

MINUTES

Special Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Thursday, April 18, 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:07 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2024, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Marily Sanabria presiding.

PRESENT: Council member(s): Graciela Ortiz, Eduardo "Eddie" Martinez, Arturo Flores, Vice Mayor Karina Macias, and Mayor Marilyn Sanabria.

ABSENT: None

CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Ricardo Reyes, City Manager; Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk; Cosme Lozano Police Chief; Steve Foster Interim Director of Public Works and Director of Community Development; Sergio Infanzon Director of Communications; Araceli Almazan City Attorney; Marisol Nieto Human Resources Supervisor.

INVOCATION

Pastor Annette Brito led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mateo Sanchez from Miles Elementary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior to presentations Vice Mayor Macias made a motion to move items three (3) and four (4) before presentations on the agenda.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Macias moved to change the order of the agenda and move items three (3) and four (4) before presentations on the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

PRESENTATION(S)

1. SPECIAL LEGACY PROJECTS
2. PRESENTATIONS BY SPECIAL GUESTS AND CITY STAFF

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following person provided public comment:

1. Marta Avila
2. Justin Guzman
3. Martin Delgado
4. Sergio Barahona
5. Council Member Arroyo

STAFF RESPONSE

None

SPECIAL AGENDA

CITY CLERK

1. FAREWELL MESSAGES AND WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION RECITING THE FACTS OF THE CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 5, 2024 FOR THREE EXPIRED TERM CITY COUNCIL MEMBER SEATS

MOTION: Council member Otiz moved to Adopt Resolution 2024-08; Reciting the Facts of the Consolidated Municipal Election Held on March 5, 2024, for three expired

City Council terms. Declaring the Results thereof as Provided by Law, 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

2. OATHS OF OFFICE OF NEWLY SEATED AND RE-ELECTED CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOLLOWED BY SELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR

MOTION FOR MAYOR: Council member Flores moved to nominate Karina Macias to serve as Mayor for a term of one year, seconded by Councilmember Sanabria. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

MOTION FOR VICE MAYOR: Council member Martinez moved to nominate Arturo Flores to serve as Vice Mayor for a term of one year, seconded by Mayor Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

CITY MANAGER

3. ADOPTION OF SPECIAL LEGACY PROJECT RESOLUTION

MOTION: Vice Mayor Macias moved to Adopt a resolution implementing a spay and neuter legacy project in the name of outgoing Mayor Sanabria, providing \$25,000 dollars in support of the Marilyn Sanabria spay and neuter program in collaboration with Downtown Dog Rescue, seconded by Councilmember Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

4. ADOPTION OF SPECIAL LEGACY PROJECT RESOLUTION

MOTION: Vice Mayor Macias moved to Adopt a resolution implementing a little library legacy project, providing \$25,000 in support of the Graciela Ortiz Little Library program, seconded by Councilmember Martinez. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

END OF SPECIAL AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

All directors congratulated the new City Council Members and thanked outgoing City Council Member Marilyn Sanabria and Graciela Ortiz for their service to the City of Huntington Park.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council member Martinez congratulated his newly elected colleagues and outgoing colleagues. He then congratulated both Vice Mayor Flores and Mayor Macias on their selection as Mayor and Vice Mayor. He closed by reminding everyone to participate in the Earth Day community clean up event on April 20, 2024 and encouraged all residents to take out any bulky items for pick up as well.

Council Member Sanabria thanked his family and outgoing Mayor Marilyn Sanabria. He also thanked his friends and family for their support. He closed by sharing his excitement in getting to work with his new colleagues on the dais and city staff.

Council Member Castillo thanked her friends and family for their support. She closed by sharing her excitement on getting to work and thanked outgoing council members for their hard work.

Vice Mayor Flores began by congratulating Mayor Macias ascension to Mayor. He then congratulated newly elected council members Sanabria and Castillo and shared his excitement in getting to work with them.

Mayor Macias began by thanking staff for their support of the Huntington Park community. She then congratulated council members Sanabria and Castillo on their elections and expressed her excitement in getting to work with them. She also thanked everyone in attendance and gave special thanks to outgoing council members Marilyn Sanabria and Graciela Ortiz for all their years of service to the community of Huntington Park. She thanked her colleagues on the council for the opportunity to serve as Mayor again. She then thanked the City Manager for his leadership and expressed her enthusiasm in continuing to do great work for the Huntington Park residents. She closed by reminding everyone about the community clean up event on Saturday and encouraged everyone to participate.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Macias adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday May 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted



Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk

