

## **MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, March 1, 2022

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 6:04 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 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; 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, Cynthia Norzagaray Director of Parks & Recreation.

### **INVOCATION**

Invocation was led by Mayor Graciela Ortiz.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Clerk Eduardo Sarmiento

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

#### **1. RECOGNITION OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following members of the public submitted public comments:

1. Vianey Rocha
2. Sandra Guerrero
3. Eva Serrano
4. Zumba class advocate (no name provided)
5. Zumba class advocate (no name provided)
6. Zumba class advocate (no name provided)
7. Zumba class advocate (no name provided)
8. Zumba class advocate (no name provided)
9. Zumba class advocate (no name provided)

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## **STAFF RESPONSE**

Mayor Ortiz thanked community members for providing public comment and asked the City Manager or Director of Parks and Recreation to provide a response to the public comments.

Parks and Recreation Director Cynthia Norzagaray provided a response to the public commenters related to the Zumba class at Keller Park. She shared that organized group events require a permit and additional conditions be met prior to starting a class of this kind. Ms. Norzagaray invited the participants to join the aerobics class held at Salt Lake Park, and fee waivers are also available for those with limited resources. She added that if any of the women are interested in becoming an instructor please reach out to Parks and Recreation in order to facilitate those efforts.

Mayor Ortiz directed staff to reach out to Ms. Rocha who is the leader of the Zumba group at Keller Park, and advised Ms. Rocha to inquire about the steps to become an instructor. She also directed staff to contact the other Zumba group members and inform them of the fee waivers and reasons for not allowing the class to continue. Mayor Ortiz emphasized the importance of safety and following existing protocols when starting this kind of program, and encouraged the group to discuss the idea collaboratively with City staff.

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## **CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Almazan announced it is now appropriate that City Council recess into closed session to discuss the matters listed under the closed session portion of the agenda.

Mayor Graciela Ortiz recessed to closed session at 6:20 p.m.

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 Superior Court Case No. 20STCPO3947
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)  
Consideration of initiation in one potential case

Mayor Graciela Ortiz reconvened to open session at 7:09 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, the two (2) items listed on the closed session agenda

were discussed. With regard to item one (1) and two (2) Council was briefed, but no final action was taken. This concluded the closed session report.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria moved to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

### **1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINTUES**

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

1-1. Regular City Council Meeting held February 15, 2022

### **FINANCE**

### **2. CHECK REGISTERS**

Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated March 1, 2022;

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE DODGERS DREAMTEAM PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS FOUNDATION FOR THE 2022 BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SEASON AT SALT LAKE PARK.**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria moved to adopt Resolution No. 2022-07, authorizing the acceptance of the Dodgers RBI Grant from the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation for the 2022 Baseball season at Salt Lake Park; and authorize the City Manager to execute all related grant documents, seconded by Councilmember Avila. 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 ADOPT AN ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING AND PRACTICES POLICY AS A CONDITION TO RECEIVE STATE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY GRANTS**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria moved to consider adoption of an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing and Practices (EPPP) Policy as a condition to receive State Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) grants, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

### **5. CONSIDERATION SETTING APRIL 19, 2022 FOR THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Macias moved to set April 19, 2022 to adopt the Local Roadway Safety Plan; and authorize staff to post the draft Local Roadway Safety Plan on the City's website and distribute to community stakeholders for comment, seconded by Councilmember Avila. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

### **6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE DESIGN-BUILD OF FIRE PROTECTION ALARM SERVICES AT THIRTEEN CITY FACILITIES**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria moved to authorize staff to publish and solicit a Request for Bid (RFB) from a State of California licensed C-16 - Fire Protection Contractor, per California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 8, Article 3 to design, fabricate/manufacture and install a fire protection alarm system at thirteen City facilities, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

### **7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO SOLICIT CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES AS PART OF THE OVERSIGHT OF CIP 2021-01 SB1 CDBG STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FY 21/22**

Councilmember Macias recused herself prior to item seven (7) beginning.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria moved to authorize staff to publish and solicit a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified firms to provide Construction Management and Inspection Services (CM/CI) for CIP 2021-01 SB1 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project FY 21/22, seconded by Councilmember Avila. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**RECUSED:** Councilmember Macias

At the conclusion of item seven (7) Councilmember Macias rejoined the Council meeting.

### **END OF REGULAR AGENDA**

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Communications Director Sergio Infanzon provided a report from the previous months events and workshops. He then shared the dates and times for upcoming events and workshops which are available on the City's webpage.

Parks and Recreation Director Cynthia Norzagaray shared that a blood drive will be held tomorrow at Salt Lake Park from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. She also shared that in April the City will hold a 5k run and education event.

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### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Manuel Avila wished Councilmember Sanabria a Happy Birthday.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria thanked staff and gave a special thanks to Sergio for the coordination of the Spay and Neuter clinic. She encouraged everyone to take advantage of the Spay and Neuter clinic in order to help control the animal population.

Council Member Karina Macias thanked staff for their work. She thanked Police Chief Lozano and the Public Works team for their help with the food distribution event at Gage Middle School. She also thanked Sergio Infanzon for the successful events. She closed

by wishing Councilmember Sanabria a Happy Birthday and a Happy Women's Month to all women.

Vice Mayor Eduardo "Eddie" Martinez thanked staff for all their efforts and keeping us safe. He also wished Councilmember Sanabria a Happy Birthday, and closed his remarks by congratulating Animal Control officer Lozano for his dedication to the City and his great work.

Mayor Ortiz reminded everyone to participate in the upcoming state of the City on March 12, 2022 at Keller Park. She then posed a question to the Community Development Director. She shared that participants of the first time home buyer workshops are inquiring when the application will be ready. She then requested that the Public Works department evaluate the HP Express stops to ensure all signs are properly posted and each stop on the route is needed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday March 15, 2022 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