

MINUTES

Meeting of the City of Huntington Park City Council Tuesday, January 21 2025

The Successor Agency meeting was called to order at 6:01pm. Select Staff and Councilmembers recessed to close session at 6:02pm, returned from closed session at 6:38pm and adjourned at 6:39pm. The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:39 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Karina Macias presiding. V

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

ABSENT: Council Member(s):

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

INVOCATION

Mayor Macias led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATION(S)

1. **PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION FOR RENT STABILIZATION SERVICES**
2. **RECOGNITION OF HOLIDAY DECORATION WINNERS**
3. **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR TREE LIGHTING TOY DRIVE SPONSORS**
4. **PROCLAMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 1) None

STAFF RESPONSE

None

CLOSED SESSION

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION at 7:29pm

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)
O. Gonzalez v. Cosme Lozano, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2-24-cv-00073-JGB (MAAx)
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)
Initiation of litigation in one matter.

MEETING RECONVENED at 8:44pm

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney 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. The Item #1 titled CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION; councilmembers were briefed, no action was taken; nothing to report. Item #2 titled CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION councilmembers were briefed and city council provided direction.

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

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

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

1. Regular City Council Meeting held December 16, 2024
2. Regular City Council Meeting held January 6, 2025

CITY MANAGER

2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE INDEPENDENT CITIES RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY'S GOVERNING BOARD (ICRMA)

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve the appointment of a second alternate member; and

2. Adopt Resolution, amending Resolution No. 2022-14, appointing an alternate Member to the Independent Cities Risk Management Authority's Governing Board (ICRMA).

FINANCE

3. CHECK REGISTERS

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated January 21, 2025

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Authorize staff to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified community development firms to provide professional management and administrative services related to the implementation of the City's Permanent Local Housing Assistance (PLHA) Program through the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

MOTION: Councilmember Martinez 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 Member(s): None

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

SPECIAL AGENDA

CITY MANAGER

1. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 48 (SB 48) PROTECTING STUDENTS AND FAMILIES BY ESTABLISHING SAFE ZONES AROUND SCHOOLS

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park in support of California Senate Bill 48 (SB 48), protecting students and families by establishing safe zones around schools; and
2. Director staff to communicate the City's support for SB 48 to state legislators, the Governor of California, and other relevant stakeholders.

MOTION: Mayor Macias motioned to adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park in support of California Senate Bill 48 (SB 48) protecting students and families by establishing safe zones around schools; and direct staff to communication the City's support of SB 48 to state legislators, the Governor of California, and other relevant stakeholders. 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 Member(s): None

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL AUTHORIZING FUNDING ALLOCATION OF THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (PLHA) PLAN

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve funding allocation revisions to the PLHA Plan.
2. Authorize the City Manager and City Staff to execute all required documents for transmittal to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria motioned to approve funding allocation revisions to the PLHA Plan and Authorize the City Manager and City Staff to execute all required documents for transmittal to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). 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 Member(s): None

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) FOR THE CALHOME GRANT

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve Resolution No. 2025-02 authorizing the submission of an application to HCD for funding under the CalHome Program; and
2. Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Global Urban Strategies, Inc. for CalHome Grant administration; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to sign all documents related to this program.

MOTION: Councilmember Martinez motioned to approve Resolution No. 2025-02 authorizing the submission of an application to HCD for funding under the Cal Home Program; and Approve the Professional Services Agreement with Global Urban Strategies, Inc. for Cal Home Grant administration; and Authorize the City Manager to sign all documents related to this program. 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 Member(s): None

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT'S UPDATED PURCHASING MANUAL

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve of the Finance Department's updated Purchasing Manual, for City Staff use.

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria motioned to approve the Finance Department's updated Purchasing Manual, for City Staff use. 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

CITY CLERK

5. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONS

RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Make appointments to Commissions consistent with provisions set forth in Resolution No. 2025-01.

MOTION: Mayor Macias made two appointments to the Youth Commission.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

City Manager: Thanked staff.

Police Department: When major disaster happens, Huntington Park is connected to a larger county emergency response plans. Emphasized need to follow and stay with emergency response plans.

Parks: Responded to parks playground and grant funding has been secured and RFP is coming soon.

Public Works: Bid package regarding Keller Park is being reviewed. Provided update on ongoing projects.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Castillo: Thanked staff for their help.

Sanabria: Asked about implemented shade in parks.

Martinez: Update on status at Veterans Park and Playground at Freedom Park.

Flores: Thanked staff and chief for activating staff for fire response. Bring Item amending spending limits for directors' assessment or report. At the next council meeting if possible.

Macias: Thanked staff and directors and chief for wildfire support.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Macias adjourned at 9:31p.m. The next City of Huntington Park City Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 3rd, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk