

MINUTES

Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, April 16, 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Marilyn Sanabria presiding.

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

ABSENT: 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; Cynthia Norzagaray Director of Parks and Recreation; Araceli Almazan City Attorney.

INVOCATION

Mayor Sanabria led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council member Flores led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. 7TH ANNUAL HIPIAM COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR STUDENT PRESENTATION
2. CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR THE 5K EXHIBITORS AND SPONSORS
3. CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO THE STATE OF THE CITY PARTICIPANTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following persons provided public comment:

1. Lieutenant Gizar
2. Officer Hassan Saleh
3. Baldomero Capiz

STAFF RESPONSE

City Manager Ricardo Reyes provided information related to measure PP and what is to come from its passing.

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Los Angeles Superior Court Case NO. 20STCPO3947
Construction Industry Force Account Council v. City of Huntington Park
2. Angela Flores Romero v. HP 20STCV18416

Attorney Araceli Almazan stated that it is appropriate to recess to closed session. Mayor Sanabria recessed into closed session at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Sanabria reconvened the Council meeting from Closed Session at 7:05 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Almazan reported that the record should reflect that with all five (5) members of the City Council present the two (2) items on the closed session agenda were discussed. Regarding item one (1), Council was briefed but no further action was taken. Regarding item two (2) on the closed session agenda, the City Council was briefed and direction was provided. This concluded the closed session report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CITY CLERK

MOTION: Council member Flores moved to approve the consent calendar, 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

1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINTUES

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

- 1. Regular City Council Meeting held March 19, 2024

FINANCE

2. CHECK REGISTER

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

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

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

MOTION: Council member Flores moved to adopt a Resolution approving the Urban Forestry and Fire Protection’s Urban Forestry Program, seconded by Council member Ortiz. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

4. APPROVAL ACCEPTANCE OF WORK PERFORMED FOR THE CIP 2018-11 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE IV PROJECT NO. ATPL-5150 (014)

MOTION: Council member Ortiz moved to approve acceptance of work performed by Palp Inc. DBA Excel Paving for the construction of CIP 2018-11 Active Transportation Program Cycle 4 Project No. ATPL-5150(014); 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; and release the retention amount of \$211,799.04 to Palp Inc. DBA Excel Paving 35 days after the effective date of the recordation of the NOC, if no Stop Notices are filed within the 35-day period, seconded by Council member Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

FINANCE

5. RECEIVE AND FILE FY 2022 AUDITED FINANCIALS

MOTION: Council member Ortiz moved to receive and file the FY 2022 Audited Financial Statement, 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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

6. AUTHROIZATION TO RENEW AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF VERNON FOR INMATE HOUSING

MOTION: Council member Otiz moved to approve renewal of agreement with the City of Vernon for Inmate Housing Services; and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute agreement, seconded by Council member Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

CITY CLERK

7. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONS

No appointments made by city council.

CITY MANAGER

8. FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 2-1.102 AND 2-1.103 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 2 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE INCREASING THE SALARY OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL PURSUANT TO AND CONSISTENT WITH SENATE BILL 329

MOTION: Council member Ortiz moved to approve the findings contained in the Ordinance which demonstrates the need for the increased City Council salary; and provide direction to City personnel to bring the Ordinance back for a second reading and adoption at the next City Council meeting, seconded by Council member Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

9. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR A CITY TUTORING PROGRAM

MOTION: Council member Ortiz moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the expenditure of CDBG funds for a city tutoring program, seconded by Council member Flores. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

10. COSNIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR A CITY SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAM

Item ten (10) was moved to the April 18, 2024 City Council meeting.

11. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR A CITY LITERCY PROGRAM

Item eleven (11) was moved to the April 18, 2024 City Council meeting.

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Community Development Director Steve Forster announced that well 15 is now up and running. He gave a special thanks to Inframark staff including Rick Barba for their diligent work.

Communications Department Director Sergion Infanzon provided information on upcoming city events like Earth Day and the Annual Art Walk. He encouraged all residents to visit the city website for additional information.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council member Ortiz thanked all departments and staff for their hard work. She shared her gratitude for supporting her vision to improve the city and its programming throughout her tenure as a city council member.

Council member Matinez thanked staff for providing a safe space to meet. He then shared how it has been a pleasure working with both Council member Ortiz and Mayor Sanabria. He added that they have been great representatives for woman and all the residents of Huntington Park. He then shared information about the upcoming community clean up event and encouraged everyone to participate. He closed by reminding residents to bring out any bulky items on Friday evening to have those items collected Saturday.

Council member Flores acknowledged the Finance Department for their hard work with the audits. He also shared his enthusiasm regarding the water wells and the great progress that is being made.

Vice Mayor Macias thanked staff for their hard work for the community. She then shared her appreciation for the outgoing Mayor Sanabria and Council member Ortiz and thanked them for their commitment to the Huntington Park community and all they achieved.

Mayor Sanabria thanked staff for their hard work with the water wells and all the other city projects they have helped bring to fruition.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council member Flores moved to adjourn the meeting in honor of her grandmother Rosa Arevalo to a Regular meeting on Tuesday May 7, 2024. The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted



Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk

