

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 thanked the City Council for proclaiming February as Civic Unity and Kindness month as a way to promote love and respect in our community. He recommended bringing back the illegal dumping committee and expand it to discuss pollution in our streets. Also to include members from the community.

Council Member Sanabria thanked all employee staff, volunteers and colleagues for the event held on Sunday. Council was able to provide some food for our adults in our community. She stated that if anyone is in need to please reach out to Council. Residents can reach out to us by social media or by calling City Hall.

Council Member Macias echoed what was said by her former colleagues, she thanked staff for their ongoing work, and wished Council Member Sanabria a happy birthday.

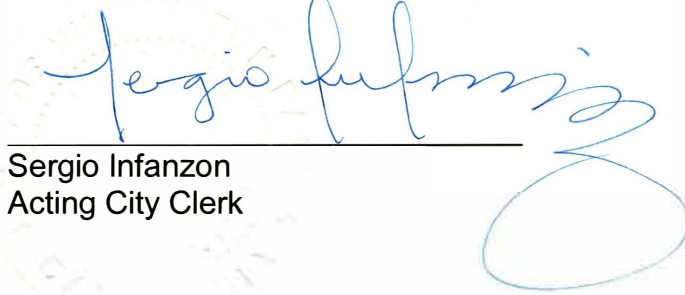
Vice Mayor Ortiz mentioned the five sites proposed for the free WI-FI project: Chelsea Circle Park, Raul Perez Park, Salt Lake Park, City Hall Area/Keller Park, close to Freedom Park which covers HP strip area. Residents, especially students who will benefit from this project are very excited, she thanked her colleagues one more time for approving the project. This week is Read Across America, celebration of Dr. Seuss. If any of my colleagues get an invitation to read a book at one of the schools, please do so students love that. "Remember if you can read, thank a teacher".

Mayor Avila wished Council Member Sanabria a Happy Birthday. We also celebrated on February the African-American Month, and now March is a month to celebrate Women in history. He stated that it is time for women to be equal and get same opportunities in government as it is taking place in the White House, and the Pentagon.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Avila adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m. in memory of Benjamin Gary Valdez, and Francisco Encarnacion to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sergio Infanzon
Acting City Clerk