

## **MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, November 16, 2021

The City Council hybrid virtual/in-person meetings are held pursuant to AB361 because state and local officials are recommending measures to promote social distancing conducted this meeting in accordance with

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 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 Ricardo Reyes; Cesar Roldan, Director of Public Works; Raul Alvarez, Assistant City Manager; Araceli Almazan, Legal; Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police, Director of Finance & Administrative Services Absent; Steve Foster, Director of Community Development; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Communications; Araceli Almazan, City Attorney, Director of Parks & Recreation – Absent.

### **INVOCATION**

Invocation was led by Mayor Graciela Ortiz.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Macias.

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

City Manager Reyes requested that the City Council vote to permit two additional items onto the list of presentations.

- Commendation and Recognition of three (3) Huntington Park Police Officers for Commitment and Dedication to Service
- Presentation from SEMET Team Regarding Collaboration with Union Pacific Celebrating Commitment and Dedication

**MOTION:** Councilmember Macias moved to approve the addition of two presentation items to the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Sanabria. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

1. Proclamation Celebrating Veterans Day

2. Proclamation Celebrating National Caregivers Month
3. Presentation of Certificate of Recognition for Local Businesses –Halloween Event
4. Commendation and Recognition of three (3) Huntington Park Police Officers for Commitment and Dedication to Service
5. Presentation from SEMET Team Regarding Collaboration with Union Pacific Railroad Celebrating Commitment and Dedication

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following members of the public submitted public comments:

1. Carlos Romero
2. Rosalba Zuniga

(Complete audio and video are available upon request at the City Clerk's office or can be accessed by clicking the following link. [11-16-21 Regular City Council Meeting](#))

## **STAFF RESPONSE**

Mayor Otriz provided a brief response and gave direction to staff to follow up on the public comment provided related to the drop off area highlighted in public comment.

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## **CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Graciela Ortiz recessed to closed session at 7:09 p.m.

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)(4)  
Consideration of initiation in one potential case.
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Construction Industry Force Account Council v. City of Huntington Park,  
et al. LASC Court Case No. 20STCP03947
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Communities for a Better Environment v. Huntington Park, et.al.  
LASC Court Case No. 21STCP0083
4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Mayor Graciela Ortiz reconvened to open session at 9:16 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, four (4) items listed on the close session agenda were discussed. On item one (1) and four (4), Council was briefed, direction was provided, but no final action was taken. As to item number two (2) Council was briefed but no final action was taken. As to item number three (3) CBE vs. City of Huntington Park Council was briefed, direction was provided as to an outstanding MOU with regard to the EJ element, and final action has been taken as far as two MOU's entered into. One between the City of Huntington Park and HCD, and the second MOU between the City of Huntington Park and Petitioners Council in the underlying writ of the instant action. This concluded the closed session report.

### **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 19, 2021
- 1-2. Regular City Council Meeting held November 2, 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 16, 2021, Regular Meeting, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the consent calendar from the November 16, 2021 with the removal of minutes 1-2 November 2, 2021 from the consent calendar, 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

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria moved to award a three (3) year professional service agreement (PSA) with an option of two, one-year extensions to provide traffic signal maintenance services to Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc. as the most responsive and responsible proposer for a not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000 per contract calendar-year payable from account 221-8014-429-56.41 Traffic Signal Contract, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

#### **4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE NINE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND LIGHTING POLES**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria moved to authorize staff to purchase nine (9) traffic signal and lighting poles from JTB Supply Company as the most responsive and responsible proposer for a not-to-exceed amount of \$99,809.33 payable from account 535-8016-431.74-10; and authorize the City Manager and department heads to execute the purchase order and process all applicable invoices, seconded by Councilmember Avila. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

Prior to item five (5) on the agenda being discussed, Vice Mayor Martinez recused himself from the item.

#### **5. RESOLUTION SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE HUNTINGTON PARK RULE 20A UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT ON SANTA ANA STREET BETWEEN STATE STREET AND OTIS STREET AND DECLARING THE FORMATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 15**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-35 setting the Public Hearing date of December 21, 2021 to adopt the Huntington Park Rule 20A Undergrounding Project at Santa Ana Street between State Street and Otis Street and declaring the formation of Underground Utility District No. 15; and authorize the City Clerk's Office to publish the Notice of Public Hearing and notify the affected parcel owners of the undergrounding project, seconded by

Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent with Vice Mayor Martinez being recused from the item.

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

**NOES:** None

**RECUSSED:** Vice Mayor Martinez

Vice Mayor Martinez rejoined the City Council meeting at the conclusion of item 5 on the agenda.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH RINCON CONSULTANTS, INC.**

**MOTION:** Mayor Ortiz moved to approve a professional service agreement with Rincon Consulting, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$26,684; and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents related to this contract, seconded by Councilmember Sanabria. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

### **7. CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL OF THE TRAFFIC AUTHORITY DENIAL OF BLUE CURB AT 3823 OLIVE STREET**

No action taken due to lack of motion.

### **8. CONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CALHOME GRANT**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-36 authorizing the submission of an application to HCD for funding under the CalHome Program; and approve the Professional Services Agreement with Global Urban Strategies, Inc. for CalHome Grant administration; and authorize the City Manager to sign all documents related to this program, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

## **END OF REGULAR AGENDA**

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Police Chief Lozano provided an update on the 58<sup>th</sup> Street alley. Chief Lozano shared that the Police Department, Community Development, Public Works, and the City Attorney will be forming a short term task force to address the conditions and gain the support of businesses where the activity is taking place.

Communications Director Sergio Infanzon shared that the City will begin having workshops on how to become a home owner beginning December 9, 2021.

Public Works Director Cesar Roldan shared that work on the four (4) way stop at Oak St. has concluded. He also shared that work on Cudahy Street has also been completed. He concluded by sharing that work on Hill Street continues.

### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** – None

### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Manuel Avila wished everyone a good night.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria also wished everyone a good night.

Council Member Karina Macias thanked staff and reminded local seniors about the senior food pantry at Salt Lake Park from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. She concluded her comments by wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

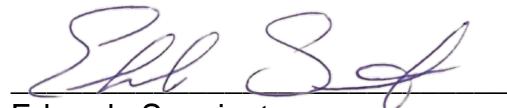
Vice Mayor Eduardo “Eddie” Martinez thanked staff for an amazing job providing a support to the community. He then wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Ortiz shared her excitement about agenda item 8 that will help community members take the steps to become home owners, and thanked staff for their efforts. She closed by wishing everyone an amazing Thanksgiving.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Eduardo Sarmiento  
City Clerk