

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park City Council Tuesday, October 5, 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 6:04 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5, 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; Cesar Roldan, Director of Public Works; Raul Alvarez, Assistant City Manager; Araceli Almazan, Legal; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development/Acting City Clerk; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Nita McKay, Director of Finance & Administrative Services **ABSENT:** Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks & Recreation,

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Mayor Graciela Ortiz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Director Cesar Roldan made a presentation on the SCE Rule 20A Alternative Street Undergoing Options
2. Vice Mayor Martinez presented a Proclamation for the National Coming Out Day and LBGTQ History Month
3. Mayor Graciela Ortiz presented the Huntington Park Sanitation District Good Citizens Recognitions

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Rosalia Aguilar submitted a public comment card requesting to look into an ongoing leak by Middleton Street. She stated that the odor and insects that lingers around there is not safe for the children.

STAFF RESPONSE

City Manager, Ricardo responded to Aguilar's public concern. Mr. Reyes asked the Director of Public Works to follow up.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:27 pm, Mayor Graciela Ortiz recessed to closed session

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

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) – One Matter
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At 7:04 p.m. Mayor Graciela Ortiz 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, both items listed in the close session portion of the agenda were discussed. Item 1, 1) Council was briefed, direction was provided, but no final action was taken. Item 2, 1) Council was briefed, direction was provided, but no final action was taken.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Mayor, Graciela Ortiz moved to approve the consent calendar from the October 5, 2021, Regular 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, Mayor Ortiz
NOES:	Council Member(s): None

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. Approved Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):
 - 1-1. Regular City Council Meeting held September 21, 2021

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated October 5, 2021

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

3. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS ON CALIFORNIA AVENUE AT LIVE OAK STREET

Mayor, Graciela Ortiz introduced Public Works Department Cesar Roldan to present the item.

Councilmember Marilyn Sanabria recused from participating on the discussion and voting of this item.

Motion: Mayor Ortiz moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-27 approving the installation of Stop signs on California Avenue at Live Oak Street; and Authorize the Public Works Department to place the appropriate pavement markings, advance warning signs and appropriate signage in accordance with the California Manual on Traffic Control Devices. Seconded by Council Member Macias. **Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:**

ROLL CALL:

AYES:	Council Member(s): Avila, Macias Vice Mayor Martinez, Mayor Ortiz
NOES:	Council Member(s): None
ABSTAIN:	Council Member Sanabria

4. RESOLUTION ADOPTING CALTRANS LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROCEDURES MANUAL CHAPTERS 10: CONSULTANT SELECTION

Motion: Mayor Ortiz moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-28 adopting the Caltrans Local Assistance Procedures Manual Chapter 10: Consultant Selection; and authorize the City Manager to sign all appropriate documents before the November 15, 2021 due date to submit the Resolution and letter to Caltrans. 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, Mayor Ortiz
NOES:	Council Member(s): None

5. APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTYWIDE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM SITING LIABILITY AGREEMENT

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve the date of Saturday, October 9, 2021 to have the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts host the 2021 Countywide Household Hazardous/Electronic Waste Collection event at the Public Works Maintenance Yard; and authorize the City Manager and the City Attorney to execute the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program Siting Liability agreement. 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, Mayor Ortiz
NOES: Council Member(s): None

HUMAN RESOURCES

6. AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR CITY CLERK

Mayor, Graciela Ortiz introduced the Assistant City manager, Raul Alvarez to present the item.

Motion: Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the City Manager's recommendation of candidate to serve in the position of City Clerk; and authorize City Manager to negotiate final terms; and approve City Manager to execute an employment agreement for City Clerk. Seconded by Macias. **Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Avila, Sanabria, Macias,
Vice Mayor Martinez, Mayor Ortiz
NOES: Council Member(s): None

7. AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Motion: Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the City Manager's recommendation of candidate to serve in the position of Director of Communications and Community Relations; authorize City Manager to negotiate final terms; and approve City Manager to execute an employment agreement for Director of Communications and Community Relations. Seconded by Sanabria. **Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Avila, Sanabria, Macias,
Vice Mayor Martinez, Mayor Ortiz
NOES: Council Member(s): None

8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AWARD OF AN INTERIM CONTRACT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Motion: Council Member Macias moved to award a Month-to-Month Contract for the Interim Community Development Director Position; and negotiate and Award the Contract for a not-to-exceed amount of \$13,500 per month for FY 2021/2022 Budget; and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute the contract. Seconded by Sanabria. **Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Avila, Sanabria, Macias,
Vice Mayor Martinez, Mayor Ortiz
NOES: Council Member(s): None

POLICE DEPARTMENT

9. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH ALL CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD SERVING

Mayor, Graciela Ortiz introduced Chief Cosme Lozano to present the item.

Motion: Council Member Avila moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate the terms of a school crossing guard services agreement for a term of three (3) years, with an option of two, one-year extensions, for a total maximum of five (5) years, upon which time the agreement will expire; and authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute the agreement. Seconded by Sanabria. **Motion passed 5-0-0, by the following vote:**

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Avila, Sanabria, Macias,
Vice Mayor Martinez, Mayor Ortiz
NOES: Council Member(s): None

END OF REGULAR AGENDA.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS –

City Manager, Ricardo Reyes congratulated Sergio Infanzon and Steve Forster for their new roles.

Chief of Police, Lozano congratulated Sergio and Steve. He mentioned October is Breast Cancer Awareness, and the Police Department Participates with the Pink Patch Project to raise awareness, increase conversation and raise funds for Cancer. Lozano also mentioned the Anniversary of Officer Robert Keller who was killed in 1967.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS –

Council Member Manuel Avila congratulated Sergio on his promotion and he advised everyone of his wife's passing.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria extended her condolences to Council Member Avila. She congratulated Sergio and Eduardo for their promotions. Sanabria also reminded the public about the Community Clean-Up on October 16, 2021 at Raul Perez Park.

Council Member Karina Macias thanked staff and Sergio for their continued hard work. She extended her condolences to Council Member Avila, and asked the City Manager to lower the flag in honor of Mrs. Avila.

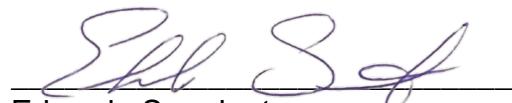
Vice Mayor Eduardo "Eddie" Martinez thanked the staff and extended his condolences to the Avila's Family. He also wished Council Members Avila and Macias a Happy Birthday. Vice Mayor Martinez congratulated Sergio and Steve on their promotions, and reminded the community about the Community Clean-Up on October 16, 2021.

Mayor Graciela Ortiz congratulated Sergio and Steve, and wished Council Members Macias and Avila a Happy Birthday. She reminded the community that the City of Huntington Park currently lacks representation at the Los Angeles Unified School District and advised the community of the upcoming redistricting hearings. Lastly, she extended her condolences to the Avila family and adjourned the meeting in memory of Rebeca "Becky" Avila.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:21 pm, Mayor Graciela Ortiz adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council meeting to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Eduardo Sarmiento
City Clerk