

## **MINUTES**

Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, October 18, 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, October 04, 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, Arturo Flores, and Mayor Eduardo “Eddie” Martinez.

**ABSENT:** Vice-Mayor Marilyn Sanabria

**CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF:** City Manager Ricardo Reyes; Cesar Roldan Director of Public Works; Raul Alvarez Assistant City Manager; Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk; Al Martinez Police Captain, Nita McKay Director of Finance- absent; 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 Councilmember Flores.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Martinez

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

1. **PROCLAMATION PROCLAMING OCTOBER LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH**
2. **RECOGNITION OF COMMISSIONERS SELECTED BY THE LATE COUNCILMEMBER MANUEL “MANNY” AVILA**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people provided public comment:

1. Ronald Saavedra

### **STAFF RESPONSE**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes stated that the city has provisions in place regarding motorhomes on public streets. He added that staff will speak with the resident regarding the issue and asked Captain Martinez with the Huntington Park Police if he had any additional information add. Mr. Reyes then requested that item eight (8) be pulled from the agenda.

With no objection from the City Council item eight (8) was pulled from the agenda.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Araceli Almazan stated that it is appropriate to recess to closed

session. Mayor Martinez recessed into closed session at 6:26 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 – EXISTING LITIGATION**  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Catalina Peraza Workers Comp Settlement

**3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Jose Luis Maldonado Aguilar v. City of Huntington Park, et al. Case No. 2:21cv-5755-AB-KS. US District Court for the Central District of California

**4. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT – POSITION: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Government Code Section 54957 (b)(1) – One Matter

Mayor Martinez reconvened the Council meeting from Closed Session at 8:53 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

City Attorney Almazan reported that the record should reflect that with Councilmembers Ortiz, Macias, Flores, and Mayor Martinez present the four (4) items listed on the closed session agenda were discussed. Regarding item one (1) Council was briefed, and no final action was taken. Regarding item two (2), three (3), and four (4) Council was briefed and direction was provided but 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 Councilmember Ortiz. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

**AYES:** Council Member(s): Ortiz, Macias, Flores, and Mayor Martinez

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Sanabria

**1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINTUES**

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

1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held October 04, 2022

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

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-34 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 October 18, 2022

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**4. AUTHORIZATION AND RATIFICATION OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR HUNTINGTON PARK 2022 HOLIDAY PARADE**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ortiz moved to authorize and ratify the expenditures in a not-to-exceed amount of \$65,000 for TV production, TV Broadcasting and

Parade Security for the 2022 Holiday Parade with KTLA 5; and authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Magnolia Street Productions for the 2022 Holiday Parade, seconded by Councilmember Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Sanabria

**5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AT CITY HALL**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ortiz moved to authorize the use of the Arts in Public Places funds for the holiday tree decorations at City Hall; and authorize Staff to proceed with Bright Life Designs to install and take down the holiday decorations at City Hall for a two (2) year term, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Sanabria

**6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION AND RATIFICATION OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR HOLIDAY PALM TREE DECORATIONS ON PACIFIC BOULEVARD**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ortiz moved to approve authorization of St. Nick’s Christmas Lighting & Décor for the installation and removal of Holiday Palm Tree Light Decorations on Pacific Boulevard using account #111-6010-451-74.10 in a not-to-exceed amount of \$17,050.00, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Sanabria

**7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR HOLIDAY LANE AT SALT LAKE PARK**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ortiz moved to approve authorization of Brightlife Designs for the rental of holiday lights at Salt Lake Park on Bissell Street in a not-to-exceed amount of \$22,175.00 and; authorize the City Manager to enter into a 2-year agreement with Brightlife Designs for 2022 and 2023, seconded by Councilmember Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Sanabria

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH GC HUNTINGTON PARK II, LLC**

Item was pulled from the agenda and no action was taken by City Council.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **9. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022 TO ADOPT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REVISED COUNTYWIDE SITING ELEMENT**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ortiz moved to approve setting the public hearing date of November 1, 2022 to adopt the Los Angeles County revised Countywide Siting Element, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Sanabria

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Parks and Recreation Director Cynthia Norzagaray shared information about the upcoming Halloween event on October 31, 2022 at Keller Park from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. She then shared that on Wednesday November 2, 2022 the city will have a Dia De Los Muertos event at Salt Lake Park at 6:00 p.m.

Director of Communications Sergio Infanzon shared upcoming community engagement opportunities starting with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority community forum on November 3, 2022 at the Salt Lake Park community center at 6:00 p.m. He then shared information about the Housing Authority's Section 8 program. He encouraged everyone who would like more information to contact City Hall for assistance.

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Ortiz began by encouraging residents to participate and enjoy the Halloween and Dia De Los Muertos events. She also reminded residents about the upcoming grand opening of Target.

Councilmember Macias thanked staff for all their hard work and gave a shout out to the Huntington Park Police Department for the Coffee with the cop event. She then echoed her colleague's comments and encouraged everyone to come to the upcoming holiday events and the Target grand opening.

Councilmember Flores also echoed his fellow Councilmembers comments regarding the Coffee with the cop. He expressed that the event provided a sense of solidarity among community members, Police, and city staff is truly appreciated by community members. He also shared his excitement for the grand opening of Target and what a huge accomplishment for the City of Huntington Park and its residents.

Mayor Martinez also thanked staff for keeping everyone safe. He then echoed the remarks of his fellow Councilmember in encouraging everyone to participate in the upcoming holiday events and Target's grand opening. He then shared that on Saturday October 22, 2022 the Women's Club in partnership with Huntington Park will be hosting a domestic violence forum. Mayor Martinez then gave the floor back to Councilmember Ortiz for a special message to close the meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Ortiz adjourned the meeting in memory of and with the city's deepest sympathy to long time Huntington Park resident and beloved father and grandfather Jose Luis Becerra Ramirez at 9:12 p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday November 1, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted

  
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Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk

