

## **MINUTES**

Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, October 1, 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, October 1, 2024, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Karina Macias presiding.

**PRESENT:** Council Member(s): Esmeralda Castillo, Jonathan Sanabria, Eduardo “Eddie” Martinez, Vice Mayor Arturo Flores (arrived at 6:41pm), and Mayor Karina Macias

**ABSENT:** None

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

### **INVOCATION**

Mayor Macias led the invocation.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Castillo led the Pledge of Allegiance

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

- 1. HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH RECOGNITION TO LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS**
- 2. CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO LOCAL COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people provided public comment:

- 1) Rigoberto Ruiz
- 2) Maria Covarrubias
- 3) Baldomero Capias
- 4) Aida Vega
- 5) Juan Perez
- 6) Jaz
- 7) Gus Barbare

### **STAFF RESPONSE**

None

### **CLOSED SESSION**

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION @ 7:15pm

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

MEETING RECONVIENED @ 8:40pm

**CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

City Attorney Araceli Alamazon reported that the record should reflect that all five members of the City Council present Council Member(s) Castillo, Sanabria, Martinez, Vice Mayor Flores and Mayor Macias were present. The Item in the closed session titled Anticipated Litigation was discussed. The council was briefed, and direction was provided.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the Council votes on the motion unless members of the Council, staff, or the public request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

**CITY CLERK**

**1. CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINTUES**

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

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

1. Regular City Council Meeting held September 17, 2024

**FINANCE**

**2. CHECK REGISTER**

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

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

**CITY MANAGER**

**3. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE APPRIOIVING NEW CITY COUNCIL MEETING DAY FROM TUESDAYS TO MONDAYS**

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Notify the public of the new meeting day Monday to take effect 30 days after the second reading and adoption of said ordinance at the September 17, 2024, City

Council Regular Meeting, with the first new regular City Council meeting starting Monday, October 21, 2024.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Martinez moved to approve the consent calendar, second by Vice Mayor Flores. The Motion passed by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** Council Member (s): None

**ABSENT:** Council Member(s): None

### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

##### **1. CONSIDERATION OF CONTACT CPI RATE INCREASE – VALLEY VISTA SERVICES**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria moved to approve the motion and authorize a 5% Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment for Solid Waste Refuse Services. The motion was then second by councilmember Martinez. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

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

**NOES:** Council Member (s): None

**ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Flores

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

City Manager: Provided update on proposals for PIO. May go backout to RFP if needed. Councilmember Sanabria requested that it needs to be brought back to Council. He mentioned how he would need to provide a cost analysis to bring PIO in house vs. hiring consultants. The Vice Mayor stated that the City needs a PIO in house, and would prefer that route to getting a consultant, but for now contract until we hire one. City Manager stated that the Item will be brought back to city council.

Public Works: five tons of compost and five tons of mulch were donated at the distribution event.

#### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

NONE

## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Castillo thanked staff for all the work that they all did. She wished Mayor Macias a happy birthday. She also welcomed our new Director of Community Development Gerry Lopez to the City of Huntington Park.

Councilmember Sanabria thanked staff for their work. He suggested more advertising outside of the box to local businesses or gathering spots.

Councilmember Martinez thanked staff for safe space. He also asked and requested that we put up Pink Lights in the exterior of city hall in honor of breast cancer awareness month. He also stated that he received a letter from a resident regarding bulky item pick up. He also requested we add advertising and educational components in the future rent control.

Vice Mayor Flores thanked the staff. He wished Mayor Macias a happy birthday. He also directed staff that events that are not budgeted need to be advertised to all community members. He also requested that all Donations to the City be presented in a report on the November 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting. Also, if we could please find a nonprofit for donations to be received by the city.

Mayor Macias thanked everyone for the birthday wishes. She also mentioned how the agenda forecast has a number of items but only one ended up on the agenda. She asked staff to be more cautious about pushing back items next time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Macias adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted

  
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Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk