

## **MINUTES**

Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, April 18, 2023

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 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 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, Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria and Mayor Eduardo “Eddie” Martinez.

**ABSENT:** None

**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; Steve Foster Director of Community Development; Sergio Infanzon Director of Communications; Gloria Ramirez City Attorney, Cynthia Norzagaray Director of Parks & Recreation.

### **INVOCATION**

Mayor Martinez led the invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Ortiz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

Prior to presentations Mayor Martinez requested a motion to add a presentation item to the agenda.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ortiz moved to add an item to the, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

1. **PROCLAMATION FOR AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**
2. **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO SANTA FE DENTAL GROUP**
3. **LINDA MARQUEZ HIGH SCHOOL – HPIAM ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following members of the public provided public comment:

1. Christina Lopez
2. Adriana Escobar

### **STAFF RESPONSE**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes addressed the first public comment and stated that this is a permitting issue, and the city will reach out to the individual to help. Mr. Reyes then requested item two (2) on the Consent Calendar to be pulled from the agenda.

Vice Mayor Sanabria directed staff to investigate the dancing mentioned by one of the public commenters.

Community Development Director Steve Forster responded to the Vice Mayor and stated that he has directed Paul Bollier and Ishah Ahumada to investigate and meet with the commenter for details.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

City Attorney Gloria Ramirez briefly introduced herself then stated that it is appropriate to recess to closed session. Mayor Martinez recessed into closed session at 6:41 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 54956.8  
Real Property Negotiations 6803 Malabar Huntington Park CA 90255
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – One matter

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

### **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

City Attorney Ramirez reported that the record should reflect that with five (5) Councilmembers present, the three items on the closed session agenda were discussed. Regarding items one (1) and two (2) the Council was briefed but no reportable action was taken. Regarding item three (3) attorney Ramirez noted that Mayor Martinez abstained from the item, Council was briefed, but no reportable action was taken. This concluded the closed session report.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **CITY CLERK**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Sanabria moved to approve the balance of the consent calendar with item two (2) being pulled by the City Manager, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

#### **1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINTUES**

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

1.Regular City Council Meeting held April 4, 2023

#### **2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONTINUE ITS TELECONFERENCED OPEN MEETINGS PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361 AND ASSEMBLY BILL 2449**

Item pulled by City Manager Ricardo Reyes.

#### **FINANCE**

#### **3. CHECK REGISTERS**

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated April 18, 2023;

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **CITY MANAGER**

#### **4. Q3 QUARTERLY BUDGET STATUS REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2023**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Sanabria moved to receive and file the Q3 Quarterly Budget Status report through March 31, 2023; and approve Resolution authorizing the list of Q3 expenditure budget adjustments needed to continue City operations through June 30, 2023; and establish Citywide CIP Fund 787 and consolidate project budgets in single fund; and approve inter-fund cash transfer accounting entries, recorded by former Finance Director, in the amount of \$901,635.46 to close fiscal years 2019/2020, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGE READY PILOT PROGRAM AGREEMENTS**

Prior to item five (5) Mayor Martinez recused himself. Vice Mayor Sanabria continued the item as chair.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Ortiz moved to authorize the City Manager to execute the Southern California Edison (SCE) Innovative Utility Electric Vehicle Street Charging Pilot Agreement (Attachment 1) and the FLO Services USA Inc. (FLO) Maintenance Addendum exclusively as part of the BESTFIT project agreement. Councilmember Ortiz added four (4) additional requirements in her motion to be included with staff recommendation. Final locations will be approved by City Council; and staff will seek out funding sources for maintenance of equipment after the pilot year; and the City must be included in the community outreach process; and quarterly reports be provided to the City Council, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**RECUSED:** Mayor Martinez

At the conclusion of item five (5) Mayor Martinez rejoined the City Council Meeting.

#### **6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CIP 2018-11 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE IV PROJECT NO. ATPL-5150(014)**

Prior to item six (6) Councilmember Macias recused himself.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Sanabria moved to award the contract to Palp Inc. DBA Excel Paving for the construction of CIP 2018-11 Active Transportation Program Cycle IV Project No. ATPL-5150(014) as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for a not to exceed fee of \$4,238,633; and approve a 5% construction contingency in the amount of \$211,932; appropriate \$4,111,849 to Account No. 202-8080-431.76-20 (State of California Department of Transportation reimbursable expense) and \$338,716 to Account No. 210-8080-431.76-20 (Metro Measure M funds); and authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract agreement and all

change orders in good faith, seconded by Councilmember Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**RECUSED:** **RECUSED:** Councilmember Macias

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

**7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FROM QUALIFIED SUPPLIERS TO PURCHASE TWO COMMERCIAL GRADE SIT-DOWN RIDER FLOOR SCRUBBERS**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Sanabria moved to authorize staff to proceed with the advertisement of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for two commercial grade sit-down rider floor scrubbers and accompanying equipment, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FROM QUALIFIED SUPPLIERS TO PURCHASE A FORKLIFT**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Sanabria moved to Authorize staff to proceed with the advertisement of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a forklift, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**9. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A BUDGET INCREASE OF \$50,000 TO MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE CDBG AND HOME GRANT ADMINISTRATION**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Sanabria moved to approve an increase to Michael Baker International’s contract budget in the amount of \$50,000 from the CDBG and HOME grants, seconded by Councilmember Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**END OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes thanked Council for their support and candor regarding the items on tonight’s agenda.

Director of Parks and Recreation Cynthia Norzagaray updated the Council on the Fireworks request for proposals process and indicated that no proposals were received. She then shared that Huntington Parks Summer Night’s programing will be implemented in lieu of the fireworks show. She then shared a few city programing dates to keep in mind including the Manuel “Manny” Avila scholarship on May 19, 2023 and Dodger Day

on May 20, 2023. She closed by thanking staff and those who made the annual 5k event a success.

Public Works Director Cesar Roldan thanked the City Manager and City Council for all the opportunities the department has received to help make the community better. He closed by introducing the new Public Works Analyst Samantha Leyva.

Communications Director Sergio Infanzon encouraged all residents to visit the city's website and social media pages for upcoming events and programming. He then shared information regarding the Art Walk on Pacific Blvd. on April 23, 2023.

### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Ortiz wished everyone a good evening.

Councilmember Macias thanked staff and gave a special thanks to the Finance team for the work and reports they provided tonight and to all departments involved in the annual 5k event. She closed by thanking the Mayor and Communications Department for their work in bringing the annual Art Walk to fruition and encouraged everyone in the community to attend.

Councilmember Flores thanked his colleagues for the great work they do to bring the amazing services and programming to the residents of Huntington Park. He also thanked staff for all of the amazing work and emphasized the teamwork displayed by all staff and directors in putting together these events and services for the community. He closed by giving a special thanks to Sergeant Bojorquez for his quick response to a report of arson.

Vice Mayor Sanabria wished everyone a good night and encouraged everyone to attend Sunday's Art Walk festival.

Mayor Martinez began by thanking staff for always keeping everyone safe and shared his enthusiasm for a successful Earth Day event and great example set by all participants. He also encouraged everyone to attend the Art Walk Festival on Sunday and support the wonderful local talent in Huntington Park. Mayor Martinez closed by sharing information on a pilot program. The healthy food campaign will help educate and empower local restaurants to provide healthy meal options for everyone and help positively impact those living with chronic diseases like diabetes. He then wished everyone a good night.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Martinez adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday May 2, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk