

## **MINUTES**

### **Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park City Council Tuesday, June 1, 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, June 1, 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; 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 Mayor Ortiz.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Council Member Macias.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

1. Illegal Fireworks Taskforce Presentation by Chief Cosme Lozano
2. Earth Day Presentation by Director Cesar Roldan
3. Class of 2021 Graduation Presentation by Mayor Ortiz

**Valedictorian:** Esmeralda Casas, Miguel Medina, Jacqueline Gomez, Noe Martinez, Stephanie Velasquez, Nicole Jimenez, Anthony Juarez, Iliana Caballero Navarro, Alondra Romero.

**Salutarian:** Alondra Echeverria, Andrea Ventura, Kimberly Marquez, Fatima Martinez, Ashley Farias, Janet Veloz, Kelly Martinez, Joanna Ramos,

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Diana Nguyen sent a congratulatory message to the Aspire Pacific Academy's Valedictorian and Salutarian Jacky Gomez and Kimberly Marquez
2. Ms. Argueta & Mrs. Saucedo sent message to HPHS Valedictorian & Salutarian Stephanie and Ashley
3. Adriana M., Leticia Valdez & Jose Rivera submitted comments regarding a homeless encampment at the Alley on 58th Street.

### **STAFF RESPONSE**

Chief of Police, Director Cesar Roldan, and Assistant City Manager Alvarez provided a response on the situation taking place at the alley on 58<sup>th</sup> Street and information on how the City is resolving this matter.

### **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**

#### **At 7:07 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 - 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 7:34 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, the item listed on the close session portion of the agenda was discussed:

1. Item #1 - Council was briefed, no final action was taken, nothing further to report. It is appropriate to proceed with the open portion of the agenda.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the consent calendar from June 1, 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. Approved Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):  
1-1. Regular City Council Meeting held May 18, 2021

#### **FINANCE**

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated June 1, 2021

#### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

3. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT 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 MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM PERMIT**

Director Cesar Roldan presented the item

**Motion:** Mayor Ortiz moved to award the professional service agreement (PSA) to inventory and inspect the City and Los Angeles County's catch basin network in compliance with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) to West & Associates Engineering, Inc. as the lowest responsive and responsible proposer for a not-to-exceed amount of \$117,500, payable from the fiscal year 2020-21 County of Los Angeles Safe Clean Water Account No. 111-8031-433.76-17, and authorize the City Manager to execute the PSA, 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

**4. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT DESIGN-BUILD PROPOSALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AQUATICS CENTER AND RELATED AMENITIES AT SALT LAKE PARK**

Director Cesar Roldan presented the item

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria moved to authorize staff to publish and solicit Design-Build proposals from qualified design-build teams (including contractor and architect/engineer) for the construction of the Aquatics Center and related amenities at Salt Lake Park, 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

**5. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 FUNDED BY SENATE BILL 1 THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017**

Council Members Macias and Avila recused themselves from participating during the discussion and voting of this item.

Director Cesar Roldan presented the item

**Motion:** Mayor Ortiz moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-09 approving the Fiscal Year 2021-22 project list for Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, and authorize staff to upload the resolution with the list of streets to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) website, seconded by Council Member Sanabria, **Motion passed 3-0-0, by the following vote:**

ROLL CALL:

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

**6. APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF WORK PERFORMED AS PART OF CIP 2018-07 DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK I-PARK SYSTEM**

Director Cesar Roldan presented the item

**Motion:** Council Member Avila moved to approve acceptance of work performed by Alfaro Communications Construction, Inc. for the construction of CIP 2018-07 Downtown Huntington Park i-Park System Implementation Call for Projects ID# F7312, authorize staff to execute the Notice of Completion, and direct the City Clerk to file the NOC with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office, and release Alfaro Communications Construction, Inc.'s retention invoice for the amount of \$64,435.04, 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

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FIREWORKS SALES PERMIT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK**

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

**Motion:** Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the Fireworks Sales Permit Applications Submitted by local non- profit organizations in the City of Huntington Park, and authorize the Community Development Department to process the applications and conducts the final inspection of the stands, 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

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **8. AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF VERNON FOR INMATE HOUSING**

**Motion:** Council Member Avila approve renewal of agreement with the City of Vernon for Inmate Housing Services; and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute agreement. seconded by Mayor Ortiz, **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**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **9. 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**

Mayor Ortiz announced a Public Hearing and opened the public hearing. Mayor Ortiz asked if any public comments were received for item No. 9, Acting City Clerk stated that no public comments were submitted for this item. Mayor Ortiz closed the Public Hearing.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria, moved to waive further readings, adopt Resolution No. 2021-10 accepting the 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 and Direct staff to record all documents associated with the dedication, 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

### **10. APPROVE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN**

Mayor Ortiz announced a Public Hearing and opened the public hearing. Mayor Ortiz asked if any public comments were received for item No. 10, Acting City Clerk stated that no public comments were submitted for this item. Mayor Ortiz closed the Public Hearing.

**Motion:** Council Member Avila, moved to waive further readings, and adopt Resolution No. 2021-11 adopting the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Resolution No. 2021-12 adopting the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and direct staff to submit all plans to the State, 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

#### **11. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE AMERICA'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ACT RISK AND RESILIENCE ASSESSMENT REPORT**

Mayor Ortiz announced a Public Hearing and opened the public hearing. Mayor Ortiz asked if any public comments were received for item No. 11, Acting City Clerk stated that no public comments were submitted for this item. Mayor Ortiz closed the Public Hearing.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria, moved to waive further readings, and adopt Resolution No. 2021-13 adopting the America's Water Infrastructure Act Risk and Resilience Assessment Report; and direct the City Manager to sign the Certification of Community Water System Risk and Resilience Assessment in Compliance with America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 report and submit to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 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

#### **END OF PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **DEPARTAMENTAL REPORTS –**

Public works provided an update on the stolen wires. Public Works is at 40% completion. Next step is to work at Pacific Blvd, the alleys in the downtown business district. Public Works will continue to work with the Police Department and with Southern California Edison. Next week Public Works will get closer to finishing at 100%.

Chief of Police provided an update on a Mayor's request for more traffic enforcement at Mountain View and State St. as well as for Gage and Bissell.

Community Development Director is asking the community to submit their surveys for the Housing Element. One way to submit your survey is by logging in to the City's web page at [www.hpca.gov](http://www.hpca.gov), and search for the housing element survey.

#### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None**

#### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Council Member Avila** congratulated Chief of Police and Public Works Director for their presentations.

**Council Member Sanabria** wished a Happy Pride Month. She also congratulated all graduates from K–12, and asked to use the stage out in front of the Police Department to take pictures.

**Council Member Macias** thanked all City Staff and Public Work staff for their hard work during the Earth Day event. She invited the community to be at the Farmer's Market to join Metro on Wednesday, June 2, who will be there at 12:00 p.m. asking for the community's feedback for two proposed stations at City of Huntington Park. She congratulated those who celebrate Happy Pride Month.

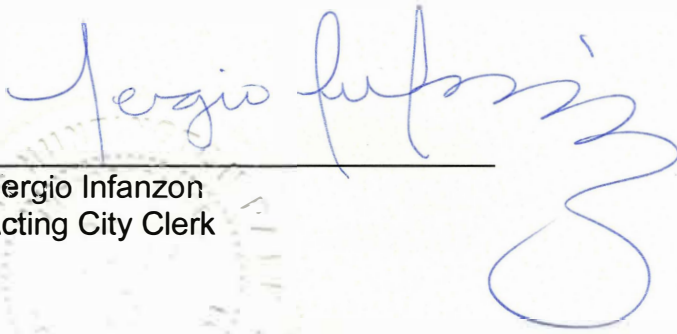
**Vice Mayor Martinez** thanked staff for always keeping the meetings safe. He wished anyone who celebrates, a Happy Pride Month. He also thanked all of our heroes who served in the armed forces and have provided our freedom.

**Mayor Ortiz** thanked Parks & Recreation and Public Works for coming together to the Memorial Day Ceremony. She also congratulated all graduates.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m. and will resume regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sergio Infanzon  
Acting City Clerk