

## **MINUTES**

Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, February 20, 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:04 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 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)**

1. RECOGNITION OF THE LATE FORMER MAYOR OF HUNTINGTON PARK JIM ROBERTS
2. RECOGNITION OF LOCAL EDUCATOR, VOLUNTEERS, AND OTHER RECOGNITIONS
3. AMERICAN HEART MONTH PROCLAMATION

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following person provided public comment:

1. Danilo Perez
2. Albert Fontenez
3. Jorge Marzariego
4. Juan Perez
5. Central Tire
6. Las Coronas Grill
7. Saro Khachanrian
8. Diego Castillo
9. Obdulia Castillo
10. Leonardo Coro

## **STAFF RESPONSE**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes commented that a response to some of the public comment will need to be addressed at a later time due possible pending litigation.

Community Development Director Steve Forster concurred with City Manager Reyes and proceeded advise that he will work with those individuals who may have a pending code enforcement matter that have now been turning over to the city prosecutor. He added that he will work closely with the Police Department regarding the street vending matters and provide a response accordingly to those public commenters. He also addressed the conditional use permit comments by advising council of the multiple extensions may of these businesses have received. Mr. Forster deferred to some of the matters to Police Chief Cosme Lozano.

Police Chief Lozano commented on the enforcement of the street vendors and stated that he would speak with those individuals who are dealing with a loitering issue on Stafford Ave.

Vice Mayor Macias thanked Police Chief Lozano for the follow up on these matters and requested that code enforcement do what they can to assist in addressing the issue.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)  
Consideration of one (1) potential case

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 Ortiz moved to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Vice Mayor Macia. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Mayor Sanabria

**1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINTUES**

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

1. Regular City Council Meeting held February 6, 2023

**FINANCE**

**2. CHECK REGISTER**

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated February 20, 2024

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**3. APPROVAL OF FILMING AT THE COURTHOUSE BUILDING AND RENTAL CONTRACT**

**MOTION:** Council member Ortiz moved to authorize filming at the City of Huntington Park Courthouse Building; and authorize the City Manager to prepare and execute an agreement with Netflix Productions, LLC, seconded by Council member Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Mayor Sanabria

**4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2024-02 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM AND COOPERATE WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**MOTION:** Council member Martinez moved to approve Resolution 2024-02 to participate in the National Flood Insurance program and cooperate with the federal emergency management agency; and authorize the Community Development Department to begin processing a floodplain management ordinance that meets or exceeds the minimum National Flood Insurance management programs criteria, seconded by Council member Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Mayor Sanabria

**5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR INNER CITY VISIONS (ICV) FUNDING FROM THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) FOR FISCAL YEARS (FY) 2025-2026, FY 2026-2027, AND FY 2027-2028**

**MOTION:** Council member Ortiz moved to award a Three (3) year professional service agreement (PSA), pending the approval of the PLHA grant, Inner City Visions to provide homeless outreach services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$421,378.91; and authorize City staff to electronically submit the ICV Contract in the PLHA Application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, California Service-Now Portal (CSP); and amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget in accordance with the approved Fiscal Year allocation of funds, seconded by Council member Martinez. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Mayor Sanabria

**6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO HUB CITIES CAREER CENTER TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS**

**MOTION:** Council member Ortiz moved award a One (1) year professional service agreement (PSA) to Hub Cities Career Center to create employment opportunities for residents; and authorize the City Manager to execute the PSA, seconded by Council member Martinez. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Mayor Sanabria

**7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AMEND THE MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CARES ACT (CV), AND THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT (HOME) GRANT ADMINISTRATION**

**MOTION:** Council member Martinez moved Authorize an amendment for professional services related to the CDBG-CV and HOME grant administration and

authorize the City Manager to execute the amendments, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Mayor Sanabria

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION ALARM SYSTEM PROJECT FOR CITY HALL AND OTHER CITY BUILDINGS**

**MOTION:** Council member Martinez moved to award Jam Corporation the construction contract for Fire Protection alarm system for a not-to-exceed amount of \$983,900.00; 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 the City Manager to execute the construction contract agreement, seconded by Council member Ortiz. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Mayor Sanabria

### **9. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CIP 2021-04 WELL NO. 16 AND PUMP STATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**MOTION:** Council member Flores moved to award the contract to R2BUILD dba R2B Engineering for the construction of CIP 2021-04 Well No. 16 and Pump Station Improvements Project as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,199,379 payable from Account No. 681-8030-461.73-10 (\$1,199,379.00); and approve a fifteen percent (15%) construction contingency in the amount of \$179,906.85 payable from Account No. 681-8030-461.73-10 (\$179,906.85); and authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract agreement and all applicable change orders in good faith, seconded by Council member Ortiz. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Mayor Sanabria

**10. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AWARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AMENDMENT No. 1 TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**

Item ten (10) was pulled from the agenda.

**11. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PERFORM EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE PUMPING AND BOOSTER EQUIPMENT OF WATER PRODUCTION WELL NO. 14**

**MOTION:** Council member Martinez moved pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2-5.13 Emergency purchase, authorize the City Manager, Public Works Director and Finance Director to proceed without solicitation of bids to a contract for the removal and replacement of the pumping and booster equipment at Water Production Well No. 14; and authorize the payment to General Pump Co. for the services and equipment necessary to perform the work for a not-to-exceed amount of \$26,548.24 payable from Account No. 681-8030-461.43-30; and authorize the payment to Littlejohn-Reuland Corporation for the purchase of equipment for a not to exceed amount of \$7,338.96 from Account No.681-8030-461.43-30; and authorize the City Manager to sign all applicable documents, seconded by Council member Ortiz. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Mayor Sanabria

**12. CONSIDERATION OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK'S PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) – GRANT APPLICATION**

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Macias moved to authorize Staff to apply for PLHA Grant funds in the amount of \$ 2,686,264.00; and authorize the City Manager to execute all required documents for transmittal to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD); and authorize City staff to electronically submit the PLHA Application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, California Service-Now Portal (CSP); and amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget in accordance with the approved Fiscal Year allocation of funds, seconded by Council member Ortiz. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Mayor Sanabria

**END OF REGULAR AGENDA**

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

City Manager Reyes thanked the Community Development Department for all their hard work.

Park and Recreation Director Cynthia Norzagaray reminded everyone of the upcoming 5k race at Salt Lake Park on March 16, 2024 at 8:30am.

Community Development Director Steve Forster thanked his staff for all their hard work.

Communications Director Sergio Infanzon reminded everyone of the upcoming city events and encouraged everyone to visit the city website for additional information.

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Council member Ortiz thanked staff and directors for stepping up and being nimble and filling other rolls when needed. She then gave a special shout out to Parks and Recreation for all their work in providing robust sports programing.

Council member Matinez thanked staff for providing this safe space. He then highlighted the issue with the liquor store on Stafford Ave and making sure we address this issue that affects our community.

Council member Flores thanked staff for their hard work. He then congratulated City Clerk Sarmiento on the birth of his new child.

Vice Mayor Macias thanked staff for their hard work. She added that the directors continue to do the work for the community which included making tough decisions. She closed by encouraging the community to get out and vote on March 5, 2024.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Mayor Macias adjourned the at 8:19 p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday March 5, 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

Respectfully submitted



Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk

