

MINUTES

Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, January 16, 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, January 16, 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., Arturo Flores, Vice Mayor Karina Macias, Mayor Marilyn Sanabria

ABSENT: Council Member(s): None

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; Araceli Almazan City Attorney.

INVOCATION

Mayor Marilyn Sanabria led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Macias led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. **RECGONITION OF NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT & WESTMINSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT**
2. **PROCLAMATION TO LOCAL STARBUCKS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO CITY EVENTS**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following person provided public comment:

1. Abigail Garcia

STAFF RESPONSE

NONE

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 6:26 p.m.

Vice Mayor Macias reconvened the Council meeting from Closed Session at 6:53 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Almazan reported that the record should reflect that with all (5) members of the City Council present, 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 Flores moved to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Council member Martinez. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member(s) Ortiz

1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

1. Regular City Council Meeting held December 5, 2023

FINANCE

2. CHECK REGISTER

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated January 16, 2024

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

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

3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR PREPARATION OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATE TO ENHANCE THE PLAYGROUNDS AND SURROUNDING AMENITIES AS PART OF CIP 2022-04 AT KELLER PARK

MOTION: Council member Martinez award a Professional Services Agreement (Attachment 1) for the preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimate of new playground equipment, appurtenances and ingress/egress enhancement as part of CIP 2022-04 Playground at Keller Park to iARCH for a not-to-exceed amount of \$164,840; and authorize the Finance Department to appropriate \$164,840 into Project No. 8927 payable from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District reimbursable grant; and authorize the City Manager to execute the professional services agreement, seconded by Council member Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

AYES: Council Member(s): Martinez and Flores and Mayor Sanabria

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member(s) Ortiz and Vice Mayor Macias

At the conclusion of item three (3) Vice Mayor Macias rejoined the meeting.

4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND STREETLIGHT POLES

MOTION: Vice Mayor Macias moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of the 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 authorize staff to purchase a combination of seventeen (17) traffic signal and streetlight poles from JTB Supply Company, Inc. as the most responsive and responsible proposer for a not-to-exceed amount of \$138,027.49 payable from account 535-8016-431.74-10 (\$100,000) and 535-8090-452.43-20 (\$38,027.49); and authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase order and for staff to process all applicable invoices, seconded by Council member Martinez. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member(s) Ortiz

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Prior to item five (5) Vice Mayor Macias stepped away from the dais.

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

MOTION: Council member Martinez moved to adopt the authorize a one (1) year final extension for professional engineering and building and safety services with Infrastructure Engineers Inc; A Bowman Corporation; and authorize the City Manager to execute the extension agreement, seconded by Council member Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

AYES: Council Member(s): Martinez, Flores, Mayor Sanabria

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member(s) Ortiz and Vice Mayor Macias

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

All directors wished everyone a Happy New Year. Director of Community Development Steve Forster shared that applications for special use permits will be accepted for the upcoming Valentine and Mother's Day celebrations.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council member Martinez wished everyone a happy new year. He then commented that he's noticed an increase in litter in the alleys on Pacific and how the parking issue in the city persists. He requested that conversations start back up on how to address these growing concerns.

Vice Mayor Macias wished everyone a happy new year and shared how she is looking forward to a productive and community conscious new year. She closed by thanking staff for their hard work.

Mayor Sanabria wished everyone a happy new year. She shared her hope for the continuation of the hard work that is moving the city forward. She closed by encouraging all residents to use the Huntington Park application to notify the city of any issues.

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 6, 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 not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. Dated this 12th day of January 2024.

Respectfully submitted



Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk