

MINUTES

Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, June 18, 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, June 18, 2024, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Karina Macias presiding.

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

ABSENT: Council Member(s) Jonathan Sanabria

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

INVOCATION

Mayor Macias led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Flores led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. PRIDE MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Macias called for a brief recess at 6:15pm. Mayor Macias reconvened the meeting at 6:19pm

Council member Eduardo “Eddie” Martinez did not return to the dais after the short recess.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people provided public comment:

1. Rigoberto Ruiz
2. Fernando Islas
3. Flora Coronci
4. Susana Martinez
5. Manuel Balderas
6. Ramsey Judah
7. Karina Gonzalez
8. Maha Afra
9. Irina Sandoval
10. Michael Diaz
11. Bella De Soto
12. Margaret Villa

STAFF RESPONSE

City Manager Ricardo Reyes stated that the city was notified of a number of public safety concerns and staff taking action by restricting parking in that area in order address the concerns.

Community Development and Interim Public Works director Steve Forster stated that he will be addressing the issues by adding additional patrols by the public works department and engaging the property owners to address the issue. He added that the city will also utilize the services of Inner-City Visions to address the people living in their vehicles along those streets that contribute to the issue. Lastly, he stated that the police department will increase parking enforcement in the area to allow for increased street sweeping efforts from once a week to three times a week.

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

Mayor Macias recessed into closed session at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Macias reconvened the Council meeting from Closed Session at 7:17 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Araceli Almazan reported that the record should reflect that with four (3) members of the City Council present Council Member(s) Castillo, Vice Mayor Flores and Mayor Macias. Item one (1) the City Council was briefed direction was provided but no final action was taken. This concluded the closed session report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

CITY CLERK

MOTION: Vice Mayor Flores moved to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Council member Castillo. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): Sanabria and Martinez

1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINTUES

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

1. Regular City Council Meeting held May 7, 2024

FINANCE

2. CHECK REGISTER

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated June 18, 2024

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR RESIDENT CASE FILE WITH THE HOME REPAIR PROGRAM FUNDED WITH THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) FOR THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$ 49,603.00.

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Authorize the City Manager to approve funding.

4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR RESIDENT CASE FILE WITH THE HOME REPAIR PROGRAM FUNDED WITH THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME) FOR THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$60,375.00.

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Authorize the City Manager to approve funding.

5. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK'S HOME PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Receive and Adopt the Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME Program) Policies and Procedures for the administration of the program.

CITY CLERK

6. WAIVE FURTHER READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION RECITING THE FACTS OF THE CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON MARCH 5, 2024 FOR ONE UNEXPIRED TERM CITY COUNCIL MEMBER SEAT

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Adopt a Resolution reciting the facts of the consolidated municipal election held on March 5, 2024, for one unexpired City Council term. Declaring the Results thereof as Provided by Law.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FIREWORKS SALES PERMIT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK

MOTION: Vice Mayor Flores moved to approve the Fireworks Sales Permit Application submitted by Praise Chapel in the City of Huntington Park; and authorize the Community Development Department to process the application and conduct the final inspections of the stands, seconded by Mayor Macias. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): Sanabria and Martinez

PUBLIC WORKS

8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR CIP 2022-09 CDBG CHESLEY "CIRCLE" PARK PROJECT

MOTION: Vice Mayor Flores moved to award the contract to Green Giant Landscape, Inc. for the construction of CIP 2022-09 CDBG Chesley "Circle" Park Project as responsive, responsible bidder for a not to exceed amount of \$778,799.89 payable from CDBG funds; and approve a construction contingency in the amount of \$37,649.35 payable from CDBG funds; and authorize the City Manager to execute the construction contract agreement and any change orders in an amount to not exceed the contingency, seconded by Council member Castillo. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): Sanabria and Martinez

CITY CLERK

9. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONS

No appointments were made by the City Council.

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Police Chief Cosme Lozano shared that citations will be given out to anyone using illegal fireworks on July 4th.

Parks and Recreation Director Cynthia Norzagaray announced that the splash pad is now open and encouraged residents to visit the city website for the splash pad schedule. She also invited everyone to participate in the upcoming 4th of July festival and encouraged everyone to visit the city website for more information.

Community Development and Interim Public Works Director Steve Forster wished Vice Mayor Flores a happy birthday.

Communications Department Director Sergion Infanzon also wished Vice Mayor Flores a happy birthday.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council member Castillo thanked staff for their hard work. She also wished Vice Mayor Flores a happy birthday.

Vice Mayor Flores thanked staff for their hard work and congratulated them on their accomplishments this fiscal year which is noticed by all the growth and progress that is being made for the city.

Mayor Macias thanked all the staff and directors for their hard work. She also wished Vice Mayor Flores a happy birthday and a happy belated Father's Day to all the fathers out there.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Macias adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday July 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Eduardo Sarmiento', is written over a horizontal line.

Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk

