

## **MINUTES**

Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, February 6, 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Vice Mayor Karina Macias presiding.

**PRESENT:** Council Member(s): Graciela Ortiz Eduardo “Eddie” Martinez., Vice Mayor Karina Macias

**ABSENT:** Council Member(s): Flores and Mayor Sanabria

**CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF:** City Manager Ricardo Reyes; Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk; Cosme Lozano Police Chief; Steve Foster Director of Community Development; Sergio Infanzon Director of Communications; Cynthia Norzagaray Director of Parks and Recreation; Araceli Almazan City Attorney.

### **INVOCATION**

Vice Mayor Macias led the invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council member Ortiz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

Prior to presentations Vice Mayor Macias announced that the presentation listed on the agenda will be moved to the Regular meeting on February 20, 2024 due to inclement weather.

#### **1. RECOGNITION OF LOCAL EDUCATOR, VOLUNTEERS, AND OTHER RECOGNITIONS**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following person provided public comment:

1. Scot Binton
2. Myra Casteneda
3. Sonia Rodriguez

### **STAFF RESPONSE**

NONE

At the conclusion of public comment Vice Mayor requested a motion to move item five (5) forward on the agenda to be deliberated on prior to closed session.

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**MOTION:** Council member Ortiz move to item five (5) forward on the agenda to be deliberated on prior to closed session, seconded by Council member Martinez. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Council Member(s) Flores and Mayor Sanabria

**COUNCIL**

**5. RESOLUTION URGING PRIME HEALTHCARE TO REINSTATE EMPLOYMENT OF THE NINE REGISTERED NURSES AND FRONTLINE HEALTHCARE WORKERS AT PRIME ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER IN LYNWOOD**

**MOTION:** Council member Ortiz moved to submit a letter of support and adopt a Resolution urging Prime Healthcare to reinstate employment of the nine registered nurses and frontline healthcare workers at prime St. Francis medical center in Lynwood, seconded by Council member Martinez. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Council Member(s) Flores and Mayor Sanabria

**CLOSED SESSION**

**1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

Consideration of one (1) potential case

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

Government Code Section 54957.9(d)(1)

ESTATE OF ANGELA MELONCON, by and through, DEBORAH BELL, etc. vs. City of Huntington Park

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV16704

Attorney Araceli Almazan stated that it is appropriate to recess to closed session. Vice Mayor Macias recessed into closed session at 6:17 p.m.

Vice Mayor Macias reconvened the Council meeting from Closed Session at 6:56 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

City Attorney Almazan reported that the record should reflect that with three (3) members of the City Council present, Council members Ortiz, Martinez, and Vice Mayor Macias the two (2) items on the closed session agenda were discussed. Regarding the two (2) items on the closed session agenda, the City Council was briefed but no final action was taken. This concluded the closed session report.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**CITY CLERK**

**MOTION:** Council member Martinez moved to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Council member Ortiz. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Council Member(s) Flores and 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 19, 2023

2. Regular City Council Meeting held January 16, 2024

**FINANCE**

**2. CHECK REGISTER**

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated February 6, 2024

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**FINANCE**

Prior to item three (3) of the agenda Vice Mayor Macias stepped away from the dais.

**3. FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET STATUS REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**MOTION:** Council member Ortiz moved to adopt a resolution to receive and file the FY 2024 Q2 Budget Status report as of December 31, 2023; and approve 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 Council member Martinez. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Council Member(s) Flores and Mayor Sanabria

**CITY MANAGER**

**4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) SPENDING PLAN**

**MOTION:** Council member Martinez moved to approve the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Plan for the following capital improvement projects; and authorize the City Manager to effectuate the distribution of funds according to the approved ARPA Spending Proposal, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Council Member(s) Flores and Mayor Sanabria

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AUTHORITY TO FILE APPLICATION(S) FOR THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE SPECIFIED GRANTS PROGRAM FROM BUDGET ACT 2023/24 FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**MOTION:** Council member Ortiz moved to adopt Resolution approving the authority to file applications for grant funds from the Local Assistance Specified Grants Program from Budget Act 2023/24 from the State Department of Parks and Recreation; and authorize the City Manager to execute all related grant application documents submitted by Parks and Recreation Director, seconded by Council member Martinez. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Council Member(s) Flores and Mayor Sanabria

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**7. RETENTION OF CONSULTANT FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR MEASURE PP AND CC**

Item pulled by City Manager Ricardo Reyes

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**8. REJECT BID RECEIVED FOR CIP 2022-09 CDBG CHESLEY "CIRCLE" PARK PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE SECTION 22038(A)(1)**

**MOTION:** Council member Martinez moved to reject the bid received for CIP 2022-09 CDBG Chesley "Circle" Park Project in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22038(a)(1); and authorize staff to modify the project scope of work in conformance with all applicable engineering standards; and authorize staff to re-advertise the Notice Inviting Bid in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 22038(a)(1)., seconded by Council member Martinez. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

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**9. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO REPLACE EXISTING CONCRETE PAD LOCATED AT THE PUBLIC WORKS YARD TO SUPPORT INSTALLTION OF EV CHARGING STATIONS**

**MOTION:** Council member Martinez 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 approve the replacement of a 8X10 (minimum) concrete pad to begin the installation process for the EV charging stations. Doty Bros Construction Company will provide materials, equipment, and labor to replace the existing concrete pad and surrounding asphalt for a not-to-exceed amount of \$45,000 payable from Account No. 111-8020-431.56-41 and 111-8010-431.61-20; and authorize the City Manager to execute the quote (Attachment 1) and subsequent purchase order. Seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Council Member(s) Flores and Mayor Sanabria

**10. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER (ALPR) MOBILE CAMERA SYSTEMS WITH YEAR 2021 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) GRANT FUNDS**

**MOTION:** Council member Martinez moved to authorize the acquisition of Vigilant Solutions Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) mobile camera systems, which are a product of Motorola Solutions, with Year 2021 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$80,000; and authorize the Chief of Police to purchase and outfit police vehicles with the equipment, seconded by Council member Ortiz. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Council Member(s) Flores and Mayor Sanabria

## **END OF REGULAR AGENDA**

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Director of Communications and Community Relations provided information on the newsletter and upcoming events for the city. He encouraged everyone to visit the city website for additional information and dates.

### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Council member Ortiz wished the director of Parks and Recreation and City Clerk a happy birthday and wished everyone an awesome Valentines Day.

Council member Matinez also wished everyone a happy Valentines Day.

Vice Mayor Macias thanked staff for their hard work, especially with the large amount of rain recently. She closed by also wishing everyone a happy Valentines Day.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Mayor Macias adjourned the at 7:00 p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday February 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

I, Eduardo Sarmiento, hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted at City of Huntington Park City Hall and made available at [www.hpca.gov](http://www.hpca.gov) not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2024.

Respectfully submitted

  
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Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk

