

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING    MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Monday, June 2, 2025

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, June 2, 2025, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Arturo Flores presiding.

**PRESENT:** Council Member(s): Macias, Martiz, 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; Louis Morales Interim Community Development Director; Jeff Jones Finance Director, Cynthia Norzagaray Parks and Recreation Director; Andrew Sarega City Attorney.

### **INVOCATION**

Invocation led by Mayor Arturo Flores.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Sanabria

### **PRESENTATION(S)**

- 1.    RECOGNITION OF LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL(S) VALEDICTORIANS AND SALUTATORIANS**
- 2.    REPORT FROM INNER CITY VISIONS ON CASE MANAGEMENT, REFERRALS, AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROVIDED TO UNSHELTERED HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN HUNTINGTON PARK**
- 3.    UPDATE ON SALVATION ARMY BELL SHELTER BED PROGRAM**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people/ person provided public content:

1. Rosa Flores – Results from Broadband
2. Yesica Sosa= Results from Broadband and use of funds
3. Erika Cervantes- Alliance for a Better Community
4. ABC Aliance Para Mejores Comunidades
5. Aida Vega
6. Sandy Mendoza/ Families in School- Broadband Results and Funding Use
7. Rodolfo Cruz- General Comments and Concerns about the City
8. Manny- Bulky items on Seville (coach)
9. Alma Coral- code Enforcement request not be responded feels she was treated badly by code enforcement officer.
10. Ms. Hernandez- Pacific needs cleaning.

### **STAFF RESPONSE**

City Manager: Will look into sanctuary city status. And look into customer service training for code officer.

Councilmember Sanabria: Feels city should advocate for undocumented residents.

Council entered into Closed Session @ 6:34pm.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

- 1.    CONFERENCE INVOLVING JOINT POWERS AGENCY HUB CITIES CONSORTIUM - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Government Code §§ 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(e)(3) One (1) potential matter**

Council returned from Closed Session @ 7:33pm

## **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Discussed, no action taken.

## **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 May 19, 2025

### **FINANCE**

#### **2. CHECK REGISTERS**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated June 2, 2025

### **CITY MANAGER**

#### **3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AND HUB CITIES CONSORTIUM (HCC) FOR UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITY (UAL) PAYMENTS**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve the Loan Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and the Hub Cities Consortium, in substantially the form provided; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to finalize any non-substantive terms and execute the agreement.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

#### **4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AND THE HUNTINGTON PARK POLICE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (HPPMA)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Huntington Park and the Huntington Park Police Management Association (HPPMA) for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029 in substantially the form provided; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to finalize the MOU language to implement mutually agreed-upon modifications and execute the agreement once finalized.

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

**AYES:** Council Member(s): Macias [wanted to state for the record that she abstains from voting on the minutes], Martiz, Sanabria, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Flores

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

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

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

**1. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT TO THE PRINCIPIA GROUP, LLC FOR NEIGHBORHOOD CANVASSING SERVICES FOR BROADBAND NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Consider awarding a Professional Services Agreement to The Principia Group, LLC, the only responsive bidder, for Neighborhood Canvassing Services related to the City's Broadband Needs Assessment; or
2. Reject all proposals and direct staff to reissue the Request for Proposals (RFP) via PlanetBids to solicit additional competitive bids in accordance with the City's procurement policy.

**MOTION:** Mayor Flores motioned to reject all proposals and direct staff to reissue the Request for Proposals (RFP) via Planet Bids to solicit additional competitive bids in accordance with the City's procurement policy. The motion was seconded by Sanabria who added a friendly amendment to open the new bid on June 3, close the bid on June 18<sup>th</sup>, and bring back to the July 7<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

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

**NOES:** Council Member(s): Macias

**ABSENT:** Council Member(s): Sanabria

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FIREWORKS SALES PERMIT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY LOCAL**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve the Fireworks Sales Permit Applications submitted by local non-profit organizations in the City of Huntington Park; and
2. Authorize the Community Development Department to process the applications and conduct the final inspections of the stands.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Martinez motioned to approve the fireworks sales permit applications submitted by local non-profit organizations in the City of Huntington Park; and authorize the Community Development Department to process the applications and conduct the final inspections of the stands. The motion was seconded by councilmember Sanabria. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

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

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

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE 5 VEHICLES FROM NORM REEVES FORD IN CERRITOS, CA**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

- 1. Approve the purchase of two (2) 2024 Ford F-250 Super Cab trucks with Royal Utility Bodies, including two (2) utility body warranties, and three (3) 2024 Ford F-250 Regular Cab trucks (Service/Vinyl trim) from Norm Reeves Ford in Cerritos, CA; and
- 2. Authorize the City Manager to execute any necessary documents related to the purchase.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Martinez motioned to approve the fireworks sales permit applications submitted by local non-profit organizations in the City of Huntington Park; and authorize the Community Development Department to process the applications and conduct the final inspections of the stands. The motion was seconded by councilmember Sanabria. The motion was carried by unanimous consent. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

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

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

**4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR SOLID WASTE CONSULTING SERVICES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

- 1. Approve a three-year Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Municipal Waste Solutions (MWS), with two (2) one-year options to extend, for continued Solid Waste and Recycling Consulting Services, including hauler compliance oversight, quarterly financial audits, and SB 1383 implementation support, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$486,000 over a three-year term, equating to \$162,000 per year, to be funded from Account No. 285-8050-432-56.41; and
- 2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the PSA.

**MOTION:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to Approve a three-year Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Municipal Waste Solutions (MWS), with two (2) one-year options to extend, for continued Solid Waste and Recycling Consulting Services, including hauler compliance oversight, quarterly financial audits, and SB 1383 implementation support, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$486,000 over a three-year term, equating to \$162,000 per year, to be funded from Account No. 285-8050-432-56.41; and Authorize the City Manager to execute the PSA. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martiz

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

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

**CITY CLERK**

**5. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS COMMISSIONS**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

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

Motion:

- Councilmember Sanabria motioned to approve Blake McCormack to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Councilmember Sanabria motioned to appoint Edgar Gordillo to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Mayor Flores motioned to appoint Jairo F. Avila to the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Councilmember Macias motioned to appoint Celia Rivas to the Health and Education Commission.

**City Clerk explained historical appointment process, Council has had the opportunity to appoint individuals to assist on their behalf on the commissions. City Manager stated that we can discuss internally to make potential changes to commissions. We can always add commissions and add responsibilities to commissions. Mayor Flores stated he has no objection to the current system. Councilmember Martiz asked what we could do to change the nomination process, and still require majority vote. City Attorney stated we should bring back and rewrite into the Municipal Code.**

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

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

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Parks and Recreation: Stated that it is very sad to see vandalism to Chelsea Park. We just opened the park and it is already vandalized. She encourages the community if you see something, say something.

Public Works: This weekend we had three street turn signals vandalized this weekend. To add on to what Parks and Recreation Director said if you see something say something.

Police Department: Tomorrow Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be hosting law enforcement torch run between 10:30am-12pm. Mainstream Media started a story about rooftop encampments in Huntington Park. There is no such thing. In case encampments do begin however, we have an encampment hotline at (323) 926-2313. Los Angeles County Board voted to fly half staff flags in honor of the Baldwin Park Officer. The Injured Officer is a former Huntington Park Officer; he left six months ago.

City Manager: Thank staff for all their hard work and all the hard work of directors.

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Rebecca Winnie: project consultant who worked with ISHA, wanted me to speak about the home repair program. I am so grateful about this program because my house is well kept/ needed repairs has been taken care of. It looks nice now. Thank you for this program.

Aida Vega: El parque de Salt Lake se a convertido en una Zona de peligro. Esta plagado de personas con condiciones de salud mental, cuando salimos a caminar o a correr somos amenazados con cuchillo-tenedor. Ahora que no hay el robot la gente se siente libre de tomar bebidas alcohólicas, Fumar, al frente de los niños, El parque cada mañana queda sucia de ollas, ropa, sartenes- bolsas de ropa. En la noche la gente se queda en la cancha de raquet. Ellos son dueños de parque es una Zona Peligrosa. Corremos riesgos.

## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Councilmember Macias:** Thank you to Staff! Look forward to seeing everyone at the memorial day ceremony.

**Councilmember Martiz:** Happy Pride Month. It's June, it's a very important month for the LGBTQ+ community. If any of you out there have an LGBTQ family member or friend. Happy Pride Month.

**Councilmember Sanabria:** Happy Pride months to all those who are part of the community that have done so much for society. Thank you to staff who are here every single day. As we discussed Item #1, he is happy that the statistics show high interaction with the RFQ. Thank you staff for raising the standard.

**Vice Mayor Martinez:** Thank you to staff for making sure were here safe. Happy Pride Month. Maybe at the next meeting hopefully we can pass a resolution honoring pride month. He was wondering where the pride flags went so we could please put them up. Asked Public Works to please put them up. He wanted to remind people they can report bulky items, homelessness, and any other issues with the City App. If staff isn't responding please contact other staff, City Manager, or City Council to address your concerns. Have a good night.

**Mayor Flores:** It is pride month and he has always believed that love is love. He would like to congratulate Vice Mayor Martinez on his engagement. Thank staff for the amazing work we have done when moving the city forward. Up next we will be working on a balanced budget. Law enforcement is a very selfless and difficult job. Tonight he would like to close the council meeting in honor of Fallen Baldwin Park Police Officer Samuel Riveros.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mayor Flores adjourned the meeting in honor of Baldwin Park Police Officer Samuel Riveros of Monday, June 2, 2025 @8:47pm. The next Huntington Park City Council meeting to be held on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

  
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Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk

