

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Monday, April 7, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2025, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Arturo Flores presiding.

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

ABSENT: None

CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: City Manager Ricardo Reyes; Eduardo Sarmiento City Clerk; Cosme Lozano Police Chief; Gerardo "Gerry" Lopez Public Works Director; Jeff Jones Finance Director; Sergio Infanzon Community Development Director; Cynthia Norzagaray Parks and Recreation Director; Andrew Sarega City Attorney.

INVOCATION

Mayor Flores led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION
2. UPDATE ON SALT LAKE PARK BUILDING RENOVATION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people/ person provided public content:

1. Patricia- Pool Project, Attorney Concerns, Rent Control
2. Lee- Turning City of Huntington Park to become purple heart metal.
3. Rodolfo- Corruption Concerns
4. Jane Doe
5. Maria Ruvaburias- Attorney Concerns.
6. Mr. Martinez- Resident in the
7. Nancy Rubalin

STAFF RESPONSE

All concerns and issues were addressed accordingly.

CLOSED SESSION

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1. CONFERENCE WITH CITY'S DESIGNATED LABOR REPRESENTATIVES
City's Representatives: Ricardo Reyes, City Manager
Employee Organization: Huntington Park Police Management Association (PMA)
Government Code § 54957.6

END OF CLOSED SESSION

CONSENT CALENDAR

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 March 17, 2025

FINANCE

2. CHECK REGISTERS

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated April 7, 2025

PUBLIC WORKS

3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE THREE (3) TRAFFIC SIGNAL CABINETS TYPE 332 AND FOUR (4) 2070 CONTROLLERS

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Pursuant to Huntington Park Municipal Code section 2-5.12 Formal Bid Procedures (i): Waive of Bidding. City Council, by a majority vote, may dispense with bidding and other procedures required by this chapter in any individual instance upon finding that it would be impracticable, useless or economically infeasible to follow such procedures and that the public welfare would be promoted by dispensing with them; and
2. Approve the purchase of three (3) Type 332 traffic signal cabinets from SWARCO for \$79,380 and four (4) 170 type controllers from SWARCO for \$29,923.99, to be paid from Account No. 221-8014-429.74-10; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute the purchase order.

4. APPROVE THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (GWMA) AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve the Third Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Gateway Water Management Authority (GWMA), in substantially the same form as submitted, to update and continue the implementation of the Watershed Management Program (WMP) and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) for a three-year term, with a total cost not to exceed \$135,000; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to approve the third amendment.

5. APPROVE EXECUTE AMENDMENT TO THE INNOVATIVE UTILITY EV STREET CHARGING PILOT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve the amendment to the Innovative Utility EV Street Charging Pilot Agreement; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

6. CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDERS NUMBERS 1 THROUGH 9 FOR THE

CIP 2019-02 SLAUSON AVENUE CONGESTION RELIEF PROJECT

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve Change Orders 1 through 9; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to approve change orders 1 through 9 for All American Asphalt, totaling **\$1,078,293.84**.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Martinez motioned to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanabria. The motion carried by majority consent.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor Macias

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCE

1. FISCAL YEAR 2025 MID YEAR BUDGET STATUS REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Adopt a resolution to receive and file the FY 2024 Mid-Year Budget Status report as of December 31, 2024; and
2. Approve appropriations and inter-departmental budget transfers; and
3. Authorize the Director of Finance in conjunction with the City Manager to align the department budgets with department expenditures through budget transfers.

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria motioned to adopt a resolution to receive and file the FY 2024 Mid- Year Budget Status report as of December 31, 2024; and Approve appropriations and inter-departmental budget transfers; and Authorize the Director of Finance in conjunction with the City manager to align the department bugets with department expenditures through budget transfers. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

2. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SPENDING LIMITS POLICY FOR PURCHASING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY MANAGER AND DIRECTORS AND THE UPDATED PURCHASING

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Adopt Resolution amending Resolution No. 2024-17, Establishing a Spending Limits Policy for Purchasing Authority for the City Manager, Director of Finance and Department Heads; and
2. Approve of the City's updated Purchasing Manual, Purchase Value Thresholds, Sections L-M.

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria motioned to adopt resolution amending Resolution No. 2024-17, Establishing a Spending Limits Policy for Purchasing Authority for the City Manager, Director of Finance and Department Heads; and approve of the City's update

Purchasing Manual, Purchase Value Thresholds, sections L-M. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez. The motion was carried by majority consent.

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

NOES: Council Member(s): Macias

PUBLIC WORKS

3. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BOWMAN CONSULTING GROUP LTD. FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES RELATED TO THE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTRE PROJECT

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve an agreement with Bowman Consulting Group Ltd. for a not-to-exceed \$39,250.00 to provide project management services for the initial planning and procurement phase of the City's Broadband Infrastructure Project funded through the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Federal Funding Account (FFA); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and any related documents.

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria motioned to approve an agreement with Bowman Consulting Group Ltd, for a not- to- exceed \$39,250.00 to provide project management services for the initial planning and procurement phase of the City's Broadband Infrastructure Project funded through the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and Federal Funding Account (FFA) and Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement and any related documents. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: None

CITY MANAGER

4. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR INTERIM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SERVICES WITH LOUIS MORALES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Louis Morales for Interim Community Development Director services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to take all necessary actions to effectuate the terms of the agreement.

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria motioned to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Louis Morales for Interim Community Development Director services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000; and authorize the City Manager to take all necessary actions to effectuate the terms of the agreement. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

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

NOES: Council Member(s): Macias

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Parks and Recreation: Congratulation to newly appointed Mayor Arturo Flores. Congratulations to Former Mayor Karina Macias. She also welcomed all to the 5K on Saturday, March 22 2025

Public Works: Congratulation to newly appointed Mayor Arturo Flores and newly appointed Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez! Director Lopex reported that the concrete walkway dropped today in Salt Lake Park! The park will reopen soon as before!

City Clerk: Congratulations to newly appointed Mayor Arturo Flores and Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez. City Clerk Sarmiento then proceeded to conduct the second reading of the Street Vendor Amendment and the Pet Ordinance.

Finance: Congrats to all the finance staff for everything! Spent extra hours preparing the 2025-26 budget!

Police: Thanked former Mayor Macias, now Councilmember Macias for her leadership. Congratulations to the newly appointed Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez and Mayor Arturo Flores. Looking forward to their leadership. Welcomed interim City Attorney Andrew Sarega.

Community Development: In regard to the Rent Stabilization Ordinance. He had originally opened the workshop for 4 days. However, this week only 2 days had been opened due to the decrease in numbers of attendees. However, we can move back to 4 days if council deems necessary.

Communications: Earth Day Clean up event will be held on Saturday, April 19th, 2025. Art Walk event will be held on Saturday, April 27th 2025.

City Attorney: Thank you to City Council for the opportunity to serve as an Interim City Attorney.

City Manager: Congratulations to Mayor Arturo Flores and Vice Mayor Eduardo Martinez. Looks forward to working with the new City Council this year. Thanked Mayor Macias for her leadership this past year.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Macias: Thanked Council, Staff, and Directors who participated in event this weekend. Acknowledged staff for all their help.

Councilmember Sanabria: Thanked Parks and Recreation for their hard work for the past few weeks. Between the 5K and easter event it must've been tough but you guys did a good job. Gave a funny story about confusing the color of the giveaway bear at the weekend event, didn't realize the bear was green until he took off his sunglasses. Thanked Finance for all their hard work with the budget season. He informed community that with all the articles and everything that has been going on doesn't feel good, but he wants to let the community know that he wants to assist as much as he can. He knows that many communities of South East LA also has a lot of corruption. In 2013, he helped people get elected who wouldn't take money from vendors, then the person proceeded to take money from vendors a few years later. This is why he is here. He doesn't believe people should be in position of elected office for too long. Power should be divided and other members of the community should come in and contribute. Thank you to everyone have a great night.

Vice Mayor Martinez: Thank you staff for all your hard work. We did a good event on Saturday thank you Parks. He invited the public to come out for the Earth Day event. Follow social media page, and have snacks and refreshments for the individuals who come out. It's also an opportunity for individuals to go out and get rid of some of their bulky items.

Mayor Flores: thank you to colleagues for messages. We find ourselves as a city in a very interesting time. Had the opportunity to attend an event with Karen Bass to prepare for the FIFA World Cup in 2026 and Olympics in 2028. Very unfortunate that when we as a city should be preparing for this time, we need to stop dealing with the investigations that are happening at the time. The individuals that are behind these investigations have a lot of money they've gotten from the city. The DA investigation is only the beginning, there is a lot more coming. It's going to get worse. Directors and City Manager we still have a job to do, and business doesn't stop. We still have services and programming to provide to the residents. As we continue to do this. The City of Huntington Park is now open for business for all individuals. We are open to vendors and other businesses. We will rebuild trust with residents and vendors.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting of Monday, April 7, 2025 @8:37pm. The next Huntington Park City Council meeting to be held on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk

