

MINUTES

Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, August 16, 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 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Eduardo "Eddie" Martinez presiding.

PRESENT: Councilmember(s): Graciela Ortiz, Karina Macias, Vice-Mayor Marilyn Sanabria, and Mayor Eduardo "Eddie" Martinez.

CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: 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; Steve Foster, Director of Community Development; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Communications; Araceli Almazan City Attorney, Cynthia Norzagaray Director of Parks & Recreation - absent.

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Mayor Martinez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Martinez

PRESENTATION(S)

1. RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL NIGHT OUT VENDORS
2. PRESENTATION/REPORT ON HUNTINGTON PARK TUTORING PROGRAM
3. RECOGNITION OF SUMMER TUTORING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
4. PRESENTATION ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people provided public comment:

1. Haydee Luppino
2. Isabela Campos
3. Rosa Torres
4. Carmen Ayala
5. Jacob Jimmy

STAFF RESPONSE

City manager Ricardo Reyes stated that he will revisit the topic of Zumba at Keller Park with the director of Parks and Recreation Cynthia Norzagaray and look into the possibility of extending the program. He then addressed the homeless topic by sharing that the city has a homeless outreach program that is spearheaded by Huntington Park Police and a council approved consultant Inner City Visions. He asked all community members to continue contacting the Huntington Park Police for assistance with this topic. He then asked Police Chief Cosme Lozano if he had any additional information to add regarding the topic of homelessness.

Police Captain Martinez concurred with Mr. Reyes that Huntington Park Police department is working with Inner City Visions to provided outreach to homeless individuals in the area mentioned during public comment. He added that the city has also entered into an agreement with Bell Shelter to hold four (4) beds for exclusive use by Huntington Park referrals and a memorandum of understanding with neighboring cities to share open beds when needed. He also stated that increased patrols have helped and will continue along with efforts by Inner City Visions to address the concerns. He closed by encouraging all residents to continue calling the police department in to report any illegal activity.

CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Almazan stated that it is appropriate to recess to closed session. Mayor Martinez recessed into closed session at 6:59 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 – EXISTING LITIGATION**
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Aragon et. al. v. City of Huntington Park et. al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No.20STCV44933

Mayor Martinez reconvened the Council meeting from Closed Session at 7:55 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Almazan reported that the record should reflect that with Councilmembers Ortiz, Macias, Vice Mayor Sanabria, and Mayor Martinez the three (3) matters listed on the closed session agenda were discussed. With regard to items one (1), two (2), and three (3) Council was briefed, direction was provided and no final action was taken. This concluded the closed session report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

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

NOES: None

1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINTUES

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

1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held August 2, 2022

2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONTINUE ITS TELECONFERENCED OPEN MEETINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361

Adopt Resolution No. 2022-31 to Authorize the City of Huntington Park to Conduct Teleconferenced Open Meetings in Accordance with Assembly Bill 361.

FINANCE

3. CHECK REGISTERS

Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated August 16, 2022

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PUBLISH A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO OBTAIN TECHNICAL EXPERTISE FROM A CERTIFIED TREE ARBORIST AND UPDATE THE URBAN TREE INVENTORY

MOTION: Vice Mayor Sanabria moved to Authorize staff to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP) to obtain professional services from a certified tree arborist and to update the urban tree inventory, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO OVERSEE THE ONE-TIME STATE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY SB 1383 LOCAL

ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

MOTION: Vice Mayor Sanabria moved to award the professional services agreement to oversee and implement the one-time State Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program to Municipal Waste Solutions for a not-to-exceed amount of \$75,625 payable from Account No. 285-8050-432.56-41; and authorize the City Manager to execute the professional services agreement, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Martinez opened the public hearing.

6. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 21 “MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY,” TO TITLE 4, “PUBLIC SAFETY,” OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY IN COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 481 POLICY

MOTION: Councilmember Macias moved to waive full reading and introduce by title only the proposed ordinance (Attachment “A”) adding chapter 21 “Military Use Policy, to title 4, “Public Safety,” of the Huntington Park Municipal Code, seconded by Vice Mayor Sanabria. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT ONE TO THE FY 2022-2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (AAP) FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS

MOTION: Councilmember Ortiz moved to approve Substantial Amendment Number One to the Annual Action Plan for FY 2022-2023, inclusive of any comments received by the City Clerk during the 30-day public comment period; and authorize City Manager to execute the HUB Cities Consortium Business Outreach Program with the unallocated FY 2020 CDBG-CV funds; and authorize City Manager to execute all required documents for transmittal to the U.S. Department of Housing

and Urban Development Department (HUD); and amend the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget in accordance with the approved Substantial Amendment, appropriating \$80,000.00 to account number 239-0280-490.51-07, Business Outreach Program; and authorize City staff to electronically transmit the amended components of the FY 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) via Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS), seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

END OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

To view the complete report please click the following link [8-16-22 City Council Meeting](#)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Ortiz began by wishing all students a happy first week back at school. She then thanked staff for their efforts in getting the tutoring program up and running.

Councilmember Macias thanked staff and echoed Councilmembers Ortiz comments wishing the kids a happy first week back to school and thanked staff for a successful roll out of the tutoring program.

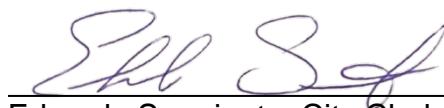
Vice Mayor Sanabria also thanked staff and directors for all their hard work and also echoed her colleagues in wishing kids of all ages a happy first week back to school.

Mayor Martinez also thanked staff and the police for keeping everyone safe and echoed the comments of his council colleagues wishing all students a happy first week back. He closed by sharing some kind words about his recent departure and longtime Huntington Park resident and business owner Salvador Avila.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Martinez adjourned the meeting in memory of Salvador Avila at 8:07 p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday September 06, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted



Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk

