

MINUTES

Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, December 20, 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 6:14 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 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; Cosme Lozano Police Chief, John Balderas, Finance Manager; 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 PACIFIC BLVD. EDUCATOR FOR THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE**
2. **MAYORS HOLIDAY AWARD DECORATION WINNERS**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF RESPONSE

City Manager Ricardo requested item ten (10) be pulled from the regular agenda. With no objection the City Council pulled item ten (10) 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 6:37 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)

Mayor Martinez reconvened the Council meeting from Closed Session at 7:15 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Almazan reported that the record should reflect that with four Councilmembers present, Councilmembers Ortiz, Macias, Flores and Mayor Martinez all three items in the closed session agenda were discussed. With regard to item number one (1) on the closed session agenda Council was briefed but no reportable action was taken. With regard to item two (2) of the closed session agenda Council was briefed as to the terms of the settlement agreement between CR&R Environmental Services and Huntington Park City Council instructed the City Manager to negotiate the final terms of the settlement agreement with CR&R in the amount of 1.35 million dollars. With regard to item three (3) on the closed session agenda Council was briefed, 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 December 6, 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 authorizing 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 December 20, 2022

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY MANAGER

4. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

MOTION: Councilmember Macias moved to adopt Resolution approving cost of living adjustment for Non-Represented employees, 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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

5. CONSIDERATION TO RENEW AGREEMENT WITH ALL CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD SERVICES AND ACCEPT INCREASE IN COST FOR FY 22 – 23 AND FY 23 – 24

MOTION: Councilmember Ortiz moved to renew the crossing guard services agreement; and authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute the agreement, seconded by Councilmember Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Sanabria

6. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE Cal OES GRANT

MOTION: Councilmember Macias moved to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager as the signatory for the submittal, acceptance and execution of the FY 2022 Cal OES grant program application for the emergency; and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents relative to the Cal EOS Grant, 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

At the conclusion of item six (6) Councilmember Ortiz stepped away from the dais.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PROVIDE A ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION TO INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERS INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND BUILDING AND SAFETY SERVICES

MOTION: Councilmember Macias moved to authorize a one (1) year extension for professional engineering and building and safety services with Infrastructure Engineers Inc.; and authorize the City Manager to execute the extension agreement, seconded by Mayor Martinez. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Sanabria

8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF GUIDELINES FOR THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COVID (CDBG – CV) PROGRAM

MOTION: Councilmember Macias moved to approve the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Guidelines from the Community Development Block Grant COVID (CDBG – CV) funds, seconded by Councilmember Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Sanabria

9. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK'S CDBG AND HOME PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

MOTION: Councilmember Macias moved to approve the Community Development Block grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership ACT (HOME Program) Policies and Procedures for the administration of the programs, seconded by Councilmember Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Sanabria

10. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES' DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CSCDA) OPEN PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAM.

ITEM 10: It was pulled by the City Manager.

11. CONSIDERATION AND AUTHORIZATION OF ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT FROM CR&R TO VALLEY VISTA SERVICES

MOTION: Councilmember Macias moved to authorize the contract assignment from CR&R Inc. to Valley Vista Services for solid waste handling services; and authorize the City Manager to prepare and execute the assignment, seconded by Mayor Martinez. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Sanabria

PUBLIC WORKS

12. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ADAPT THE AS-BUILT STRIPING PLAN FOR THE EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND SEGMENTS OF RANDOLPH STREET BETWEEN ALAMEDA STREET AND SANTA FE AVENUE.

MOTION: Councilmember Flores moved to approve the Environmental Assessment pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15301 as a Class 1 categorical exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and approve the adoption of the As-built striping plan for the eastbound and westbound segments of Randolph Street between Alameda Street and Santa Fe Avenue, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Sanabria

13. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE PREPARATION OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATE OF CIP 2019 – 14 ATP CYCLE V PROJECT NO. ATPSB1L – 5150(017)

MOTION: Councilmember Macias moved to award the preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimate of CIP 2019 – 14 ATP Cycle V Project No. ATPSB1L-5150(017) to Infrastructure Engineers for a not-to-exceed amount of \$191,420; and allocate \$191,420 from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) into Account No. 202-8080-431.76-23 as City staff seeks reimbursement of state funds as work progresses; and authorize the City Manager to execute the professional

services agreement, seconded by Councilmember Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Sanabria

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

POLICE DEPARTMENT

14. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK MASTER FEE SCHEDULE ADOPTING FEES ASSOCIATED WITH PROCESSING CARRY CONCEALED WEAPON (CCW) PERMITS.

Prior to the public hearing beginning Councilmember Ortiz rejoined the City Council meeting.

No public testimony was given by anyone in the audience or by phone. Mayor Martinez closed the public hearing and the Council proceeded to deliberate on the item.

MOTION: Councilmember Ortiz moved to adopt a Resolution adopting fee amounts associated with processing Carry Concealed Weapon (CCW) Permits, as required by State law seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Sanabria

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

City Manager Ricardo Reyes thanked Council for approving the cost of living adjustment for Non-Represented Employees. The total adjustment is 17% over ten years with four and a half percent (4.5%) in 2023. The adjustment will affect 42 classifications in total and 36 employees currently.

Community Development Director and Public Works Director wished everyone a happy holiday.

Police Chief Lozano wished everyone Happy Holidays and thanked staff for all their support. He also thanked the men and women of the Huntington Park Police Department for their efforts.

Communications Director Sergio Infanzon thanked Council for their support and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Ortiz thanked staff and everyone who assisted and participated in successful Holiday Parade. She also thanked staff and everyone who participated in giving out 3000 toys out during the toy give away. She closed by wishing everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Macias thanked staff for all their efforts in 2022 and emphasized the team effort that is required to successfully pull off events like the Holiday Parade. She added that she's received positive feedback from the community. She then expressed her hope for an even better year in 2023 and gave a special thanks to Parks and Recreation for the toy give away. She closed by wishing everyone a Happy Holiday and great New Year.

Councilmember Flores thanked the Department Directors, Assistant City Manager and the City Manager for their effort. He expressed amazement with the extra effort to make magic happen for the community. He closed to by wishing everyone Happy Holiday and Happy New Year.

Mayor Martinez thanked staff for an amazing and productive year. He also emphasized the team effort it takes to execute all that goes on in the city. He took time reflect back and reminded everyone of the theme for this holiday season which is to celebrate with kindness. He closed by sharing his gratitude for his wonderful colleagues and closed by remembering the late Councilmember Manuel "Manny" Avila who's spirt will always be with us.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Martinez adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday January 3, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk

