

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, April 20, 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, April 20, 2021, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Graciela Ortiz presiding.

PRESENT: Council Member(s): Manuel "Manny" Avila, Marilyn Sanabria, Karina Macias, Vice-Mayor, Eduardo "Eddie" Martinez and Mayor Graciela Ortiz.

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 Works; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; **ABSENT:** Nita McKay, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks & Recreation; Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney;

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Mayor Ortiz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Martinez.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor requested to add a presentation to the agenda. Council Member Sanabria moved to approve it, seconded by Council Member Macias.

ROLL CALL:

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

1. Resolution presented in Support of Fair Housing Month
2. Proclamation presented in Support of Donate Life Month
3. Proclamation presented in Support of National Autism Awareness month

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Elizabeth Castro thanked the City of Huntington Park for joining the Fair Housing Foundation to celebrate Fair Housing Month. She stated that they are proud to serve the City as its fair housing provider and are looking forward to another year of working for each and every member of Huntington Park.
2. Carolina Garnica submitted the following statement from Eva Perez. Eva stated that she was the mother of a donor who passed away 22 years ago. Thanks to her son's donation, he continues living in others. She also thanked the City of Huntington Park for their continuous support with "Donate Life Month". Ms. Perez and her family are advocates for educating our communities about how to become a donor. To be an organ, eye, and tissue donor, please register at the DMV or online at www.donateLIFEcalifornia.org or www.doneVIDAcalifornia.org.
3. Carlos Cordova re-submitted his comments on the quality of the audio and video. Also reiterated his continued support for the Huntington Park Police Officers. He also urged all to work with the Police Department Association to find a solution to bring stability to the Police Department for the sake of the resident's safety. Last. Mr. Cordova asked Council for a date of when

residents of the city will be allowed to participate in public meetings in person.

4. Jose Rivera asked for continuous patrolling on the alley located on 58th Street. He stated that transients are still present and constantly bringing trash. The location has become a loitering and hang out site for transients and gang members.

STAFF RESPONSE

Mayor Ortiz asked the Chief of Police to work with Public Works to address the issues at the alley. She also asked PD to continue patrolling the alley.

Chief of Police stated that PD will coordinate with Public Works to maintain consistent patrolling of the alley.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

At 6:20 p.m. Mayor Graciela Ortiz, 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)(4) Consideration of Initiation of Litigation – One Matter
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL –EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Construction Industry Force Account Council v. City of Huntington Park Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 20STCP03947

At 7:16 p.m. Mayor Graciela Ortiz reconvened to open session with all Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Araceli Almazan made the following announcement: The minutes should reflect that with all five members of the Council present both items on the close session portion of the agenda were discussed:

1. Item #1 - Council was briefed, direction was provided, nothing further to report.
2. Item #2 - CIFCA v. City of Huntington Park, council was briefed, no reportable action. This conclude my closed session report. It is now appropriate to proceed with the open portion of the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the consent calendar from the April 20, 2021, Regular Meeting, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. **Approve Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):**

1-1. Regular City Council Meeting held March 16, 2021

FINANCE

2. **Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated April 20, 2021**

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

3. **CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FROM QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS TO INVENTORY AND OBTAIN PERMITS FOR INSTALLATION OF CONNECTOR PIPE SCREENS AND AUTOMATIC RETRACTABLE SCREENS ON CITY AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL CATCH BASINS IN COMPLIANCE WITH MS4 PERMIT**

Director Cesar Roldan presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Macias moved to authorize staff to publish and solicit a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified consultant firms to inventory and inspect all catch basins within the City's right-of-way, and obtain permits from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) permit to install Connector Pipe Screens and Automatic Retractable Screens on LACFCD, and City-owned catch basins, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

4. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Director Cesar Roldan presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve setting Public Hearing of June 1, 2021 for the acceptance of the Urban Water Management Plan, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

5. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMERICA'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT RISK AND RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT REPORT**

Director Cesar Roldan presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve setting Public Hearing of June 1, 2021 for the acceptance of the America's Water Infrastructure Act Risk and Resilience Assessment Report, seconded by Council Member Macias, Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

6. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL SETTING PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE IRREVOCABLE OFFER OF DEDICATION OF A SEGMENT OF PARCELS 6318-007-012 AND 6318-007-004 FOR PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 6241 MAYWOOD AVENUE**

Director Cesar Roldan presented the item.

Motion: Mayor Ortiz moved to approve setting Public Hearing of June 1, 2021 for the acceptance of the irrevocable offer of dedication of a segment of parcels 6318-007-012 and 6318-007-004 for public right-of-way purposes at 6241 Maywood Avenue, seconded by Council Member Macias, Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

7. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FROM QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS TO PROVIDE MS4 COMPLIANCE SERVICES

Director Cesar Roldan presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to authorize staff to publish and solicit a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified consultant firms to provide compliance services as it relates to the current Los Angeles County MS4 Permit, seconded by Council Member Avila, Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

POLICE

8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2020 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FUNDING AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SOFTWARE UPGRADE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE APPROVAL OF A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST

Chief of Police Cosme Lozano presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to authorize the City Manager to accept funding provided through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program totaling \$28,308.00 in account 227-0000-331.20-05, designate the City Manager as the Authorized Grantee Official for the purpose of executing grant objectives and documentation, and appropriate the amount of \$28,308.00 in the City's FY 20-21 budget for purchase of computer software for the police department in account number 227-7119-421. 7 4-10, seconded by Council Member Avila, Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

9. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A TEMPORARY AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE PARKING SERVICES TO KEMP BROS CONSTRUCTION

Director Sergio Infanzon presented the item.

STAFF RESPONSE

Mayor Ortiz asked if item #9 was appropriately posted.

City Manager recommended this item be continued to the next Council meeting. For proper noticing in accordance to regulation.

Motion: Mayor Ortiz approved to move item #9 to next Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Sanabria, Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

CITY COUNCIL

10. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07 IN SUPPORT OF CAL CARE (AB1400) AND MEDICARE FOR ALL

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approved resolution no. 2021-07 in support of CAL CARE (AB1400) and Medicare for all, seconded by Council Member Macias, Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

11. REQUEST TO SUPPORT METRO FARELESS SYSTEM INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

Motion: Council Member Macias moved to approved request to support Metro Fareless system initiative for Community College students, seconded by Council Member Sanabria, Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS – City Manager provided information to a city communication that was mentioned during the public comment portion of the meeting. Comment was submitted by one of our residents. The city communication was regarding the restructuring of Huntington Park Police Department. The intent of the restructuring is to be able to put more patrol officers out on patrol. All of these changes were agreed by both, the city and Police Officers Association.

Chief of Police announced the Public Safety Telecommuters Month, when they are recognized. It is important to let our dispatcher know that they work don't go unrecognized.

Mayor Ortiz asked to recognize Huntington Park Telecommuters during the next Council Meeting in May.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS –

Council Member Avila asked everyone to continue wearing masks, washing your hands and keeping your distance.

Council Member Macias thanked staff for their ongoing commitment to the city. She invited residents to get vaccinated and thanked community partners for their ongoing work by providing vaccines for the City of Huntington Park. The American Red Cross will be at Salt Lake Park on April 28 for anyone who wants to donate blood. Appointments are available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Council Member Sanabria wished Assistant City Manager Raul a Happy Birthday and thanked him for all the work he does and his dedication to the City. To celebrate Earth Day through our cleanup, she reminded the residents to put bulky items in front of their house or by the curve on Friday at 6 p.m. All bulky items will be picked up on following day Saturday April 28, 2021. Also, residents will be able to drop bulky items at the Public Works Yard. The City offers volunteer opportunities; you can find this in our website at www.hpca.gov.

Vice Mayor Martinez thanked staff for making sure we have a safe meeting. Regarding Earth Day, this Saturday April 24, 2021 the city will be having a community cleanup at Keller Park at 9:00 a.m. Reminded all residents about bulky items pick up, drop off and the community cleanup. He stated that this morning, he walked down Santa Ana Street and Cudahy giving out flyers to announced the event and asking residents to help others by spreading out the word.

Mayor Ortiz made an announcement on behalf of Parks & Recreation. The City of Huntington Park was awarded the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation Award this year. Our baseball and softball programs will be positively impacted with the award. Mayor Ortiz stated that she grew up playing softball and is aware of the need for coaches. If anyone is interested, please sign up at the Parks & Recreation Department website. There is also a link to sign up children for baseball and softball programs. Mayor Ortiz congratulated our city for obtaining the grant from the Dodgers Foundation. Big thanks to the Huntington Park Police Department for being out there for our kids and organizing with the school principals in the City of Huntington Park. Our students have gone back to school, physically, and it is great to have support from the Police Department. Thanked Chief for coordinating and making sure our crossing guards were out there.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m. in memory of Bertha Gonzalez Garcia proud sister of ten siblings, mother of five children, grandmother and great-grandmother of twenty-three. Long time Southeast city resident, worked with LAUSD, catholic charity and thirty plus years with the Los Angeles County Welfare Division. She served the East Los Angeles and local city neighborhoods. She will be deeply missed by the community and all the people whose life she influenced. Meeting adjourned to a regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergio Infanzon
Acting City Clerk