

## **MINUTES**

Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City  
Council Monday, December 2, 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:04 p.m. on Monday, December 2, 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 (arrived 6:25pm), Eduardo “Eddie” Martinez, Vice Mayor Arturo Flores (arrived at 6:39pm), 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 Castillo led the Pledge of Allegiance

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

1. **RECOGNITION OF APACHE’S CARNES AL CARBON 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**
2. **RECOGNITION OF HALLOWEEN EVENT VOLUNTEERS**
3. **RECOGNITION OF HUNTINGTON PARK HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- 1) David Sanchez
- 2) Susana Martinez
- 3) Maria De Los Angeles
- 4) Francisco Pimentel
- 5) Augustin Cruz
- 6) Patricia
- 7) Ricardo Gonzales
- 8) Jane Doe

### **STAFF RESPONSE**

Concerned were addressed accordingly to individuals

### **CLOSED SESSION**

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION at 6:55pm

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)  
Consideration of one (1) potential case

MEETING RECONVENED at 7:10pm

### **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. The Item in closed session titled Anticipated Litigation was discussed, no further action was taken.

### **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 MINUTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

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

1. Regular City Council Meeting held November 18, 2024

#### **2. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION 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**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Waive full reading and adopted by title an Ordinance of the City of Huntington Park Amending Title 2, Chapter 3, Article 4, Section 2-3.405(c) as described below to remove the language resting authority with the City Council to appoint, transfer, promote, demote, reinstate, layoff and suspend, or dismiss the City's Directors/Department Heads.

### **FINANCE**

### **3. CHECK REGISTERS**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated December 2, 2024

**MOTION:** Councilmember Martinez motioned to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanabria. Councilmember Castillo and Mayor Macias wanted it noted that they did not initially vote to approve consent Item #2. However, approve of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The motion was carried out by unanimous consent.

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

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

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

### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **CITY COUNCIL**

1. **CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO AWARD FUNDS RECEIVED FROM TICKET SALES FROM THE 73<sup>RD</sup> HUNTINGTON PARK HOLIDAY PARADE**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Martinez motioned to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanabria. Mayor Macias noted that she wanted to increase prices next year to increase revenue for Kiwani's Club. Councilmember Sanabria requested that the process of awarding the funds be formalized and potentially split amongst other clubs. The motion was carried out by unanimous consent.

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

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

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

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**2. TRANSPARENT REVIEW OF UNJUST TRANSFERS AND HOLDS (TRUTH) ACT COMMUNITY FORUM**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria 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, Martinez, Sanabria, Vice Mayor Flores, and Mayor Macias

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

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

**3. APPROVE FY 24-25 SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) AGREEMENT AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING**

**MOTION:** 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

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRIORITY WATER SERVICE POLICY**

**MOTION:** 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

**5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Martinez motioned to approve the item. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanabria. 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

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**6. AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING STATION ENGINEERING DESIGN PHASE AT PUBLIC WORKS TO INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERS**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria 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

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

**7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO SOLICIT REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria 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

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

## **FINANCE**

**8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH BANKING ACCOUNTS TO WELLS FARGO BANK**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria motioned to receive and file the item. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martinez to receive and file the item. Councilmember Flores would like to negotiations occur with other banks soon. 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

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

**9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE DODGERS DREAMTEAM PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE LOS ANGELES DODGERS FOUNDATION FOR THE 2025 BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SEASON AT SALT LAKE PARK**

**MOTION:** 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

## **CITY CLERK**

**10. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONS**

**MOTION:** No appointments made during Council meeting.

## **PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

## **CITY MANAGER**

**1. CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria motioned to bring back at the 12/16 council meeting and fix certain language on the ordinance. The motion to pull and bring back to the 12/16 council meeting was second 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

**Public Comment Opened:** 7:52pm

**Public Comment Closed:** 7:52pm

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Parks and Recreation: On 12/5 tree lighting and toy giveaway @ Keller Park. She invited

staff and the community to participate.

City Clerk: Conducted 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Ordinance.

Communication: Reported that Line Up of Holiday Parade is done. 12/3 mobile consulate will be in Salt Lake Park for the next 10 days. In addition, there will be a press conference regarding the mobile consulate on 12/3 @11:30am.

### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Valley Vista Complaints

### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Castillo: Hoped everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! And Wished Councilmember Martinez a Happy Birthday and Blessings!

Councilmember Sanabria: Thanked everyone for attending. Hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! He wished Councilmember Martinez a Happy Birthday! And hoped to see everyone at the Tree Lighting Ceremony and at the Christmas Parade.

Councilmember Martinez: Wished Sanabria gets well soon. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! Looking forward to the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christmas Parade.

Vice Mayor Flores: Wished a Happy Birthday to Martinez. Hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving. Asked the City Manager to look into Transportation Services.

Mayor Macias: Wished congratulations to new assemblymember. Looks forward to working with them.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Macias adjourned the meeting in memory of Wallie Shitler @ 8:21 p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk