

MINUTES

Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City
Council Monday, November 4,
2024

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 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 6:18pm), and Mayor Karina Macias

ABSENT: Council Member(s):

CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Ricardo Reyes City Manager; Eduardo Sarmiento City Clerk; Steve Forster Director of Community Development; Gerardo "Jerry" Lopez Director of Public Works; Cynthia Norzagaray Director of Parks and Recreation, Sergio Infanzon Director of Communications; Gloria Ramirez City Attorney.

INVOCATION

Mayor Macias led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATION(S)

1. PRESENTATION OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION TO ALTAMED
2. NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION
3. SHOP SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY PROCLAMATION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1) Susana Munoz
- 2) Yvonne Correa
- 3) Valdomero Capis
- 4) Anita Navarro
- 5) Maria De Los Angeles
- 6) Angel Perez
- 7) Ana Maria
- 8) Vanessa Martinez
- 9) Jaz
- 10) Jasmin Gonzalez
- 11) Jose Silva
- 12) Hector Ruiz
- 13) Eduardo Cardenas

- 14)Alberto Espircuerta
- 15)Alexander
- 16)Ramon Cruz
- 17)Lilia Delgado
- 18)Aida Vega
- 19)Mari Vagallon
- 20)Jane Doe
- 21)Carol White
- 22)Wendy with CBE
- 23)Laura Garcia with CBE
- 24)Jennifer Ganada
- 25)Jane Doe
- 26>Elena with CBE
- 27)Edwin Delgado
- 28>Maria Sanchez

STAFF RESPONSE

The City Manager requested staff is in contact with the business owner from public comment #1.

The City Manager also requested we pull Item #3 from the regular agenda. Councilmember Sanabria requested we provide contact information to the business owner.

CLOSED SESSION

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION at 8:10pm

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
Consideration of one (1) potential case
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency designated representatives: Ricardo Reyes
Employee organization: Huntington Park POA
3. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)
Title:Various City Directors

MEETING RECONVINED at 9:08pm

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Glora Ramirez reported that the record should reflect that all five members of the City Council were 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 briefed; no action was taken; nothing to report. Item titled Labor Negotiations was briefed, and no action to be reported. The Item titled Public Employment; was not discussed, and nothing to be reported.

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 October 21, 2024

2. SECOND READING AND ADOPTIOIN OF ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A NEW FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN; TO COORDINATE WITH THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Waive full reading and adopt Ordinance by title and adopt a new floodplain management plan; to coordinate with the California building standards code; to adopt flood hazard maps; to designate a floodplain administrator; and for other purposes; providing for severability and an effective date.

FINANCE

3. CHECK REGISTER

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated November 4, 2024

MOTION: Councilmember Martinez motioned to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Castillo. The motion was carried out 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

CITY MANAGER

1. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 2-3.405(C) OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria motioned to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Flores. The motion was carried out by majority consent.

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

NOES: Council Member (s): Castillo, Mayor Macias

ABSENT: Council Members (s): None

COMMUNICATIONS

2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPECIALIZED PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND STRATEGIC PLANNING SERVICES

MOTION: Vice Mayor Flores motioned to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez. The motion was carried out by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: Council Member (s): None

ABSTAIN: Council Members (s): None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO SOLICIT ON CALL BUILDING AND SAFETY, PLANNING, AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

MOTION: City Manager requested that this item be pulled. Mayor Agreed. No Voting conducted.

4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO MNS ENGINEERING INC. FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.

MOTION: Councilmember Martinez motioned to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanabria. The motion was carried out by majority consent.

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

NOES: Council Member (s): None

ABSTAIN: Council Members (s): Vice Mayor Flores

CITY CLERK

5. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONS

MOTION: Mayor Macias moved to appoint Ricardo Barba Ochoa to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
Councilmember Martinez moved to appoint Sophia Acosta and Alejandra Moreno to the Youth Leadership Commission.
Councilmember

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TWO RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING THE CITY'S APPLICATION TO THE PROHOUSING DESIGNATION PROGRAM AND THE PROHOUSING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

MOTION: Mayor Macias opened public testimony at 10:05pm, nobody provided public testimony, public testimony closed at 10:05pm. Councilmember Martinez motioned to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Castillo. The motion was carried out by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: Council Member (s): None

ABSENT: Council Members (s): None

2. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE RENT STABILIZATION ORDINANCE

MOTION: Mayor Macias asked to move the Public Hearing Item before closed session. Mayor Macias opened public testimony at 7:43pm, 13, public testimony occurred. Public testimony closed at 8:07pm. Councilmember Sanabria motioned to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Flores. The motion was carried out by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: Council Member (s): None

ABSENT: Council Members (s): None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Director would like to thank staff, directors with their help in the Haunted House. The event was successful. She also invited the public to please join the department on Thursday for the Veterans Day Event from 4pm-7pm.

The City Clerk reported that the two ordinances brought to first reading tonight. He would also like to remind the public and staff that tomorrow is election day, so go out and vote if for any questions please contact the city clerk's office.

Community Development invited people to the event at Salt Lake Park. The Health and Education committee will be hosting the Alzheimer's Event. He would also like to thank everybody who participated in the Community Clean Up.

Communications encouraged the community to become involved in programs. He also would like to remind the public that there is a Fair Housing Workshop on Wednesday, November 6th from 2-4pm. He also reported that the email sent out regarding the Rent Stabilization ordinance received 54% engagement.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Castillo thanked everybody who went out and participated at the community clean up event.

Councilmember Sanabria thanked staff for their hard work.

Councilmember Martinez thanked everyone for creating a safe space during council meetings. He recognized the groups and volunteers that helped out during the Community Clean Up Event. He asked when the next one would be. The next one would be on February 22, 2025.

Vice Mayor Flores thanked staff and colleagues for helping with the rent control item. He requested we look into upgrading our RFP and RFQ processing or processing software (papers, civic plus, planet bids, etc.).

Mayor Macias thanked staff for all their hard work with the Halloween event and community clean up events.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Macias adjourned the meeting in honor of Maria De Jesus Lopez and Fernando Valenzuela at 10:19 p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 18th, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk