

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, May 3, 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 6:06 p.m. on Tuesday, May 03, 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. Mayor Graciela Ortiz joined the City Council Meeting at the conclusion of closed session.

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 Ortiz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Sanabria.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR COMMISSIONER TERESA BALTAZAR

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people provided public comment:

1. Jose Rivera
2. Julie M. Barreda

STAFF RESPONSE

Mayor Ortiz expressed her concerns with the business on the corner near the 58th Street alley and the increase in bikes. She directed Community Development Director Steve Forster to follow up with the property owner who is permitting the behavior to continue.

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CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Araceli Almazan requested City Council add a subsequent need item to the close session agenda. She added that this item was brought to the city’s attention after the posting of the agenda and requires the Councils immediate attention. The matter to be added will be listed as item four (4) on the closed session agenda under government code section 54956 subsection one (1) existing litigation titled Chacon vs. The City of Huntington Park Workers Compensation matter.

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria moved to add the subsequent item to the closed session agenda, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

AYES: Council Member(s): Avila, Sanabria, Macias, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Ortiz
NOES: None

Mayor Ortiz recessed to closed session at 6:22 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 (1)
Chacon v. City of Huntington Park – Workers Compensation matter

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Araceli Almazan announced the minutes should reflect that with all five members of the City Council present, the four (4) items listed on the close session agenda were discussed. With regard to item one (1), two (2), and three (3) Council was briefed, direction was provided but no final action was taken. With regard to item number four (4) Council was briefed, direction was provided on a possible settlement and resolution of the matter. 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 MINUTES

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

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

1-1. Regular City Council Meeting held April 19, 2022

FINANCE

2. CHECK REGISTERS

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

HUMAN RESOURCES

3. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO SIDE LETTER TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AND THE HUNTINGTON PARK POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**

MOTION: Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the 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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES – FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

MOTION: Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the selection of Valley Vista Services; and exercise option two (2) described by Community Development Director Steve Forster for a ten (10) year contract, and authorize the City Manager to negotiate final terms of the franchise agreement and execute all future documents and agreements on behalf of the City, 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 AND APPROVAL OF FIREWORKS SALES PERMIT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK

MOTION: Councilmember Macias moved to approve the Fireworks Sales Permit Applications submitted by local non-profit organizations in the City of Huntington Park; and authorize the Community Development Department to process the applications and conducts the final inspection of the stands, seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A FIRST TIME HOME BUYER GRANT PROGRAM

MOTION: Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the First Time Home Buyer Grant Program; and appropriate the allocation of HOME related funding in the amount of \$1,675,695 to the fiscal year 2021/22 budget; and authorize the City Manager to execute all future documents and agreements on behalf of the City, seconded by Councilmember Sanabria. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

At the conclusion of item eight (8) Councilmember Macias recused herself from Public Hearing item nine (9).

PUBLIC WORKS

7. REJECT BID PROPOSAL RECEIVED FOR THE DESIGN-BUILD OF FIRE PROTECTION ALARM SERVICES AT THIRTEEN CITY FACILITIES

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria moved to reject the lone bid proposal for the design-build of fire protection alarm services at thirteen city facilities in accordance

with Public Contract Code Section 22038(a)(1); and authorize staff to publish and solicit a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified C-10, C-16 licensed contractors and relevant and experienced engineering firms to design the fire protection alarm system plans and specifications for bidding purposes, 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 REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Communications Director Sergio Infanzon provided a report on recently held community event and provided date for upcoming events, including the upcoming Art Festival. He also shared with the Council the first art piece submission for the festival.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Manuel Avila wished everyone a good night.

Councilmember Marilyn Sanabria wished her mother and all the mothers of the world a happy Mother's Day. She also thanked staff for the execution of the animal clinic.

Councilmember Karina Macias thanked staff and wish everyone a happy Mother's Day specially to single fathers who are both Mothers and Fathers of their household.


Vice Mayor Eduardo "Eddie" Martinez thanked staff for all their efforts and keeping us safe. He also thanked the volunteers who helped with clean up and planting efforts.

Mayor Ortiz wished her mother and all mothers a happy Mother's Day. She also echoed the sentiment of Councilmember Macias regarding those parents who play both the role of mother and father of their household and wish them a happy Mother's Day as well. She then announced that on Saturday May 7, 2022 Marquez High School will be having a health fair run entirely by the students as part of their community projects and encouraged everyone to attend. She also thanked staff for their efforts with the first-time home buyers' program. She closed by encouraging everyone to attend opening day of Huntington Park baseball Wednesday May 25, 2022, and wished all High School students luck with the upcoming advance placement and end of year testing.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ortiz adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday May 17, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk