

## **MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, April 5, 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 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 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, Director of Parks & Recreation - Absent.

### **INVOCATION**

Invocation was led by Mayor Graciela Ortiz.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Karina Macias

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

1. **EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE**
2. **EARTH DAY-BULKY ITEMS & MY HUNTINGTON PARK APP FLYERS**
3. **PROCLAMATION FOR FAIR HOUSING MONTH**
4. **PROCLAMATION FOR DONATE LIFE MONTH**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following members of the public submitted public comments:

1. George Middleton
2. Guillermo Hernandez
3. Carlota (No last name provided)
4. Amanda Lombarski

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### **STAFF RESPONSE**

Mayor Ortiz thanked community members for providing public comment and asked Huntington Park Chief of Police Cosme Lozano to provide a response.

Chief Lozano began by sharing that the police department is aware and is doing its best to address the needs at the park. He added that this is a very busy time of the day with a combination of needs that consist of a combination of addressing incoming calls for police response which also assisting with schools with traffic circulation at the various school sites. He stated that he would continue to work diligently to address the various needs of both the community and collaborate with local schools to address these needs.

Mayor Ortiz stated that a collaborative effort needs to be made by schools, community members, and local officials to address these concerns in a robust way.

Police Chief Lozano agreed with Mayor Ortiz regarding the need for collaborative efforts. Police Chief Lozano then moved on to address the public comment related to speeding on Salt Lake Ave. He stated that he can deploy extra enforcement to the stretch of area,

and he suggested that the City's traffic authority look at the traffic situation in that area to determine if traffic calming measures may be appropriate. He emphasized that enforcement alone will not resolve the issue thus the need for the Traffic Authority to take a look at the issue more closely.

Mayor Ortiz thanked Police Chief Lozano for his response. She then briefly addressed the public comment related to parking submitted by Mr. Middleton. She started by thanking Mr. Middleton for his feedback and acknowledged that this issue has been previously discussed. Mayor Ortiz stated that although this can be resolved at today's meeting options need to be brought forward to address the concern.

City Manager Reyes responded to the public comment related to street vending. He shared that City does have a street vending program and encouraged all parties interested in this kind of business to please stop by City Hall and submit an application to the program.

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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 close session portion of the agenda.

Mayor Graciela Ortiz recessed to closed session at 6:39 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
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Communities for a Better Environment et. al. vs. City of Huntington Park et. al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCP00834

Mayor Graciela Ortiz reconvened to open session at 7:42 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, all four (4) items listed on the close session agenda were discussed. With regard to item one (1) through four (4) Council was briefed, direction was provided, but no final action was taken. That 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 March 15, 2022

**FINANCE**

**2. CHECK REGISTERS**

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated April 5, 2022;

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AMEND UTILITY SERVICE CO. INC.'S (A SUEZ COMPANY) CONTRACT TO INSTALL A NEW ROOF AS PART OF CIP 2020-03 COTTAGE RESERVOIR AT WELL 15**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria moved to approve the amendment (Attachment 1) to extend Utility Service Co., Inc. (A SUEZ Company) Contractor Services Agreement for the rehabilitation and visual inspection and washout with any needed repairs of the Cottage Reservoir at Well 15 until June 30, 2026; and approve an appropriation to Account No. 681-8030-461.76-18 of \$1,379,169 to be distributed starting in the current fiscal year and ending on June 30, 2026 (Attachment 2); and authorize staff to engage Aspire Titan Academy and Aspire Public Schools - Junior Collegiate Academy to access their parking lot adjacent to Alameda Street; and authorize the City Manager to execute the First Amendment, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

Prior to agenda item four (4) Councilmember Macias recused herself from items four (4), five (5), and six (6).

**4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AWARD CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR CIP 2021-01 SB1 CDBG STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FY 2021-22**

**MOTION:** Mayor Ortiz moved to award the contract for Construction Management and Inspection Services to Cannon for CIP 2021-01 SB1 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project FY 2021-22 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$262,448 payable from Account No. 111-8010-431.76-12; and authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract agreement., seconded by Councilmember Sanabria. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**RECUSED:** Councilmember Macias

**5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AWARD LABOR COMPLIANCE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT OF CIP 2021-01 SB1 CDBG STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FY 2021-22**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria moved to award the contract for labor compliance services to Pacifica Services, Inc. for CIP 2021-01 SB1 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project FY 2021-22 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$32,225 payable from Account No. 221-8010-431.76-12; and authorize the City Manager to execute the professional services agreement, seconded by Councilmember Avila. Motion carried by unanimous consent with Councilmember Macias being recused from the item.

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

**NOES:** None

**RECUSED:** Councilmember Macias

**6. REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR CIP 2021-01 SB1 CDBG STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FY 2021-22 IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 22038(A)(1)**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria moved to reject all bids for CIP 2021-01 SB1 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project FY 2021-22 in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22038(a)(1); and authorize staff to modify the project scope of work in conformance with all applicable engineering standards; and authorize the Public Works Department to re-advertise the Notice Inviting Bid in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22038(a)(1), seconded by Councilmember Avila. Motion carried by unanimous consent with Councilmember Macias being recused from the item.

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

**NOES:** None

**RECUSED:** Councilmember Macias

At the conclusion of agenda item six (6) Councilmember Macias rejoined the City Council meeting.

**7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CIP 2017-03 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE III PROJECT NO. ATPL-5150(015)**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria moved to award the contract to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. for the construction of CIP 2017-03 Active Transportation Program Cycle III Project No. ATPL-5150(015) as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for a not-to-exceed amount of \$895,981 payable from Account No. 202-8080-431.76-20; and approve a construction contingency of \$44,835 payable from Account No. 202-8080-431.76-20; and authorize the City Manager to execute all change orders in good faith and the construction contract agreement, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AWARD OF A CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR CIP 2017-03 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE III PROJECT NO. ATPL-5150(015)**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Macias moved to award the Construction Management and Inspection Professional Services Agreement to Southstar Engineering and

Consulting, Inc. as part of the oversight of CIP 2017-03 ATP Cycle III Project No. ATPL-5150(015) for a not-to-exceed amount of \$109,184; and payable from FY 2021-22 budget of \$105,000 from Account No. 222-8080-431.76-20 and \$4,184 from Account No. 202-8080-431.76-20; and authorize the City Manager to execute the professional services agreement, seconded by Councilmember Sanabria. 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**

Communications Director Sergio Infanzon provided a report regarding the recent City events. He also shared upcoming events and directed interested community members to the city website for additional information.

Community Development director Steve Forster shared that the first-time home buyer draft will be ready for the April 19, 2022 City Council meeting.

Police Chief Lozano shared that the meet your police event will be starting back up on April 14, 2022, at Veterans Park. He also shared that Lieutenant Martinez has been promoted to Captain and will attend the next City Council meeting.

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### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Manuel Avila wished everyone a goodnight.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria thanked staff and also wished everyone a good night.

Council Member Karina Macias thanked staff for their work. She reminded community members about the medical clinic that will be held on April 10, 2022 at Salt Lake Park.

Vice Mayor Eduardo "Eddie" Martinez thanked staff for all their efforts and keeping everyone safe. He also congratulated the new Captain and wished everyone a happy easter.

Mayor Ortiz thanked staff and shared her appreciation for staff responses to genuine community issue. She also wished everyone a happy easter.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday April 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Eduardo Sarmiento  
City Clerk