

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, October 19, 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 19, 2021, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Graciela Ortiz presiding.

PRESENT: Councilmember(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 Vice Mayor Martinez.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. Proclamation "Breast Cancer Awareness Month"
2. Proclamation "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"
3. Special Presentation "Resolution 2021-29 Honoring Rebecca Avila"

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following members of the public submitted public comments:

1. Frank Szecky
2. Francis Skelton
3. Maria Lopez
4. Diana Morales
5. Linda Loya

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STAFF RESPONSE

Staff provided brief responded to public comments provided.

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CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Graciela Ortiz recessed to closed session at 6:41 pm,

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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Mayor Graciela Ortiz reconvened to open session at 8:10 p.m. with all Councilmembers 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: Councilmember Sanabria moved to approve the consent calendar from the October 19, 2021, Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

FINANCE

1. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated October 19, 2021

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR **REGULAR AGENDA**

PUBLIC WORKS

2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR THE PREPARATION OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATE FOR CIP 2018-11 ATP CYCLE IV PROJECT NO. ATPL-5150(014)

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria moved to authorize staff to publish and solicit a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified engineering firms for the preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimate for CIP 2018-11 ATP Cycle IV Project No. ATPL-5150(014), seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FROM QUALIFIED WATER ENGINEERING FIRMS TO INVESTIGATE AND PROVIDE DESIGN ENHANCEMENTS AT WELL 16

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria moved to authorize staff to publish and solicit a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified water engineering firms to investigate the lack of production at Well 16 and generate plans, specifications and engineer's estimate for bidding purposes, seconded by Councilmember Avila. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

4. PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE HUNTINGTON PARK RULE 20A UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT ON BICKETT STREET SLAUSON AVENUE AND THE NORTH CITY LIMITS AND DECLARING THE FORMATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT 14

Mayor Ortiz requested item 4 be moved to the end of the agenda due to being improperly agendaized and requiring a Public Hearing.

MOTION: Councilmember Macias moved to switch item 4 to the end of the agenda and have the minutes reflect that the item is a Public Hearing Item, seconded by Councilmember Sanabria. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

PARKS AND RECREATION

5. AUTHORIZATION AND RATIFICATION OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR HUNTINGTON PARK 2021 HOLIDAY PARADE

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

MOTION: Councilmember Avila moved to authorize and ratify the expenditures in a not-to-exceed amount of \$60,000 for TV production, TV Broadcasting and Parade Security for the 2021 Holiday Parade. And authorize the City Manager to enter into a 3-year agreement with Magnolia Street Productions for the 2021, 2022 and 2023 Holiday Parades if mutually agreed upon by the City and Magnolia Street Productions. Seconded by Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

POLICE DEPARTMENT

6. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC SAFETY SUITE PRO SOFTWARE TO COMPLY WITH THE MANDATES OF ASSEMBLY BILL 953; FINALIZE THE AGREEMENT WITH CENTRALSQUARE TECHNOLOGIES LLC; AND, EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria moved to approve the purchase of Public Safety Suite Pro from CentralSquare Technologies LLC, a one application software consisting of Computer-Aided Dispatch System, Records Management System, Mobile Records, Property, and Field-Based Reporting System, in the amount of \$233,757.08; and approve for CentralSquare Technologies to receive \$147,599.50 in grant funding awarded directly to CentralSquare Technologies LLC, on behalf of the City of Huntington Park for the implementation and completion of this project; and appropriate an amount of \$86,158 from the City's General Fund Account Number 111-7010-421.74-10 to close the non-grant funding financial gap of the overall cost of this project and apply for reimbursement from the City's allocated American Rescue Plan Funds; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with the California Department of Justice and the Chief of Police to complete the project. Seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

4. PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE HUNTINGTON PARK RULE 20A UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT ON BICKETT STREET SLAUSON AVENUE AND THE NORTH CITY LIMITS AND DECLARING THE FORMATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT 14

MOTION: At the conclusion of the Public Hearing Councilmember Macias moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-30 declaring the formation of Underground Utility District 14, seconded by Councilmember Sanabria. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS –

Parks and Recreation Director Cynthia Norzagaray shared that the annual Halloween event will be held this year.

Police Chief Cosme Lozano reminded the public that this Saturday October 23, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the Police Department will hold dual event “Coffee with a Cop” and “Meet your Police and member of City Council” at Chelsey Park.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS –

Council Member Manuel Avila emphasized the importance of on Breast Cancer Awareness Month being that he lost his wife to breast cancer, and his son to cancer, and he himself is a cancer survivor. He also emphasized the importance of bringing attention to domestic abuse.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria thanked everyone and shared her excitement to see everyone at the Halloween event.

Council Member Karina Macias thanked staff and volunteers for their efforts at the cleanup event at Raul Perez Park. She also reminded all seniors about the senior food pantry event will be Thursday October 21, 2021 from 1:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.

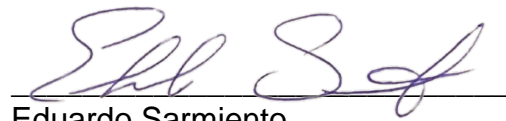
Vice Mayor Eduardo “Eddie” Martinez thanked the staff and also emphasized the importance of Breast Cancer awareness. He also thanked the residents for their participation in the cleanup event.

Mayor Graciela Ortiz also thanked staffed and shared how much their efforts are appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Graciela Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eduardo Sarmiento", is written over a horizontal line.

Eduardo Sarmiento
City Clerk