

MINUTES

Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, October 17, 2023

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, October 17, 2023, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Marilyn Sanabria presiding.

PRESENT: Councilmember(s): Graciela Ortiz, Eduardo “Eddie” Martinez., Arturo Flores, Vice Mayor Karina Macias and Mayor Sanabria

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; Araceli Almazan City Attorney.

INVOCATION

Mayor Sanabria led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Macias led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR UCLA SOUND BODY SOUND MIND PROGRAM**
2. **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH PROCLAMATION**
3. **RECOGNITION TO HUNTINGTON PARK POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES**
4. **RECOGNITION OF LOCAL EDUCATORS**

Mayor Sanabria called for a brief recess at 6:46pm. Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:00p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cole Henriksen provided public comment.
Claire Simonich provided a public comment via email.

STAFF RESPONSE

None

CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Araceli Almazan stated that a subsequent need item needs to be added to the closed session agenda.

MOTION: Mayor Sanabria moved to add Jairo Leyva vs. Huntington Park to the closed session agenda, seconded by Councilmember Ortiz. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Hector Barba, Sr. & Norma Barba v. City of Huntington Park, et al.
USDC Case No.: 2:22-cv-08987-FMO-JEM

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Jairo Leyva vs. City of Huntington Park, et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 21STCV24663

Attorney Almazan stated that it is appropriate to recess to closed session.
Vice Mayor Macias recessed into closed session at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Macias reconvened the Council meeting from Closed Session at 7:32 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Almazan reported that the record should reflect that with Councilmembers Martinez, Flores and Vice Mayor Macias of the City Council present the two (2) items on the posted agenda were discussed. Regarding items one (1) and two (2), the Council was briefed, and direction was given but no final action was taken. This concluded the closed session report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CITY CLERK

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor Sanabria

1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINTUES

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

1. Regular City Council Meeting held September 19, 2023

FINANCE

2. WARRANT REGISTER

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated October 17, 2023

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

POLICE DEPARTMENT

3. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THREE POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROL OPERATIONS DIVISION VEHICLES AND SUPPLEMENTARY EQUIPMENT

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

MOTION: Vice Mayor Macias moved to authorize the requisition of funds to purchase three Police Department Patrol Services Division police patrol vehicles from FCA US, LLC (DODGE), specifically Carville Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Greeneville, TN; and approve an appropriation in the amount of \$235,000 to general fund account 111-7010-421.73-10 (FY 23-24 budget project code 500) and a not to exceed amount of \$17,495 to general fund account 111-7010-421.73-10 (FY 23-24 budget project code 600) for a grand total of \$252,495; and authorize the Chief of Police to purchase the vehicles and equip them with the associated technology and emergency response equipment, seconded by Councilmember Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION

4. AUTHORIZATION AND RATIFICATION OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FOR HUNTINGTON PARK 2023 HOLIDAY PARADE

MOTION: Councilmember Ortiz moved to authorize and ratify the expenditures in a not-to-exceed amount of \$45,000 for TV production, TV Broadcasting and Parade Security for the 2023 Holiday Parade; and authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with LS3 Media for Production of the 2023 Holiday Parade, seconded by Councilmember Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

5. APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF WORK PERFORMED AS PART OF CIP 2022-05 SALT LAKE PARK OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT

MOTION: Councilmember Flores moved to approve acceptance of work performed by Ferandell Tennis Courts, Inc. for the resurfacing of the outdoor basketball courts as part of CIP 2022-05 Salt Lake Park Outdoor Basketball Court; and authorize staff to execute the Notice of Completion (NOC) and direct the City Clerk to file the NOC with the Los Angeles County Recorder’s Office, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS, REPORTS AND STUDIES AND PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATE OF CIP 2022-07 SALT LAKE PARK CISTERN PROJECT

MOTION: Councilmember Flores moved to award the preparation of environmental documents, reports and studies and plans, specifications, and estimate (PS&E) of CIP 2022-07 Salt Lake Park Cistern Project to Craft Water Engineering, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,691,813; and appropriate \$1,500,000 from the first allotment of the FY 2022-23 County of Los Angeles Safe Clean Water Program and \$191,813 from General Plan until the second allotment of the FY 2023-24 County of Los Angeles Safe Clean Water Program funds are received by the City; and authorize the Finance Department to provide an account number and project code for this specific project in order to process project invoices; and authorize the City Manager to execute the professional services agreement, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT TO INSTALL FIRE ALARM SERVICES

MOTION: Councilmember Flores moved pursuant to Huntington Park Municipal Code section 2-5.12 Formal Bid Procedures (i): Waive of Bidding. City Council, by a majority vote, may dispense with bidding and other procedures required by this

chapter in any individual instance upon finding that it would be impracticable, useless or economically infeasible to follow such procedures and that the public welfare would be promoted by dispensing with them; and award Radiant Fire & Integration Inc. Db. Radiant Fire Alarm Systems the construction contract to install the fire alarm system for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,852,034.96; and authorize the Finance Department to provide the funding source, account number(s) and project code for this specific project in order to process project invoices; and authorize City personnel to execute the contract, seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8. APPROVE PSA AGREEMENT FOR T2 SYSTEMS PAY STATION MAINTENANCE PROGRAM UTILIZING T2 DIGITAL “IRIS” SOFTWARE SERVICE AND T2 SYSTEMS EXTENDED FULL WARRANTY FOR 3, 1 YEAR EXTENSION OPTIONS

MOTION: Vice Mayor Macias moved to approve T2 Systems Digital “Iris” Software Service 1 Year Cost approve T2 Systems Pay Station Warranty 1 Year Cost, seconded by Councilmember Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

9. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISOLUTION OF MEMBERSHIP WITH ECO-RAPID TRANSIT (ERT).

MOTION: Councilmember Flores moved to approve a Resolution authorizing the dissolution of membership with Eco-Rapid Transit; and authorize the ERT representative to vote to terminate ERT pursuant to section 3.2(i) of the ERT Joint Powers Agreement; and authorize the City Manager to execute any relevant documents on behalf of the City, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

10. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ALLOW FOR A SPECIAL EVENT TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE AND TRAFFIC SAFETY MEASURES ADJACENT TO LINDA MARQUEZ HIGH SCHOOL.

Prior to discussion Community Director Steve Forster amended the actions to include a third (3) recommendation. This was requested to improve the traffic control for the event.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Macias moved to authorize City staff to make the necessary closures and related traffic safety measures along Cottage Street from Gage Avenue to Randolph Street and Alameda (East) Street from southerly cul-de-sac to Randolph Street and Randolph Street from Alameda to Cottage Street; and waive permit fees associated with the event; and authorize closure of Regent between the end of the cu-de-sac at the north end of the street and Gage to the south end, seconded by Councilmember Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

FINANCE

11. FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET STATUS REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

MOTION: Councilmember Ortiz moved to receive and file the FY 2024 Q1 Budget Status Report as of September 30, 2023; and adopt a Resolution approving appropriations and inter-departmental budget transfers; and authorize the Director of Finance in conjunction with the City Manager to align the department budgets with department expenditures through budget transfers, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

CITY MANAGER

12. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) BUDGET UPDATE FOR FY 2024

City Manager Reyes requested Council to pull item 12 from the agenda.

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

13. CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK'S HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE, HEALTH AND SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE, LAND USE ELEMENT UPDATE, ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THE 2021-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

MOTION: Councilmember Martinez moved to review and adopt a Resolution for a General Plan Amendment to update the Housing Element, Health and Safety Element and Land Use Element; and waive full reading and introduce by title only an Ordinance to amend the Municipal Zoning Code Text and the Zoning Map; and review and certify the Environmental Assessment - ENV-2023-01-EA, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Director of Parks and Recreation provided information about the upcoming Halloween event at Keller Park on October 31, 2023 and encouraged the community to attend. She also thanked staff for all the hard work.

Director of Communication provided information about upcoming events and encouraged the community to visit the city website and social media.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Maria Adan submitted a communication related to illegal dumping.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Martinez thanked staff for providing a safe space. He thanked staff for removing some old trash bins that were across the street from the concord buildings that were old newspaper bins that were being used as trashcans and shared how much cleaner it looks now. He then thanked staff for the addition of the Sharrow lanes for bike riders and asked staff to promote the new additions via social media.

Councilmember Flores thanks the Finance department for all the hard work and the Community Development Department for the work on the housing element.

Vice Mayor Macias echoed her colleagues in thanking staff and directors for their hard work. She also shared information about the youth chorus program and encouraged the community to take advantage of the program.

Mayor Sanabria thanked staff for all the hard work that has been put into the Halloween event and encouraged the community to participate. She also requested staff follow up on Councilmember Martinez request for a Pacific Blvd study session.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Macias adjourned the meeting in memory of Maria Luisa Castillo Murillo and Juan Sedillas at 8:43 p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday November 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk