

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, November 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 6:04 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 ABSENT; Cesar Roldan, Director of Public Works; Raul Alvarez, Assistant City Manager; Araceli Almazan, Legal; Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Nita McKay, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Steve Foster, Director of Community Development; Sergio Infanzon, Interim City Clerk 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 Councilmember Sanabria.

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. Maria Sanchez
2. Jose Rivera

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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 6:31 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
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Christopher Lisner v. City of Huntington Park, et al.
USDC Case No. 5:19-cv-02009-VAP-SP

Mayor Graciela Ortiz reconvened to open session at 8:22 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. Council was briefed on items 1 through 3, direction was provided, but no final action was taken.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

1-1. Regular City Council Meeting held October 05, 2021

FINANCE

2. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated November 02, 2021

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria moved to approve the consent calendar from the November 2, 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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

HUMAN RESOURCES

3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-31 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park Approving New Class Specification for the Position of Public Safety Officer, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

PUBLIC WORKS

4. 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 authorized 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

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN URBAN FORESTRY GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-32 authorizing the submittal of an Urban Forestry Grant Application to the Department

of Forestry and Fire Protection to inventory the City's trees that are located in the public right-of-way; and authorize the Finance Department to fill out Attachment 4 – Payee Data; and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents related to this program, seconded by Councilmember Avila. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

CITY MANAGER

6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO IMPLEMENT TELECONFERENCED OPEN MEETINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361

MOTION: Councilmember Avila moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-33 and to authorize the City of Huntington Park to Conduct Teleconferenced Open Meetings in Accordance with Assembly Bill 361. Seconded by Councilmember Avila. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

PARKS AND RECREATION

7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION AND RADIFICATION OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR HOLIDAY PALMTREE DECORATIONS ON PACIFIC BLVD.

MOTION: Councilmember Avila moved to approve authorization of St. Nick's Christmas Lighting and Décor for the installation and removal of Holiday Palm Tree Light Decorations on Pacific Boulevard using account #111-6010-451-74.10 in a not-to-exceed amount of \$17,500.00; and authorize the City Manager to enter into a 2-year agreement with St. Nick's Christmas Lighting and Décor for 2021 and 2022, seconded by Councilmember Sanabria. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

Mayor Ortiz excused herself from the Council meeting and Vice Mayor Martinez chaired the remainder of the City Council meeting.

8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR HOLIDAY LANE AT SALT LAKE PARK.

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria moved to approve authorization of Brightlife Designs for the rental of holiday lights at Salt Lake Park on Bissell Street in a not-to-exceed amount of \$18,125.00, seconded by Councilmember Avila. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Ortiz

9. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AUTHORITY TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR MEASURE A FUNDING FOR PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria moved to adopt Resolution No.2021-34 approving the authority to file applications for grant funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Measure A Funding for Projects and Programs; and authorize the City Manager to execute all related grant application documents submitted by Parks and Recreation Director, seconded by Councilmember Avila. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Ortiz

POLICE DEPARTMENT

10. APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE COMPONENTS AND SOFTWARE PROGRAMS TO COMPLETE VARIOUS PROJECTS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE CITY AND POLICE DEPARTMENT TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE TO MINIMIZE TECHNOLOGY VULNERABILITIES AND PROTECT AGAINST CYBERSECURITY THREATS

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria moved to approve the purchase and installation of various technology hardware components and software programs to complete various projects aimed at improving the City and Police Department technology infrastructure to minimize technology vulnerabilities and protect against cybersecurity threats, in the one-time amount of \$659,611.88, and a yearly re-occurring cost of \$59,429.94; and authorize the services of LANWAN Enterprise, the City's contracted IT services provider, to perform the necessary work to complete the projects; and appropriate an amount of \$659,611.88 from the City's General Fund Account Number 111-7010-421.74-10 to fund these projects; and authorize the Finance Department Director to apply for reimbursement of

\$659,611.88 from the City's allocated American Rescue Plan Funds; and authorize the City Manager and Chief of Police to oversee the completion of these projects, respectively, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Mayor Ortiz

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS – Parks and Recreation Direct Norzagaray thanked the Chief and Council for their support and help for the recent Halloween event held. She also announced that Veterans Day will be celebrated on Wednesday November 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at Veterans Park.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS – Each Councilmember congratulated and welcomed the new City Clerk Eduardo Sarmiento.

Council Member Manuel Avila thanked staff and the Police Department for their efforts in supporting the Halloween event.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria thanked the Police Department for their great meet and greet Police event. She also thanked staff for running a successful Halloween event.

Council Member Karina Macias thanked staff and volunteers for their efforts at the Halloween.

Vice Mayor Eduardo “Eddie” Martinez thanked staff and the Police Department for their efforts in supporting a successful Halloween event.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Martinez adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Eduardo Sarmiento
City Clerk