

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, September 9, 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 Tuesday, September 9, 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; Louis Morales Interim Community Development Director; Jeff Jones Finance Director, Gerardo “Gerry” Lopez Public Works 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)**

Councilmember Sanabria motioned to add additional presentation item to the regularly scheduled agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

- 1. LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT FIVE UPDATE BY BOARD MEMBER KARLA GRIEGO**
- 2. PRESENTATION ON THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**
- 3. PRESENTATION ON EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION (CITY BUS)**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following people/ person provided public content:

1. Marcello Retamosa- Spoke on behalf of GELA employees.
2. Alma Felan- Mother of Ana Rodriguez
3. Maria Cruz Carillo- Spoke on behalf of Ana Rodriguez
4. Linda Cabraballo- Spoke regarding residency during time council member Arturo Flores was appointed
5. Rodolfo Cruz
6. David Sanchez
7. Selena Lopez- Advocate for Ana Square
8. Jane Doe- Homelessness Issues
9. Christian Vasquez- Biking and Running advocate. Wants City Support to open schools to community for healthy living use.
10. Veronica Rangel- Mentioned homeless issue at park. Wants repairs at park where aquatic center was going to be built.
11. Ana Maria0 Commented of lack of support w/ rent stabilization. Even more so with ICE Raids. What help will city provide.
12. Esperanza Rodriguez- Spoke about business insecurity & issues with drinking in public.
13. Danny discussed issues at the parks,
14. Gerry Rodriguez- advocate of Ana Rodriguez Square
15. Ana Maria

### **STAFF RESPONSE**

**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 July 7, 2025

**FINANCE**

**2. WARRANT REGISTERS**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated September 9, 2025

**CITY MANAGER**

**3. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-11  
ESTABLISHING AN ANTI-TRUST POLICY FOR AWARD OF CITY CONTRACTS**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Waive full reading and adopt by title Ordinance No. 2025-11 establishing an anti-trust policy for award of city contracts.

**4. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12  
ESTABLISHING A RECEIVERSHIP POLICY FOR PROPERTIES UNDER  
RECEIVERSHIP IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Waive full reading and adopt by title Ordinance No. 2025-12 establishing a receivership policy for properties under receivership in the city of Huntington Park

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Martinez motioned to passed Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanabria. Councilmember Macias abstained from voting. The voting was carried by majority consent.

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

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

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

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**NONE**

**END OF PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

## ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### **1. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE STANDARD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL AND THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDS**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve the Standard Agreement with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control - Grant Assistance Program; and
2. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and
3. Authorize the Finance Director to establish budget expenditure and reimbursement accounts to administer the awarded funds.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria motioned to Approve the Standard Agreement with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control - Grant Assistance Program; and Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and Authorize the Finance Director to establish budget expenditure and reimbursement accounts to administer the awarded funds. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martiz. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

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

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

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE INTERSECTION OF HOPE STREET AND CALIFORNIA AVENUE AS “ANA RODRIGUEZ SQUARE” IN MEMORY OF ANA RODRIGUEZ**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve a Resolution designating the intersection of Hope Street and California Avenue as “Ana Rodriguez Square” in honor of Ana Rodriguez.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria motioned to Approve a Resolution designating the intersection of Hope Street and California Avenue as “Ana Rodriguez Square” in honor of Ana Rodriguez. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martiz. Councilmember Martiz wants Arts & Theatre commission to have mural commissioned at the intersection. Councilmember Martiz requested that the Arts & Theatre commission be commissioned to have a mural at the intersection. 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

At this point Mayor Flores called for a recess.  
The council recessed into break @8:42pm.  
The council returned from recess @ 9:01pm

## **CITY MANAGER**

### **3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION REGARDING POLITICIZATION OF SCHOOLS, REINFORCEMENT OF FORMAL COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOLS, EQUITABLE PROCESSING OF SCHOOL REQUESTS, AND POLICE DEPARTMENT COOPERATION WITH LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT INVESTIGATORS**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Adopt a Resolution calling upon the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education to direct the Superintendent to address the politicization of schools, reinforce formal communication protocols, ensure equitable processing of school requests, and directing the Huntington Park Police Department to fully cooperate with LAUSD investigators; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to sign and transmit a formal position letter to the LAUSD Board of Education consistent with the adopted resolution; and
3. Direct City staff to ensure the resolution and position letter are transmitted promptly and communicated directly to LAUSD Board officials and Superintendent's Office.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria motioned to Adopt a Resolution calling upon the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education to direct the Superintendent to address the politicization of schools, reinforce formal communication protocols, ensure equitable processing of school requests, and directing the Huntington Park Police Department to fully cooperate with LAUSD investigators; and Authorize the Mayor to sign and transmit a formal position letter to the LAUSD Board of Education consistent with the adopted resolution; and Direct City staff to ensure the resolution and position letter are transmitted promptly and communicated directly to LAUSD Board officials and Superintendent's Office. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez. The motion was carried by majority consent.

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

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

### **END OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **STUDY SESSION**

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **1. DISCUSSION REGARDING BUS SHELTER DESIGN**

Council requested that we prioritize seating capacity. Have no invasive architecture and have good lighting at the bus stations.

### **END OF STUDY SESSIONS**

### **REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

### **1. INFORMATION REGARDING ANNUAL HALLOWEEN EVENT**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Receive and file the informational report regarding the Annual Halloween Event; and
2. Provide direction to staff as needed.

Presentation conducted. Council and Public was informed that on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> @ Salt Lake Park we will host our annual Halloween Event.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AWARD RINCON CONSULTANTS INC. THE CONTRACT TO CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN AND MUNICIPAL CODE UPDATE AND, IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS HOUSING, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENTS.**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

- 1. Award CONTRACT for professional services to provide a Comprehensive General Plan and Municipal Code Update and Implementation of its Housing, Safety and Environmental Justice Elements to the sole responsive and responsible proposer Rincon Consultants Inc.; for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,769,204.53; and
- 2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement for the Comprehensive General Plan and Municipal Code Update, which includes the Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, and Housing Element Update services.

**MOTION:** Vice Mayor Martinez motioned to Award CONTRACT for professional services to provide a Comprehensive General Plan and Municipal Code Update and Implementation of its Housing, Safety and Environmental Justice Elements to the sole responsive and responsible proposer Rincon Consultants Inc.; for a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,769,204.53; and Authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement for the Comprehensive General Plan and Municipal Code Update, which includes the Safety Element, Environmental Justice Element, and Housing Element Update services. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Macias. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

**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 AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR WATER SERVICE OPERATIONS**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

- 1. Approve Professional Services Agreement with PERC Water for the City’s Water Operations for \$1,513,281.
- 2. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate final terms of the agreement.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria motioned to Approve Professional Services Agreement with PERC Water for the City’s Water Operations for \$1,513,281. And; Authorize the City Manager to negotiate final terms of the agreement. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez. The motion was carried by majority vote.

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

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

## FINANCE

### 4. CONSIDERATION TO REMOVE USER FEE STUDY ITEM FROM THE TABLE AND DIRECT STAFF TO RETURN THE ITEM FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Remove the User Fee Study item from the table; and
2. Direct staff to place the item on the agenda for City Council consideration at the September 23, 2025 meeting.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria motioned to Remove the User Fee Study item from the table; and Direct staff to place the item on the agenda for City Council consideration at the September 23, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

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

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

## CITY COUNCIL

### 5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH A CITY COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS ENCAMPMENTS AND DEVELOP POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee, to be appointed by the Mayor, consisting of two Council Members, the City Manager, the Chief of Police, and the Community Development Director, with support from the City Attorney's Office; and
2. Direct the Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate root causes contributing to encampments, identify strategies to enhance public safety, and strengthen connections to housing and supportive services; and
3. Require the Ad Hoc Committee to present initial findings at a Council Study Session within 60 days and provide final recommendations by the end of the calendar year, at which time the Committee shall sunset unless extended by Council resolution.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Sanabria motioned to Approve the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee, to be appointed by the Mayor, consisting of two Council Members, the City Manager, the Chief of Police, and the Community Development Director, with support from the City Attorney's Office; and Direct the Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate root causes contributing to encampments, identify strategies to enhance public safety, and strengthen connections to housing and supportive services; and Require the Ad Hoc Committee to present initial findings at a Council Study Session within 60 days and provide final recommendations by the end of the calendar year, at which time the Committee shall sunset unless extended by Council resolution. Councilmember Sanabria also motioned to approve with changes to remove the 4<sup>th</sup> Whereas clause and replace with new language. Also, amend SECTION 1 with new language from Sanabria. The motion was seconded by Mayor Flores. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

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

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

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

## **END OF REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Parks and Rec: Thanked council for coming out to Back-to-School event with social two weeks ago. Over 2,800 backpacks were given away. There was a good amount of food and hair cuts that were given away. Halloween and Dia De Los Muertos dates are coming up. We will be assisting the new and transfer students with the CSU applications at Salt Lake Park we are doing it on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> @4:30 at Salt Lake Park.

Community Development: Potential development coming up. Northeast Corner of Slauson and Soto. Northeast corner of Randolph and Pacific. Southeast corner of Florence and State, and Southeast corner of Saturn and Pacific. Northeast corner of Marbrisa and Florence. We are looking to hire 3 code enforcement officers and one code enforcement manager and a planning intern.

City Clerk: Councilmember Martiz nominated Ryan Rene Perez to the Arts and Theatre Commission. Will be agendaized at the next meeting and the new selection process. If you have any vacancies, you would like to fill please send it applications and disperse to council members for reviews. Proceed with the new process. Special Election Mail in Ballots will go out on October 6, 2025. Looking to lock in locations for both centers. Date of commissioner ordinance kicked in on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Communications: We will have community meeting regarding clean up on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We will send out information for everyone regarding the place and location. They will provide answers. Planning next community clean up on a Saturday. We have a mobile consulate at Salt Lake Park until October 4<sup>th</sup>. Call the number on flyer and text to start the process. We also got a new free library added to the city's corner library. Communication from LAUSD are inviting Mayor's to shadow principals for a day.

City Manager: Position of Assistant City Manager and Human Resource Manager is uploaded online and ready. [Mayor requested that we look at increasing salaries if needed to be competitive].

### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

### **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Councilmember Macias:** Thank you have a good night!

**Councilmember Martiz:** Employees and Staff could be notified for promotions. Having insight can be something that inspires employees to work towards. We as a city should look into implementing something like that.

**Councilmember Sanabria:** Thank you all for the work that you do. He appreciates the left turn yellow lights now. Keep doing the great work you all are doing.

**Vice Mayor Martinez:** Thank you all for making sure we have a safe meeting. Thank you to public works for cleaning up graffiti bench at salt lake park.

**Mayor Flores:** Provided directions to staff. Community Development would like them to put together a presentation about the businesses that have been turned away due to parking fees. Parking fees have stifled our economic development growth. City Clerk put together a presentation for a civilian oversight police commission [what does it look like? What is its role? Does it have investigatory power? Implications of civilians being involved when it comes to oversight matters of the police department?]. City Manager, City does not have an official treasurer. Can we revisit what happened to the treasurer? Is it an elected role/ appointed role, have somebody or bring somebody on board to help out Finance Director with the responsibilities. Parks and Recreation: Would like to see

field hours be extended and not locked up on the weekend. Put together a report to extend the hours and remove the football field entirely. At night we can lock up, but during the day have the park be more inviting. We have a standing reservation coming to an end. Dogs pilot program, do we have an update on the parks where we allowed the dogs in the parks. We want to know if the dog bag stands be installed in the respective parks. Director's please communicate with council for hiring staff. Please empower your staff to bring issues to the attention of the team to improve overall city function.

**Council Entered in Closed Session on: 11:01pm**

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Regarding Represented Employees - Government Code § 54957.6  
City's Representatives: Ricardo Reyes, City Manager  
Employee Organization: General Employee Association (GEA)
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)  
Number of potential cases: One (1)

**Council Returned from Closed Session at 11:49pm**

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

During Closed Session No formal action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mayor Flores adjourned 11:49pm. The next regularly scheduled city council meeting is set to be held on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 @6pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk



Public Finance Authority Meeting called to order at 10:33pm.

**PRESENT:** Board members: Karina Macias, Nancy Martiz, Jonathan A. Sanabria; Vice Chair Eduardo “Eddie” Martinez, and Chair Arturo Flores

**ABSENT:** None

**1. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE ALLOCATION OF \$1,000,000 FROM THE HUNTINGTON PARK PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY FUND 475 TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER PROJECT**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Authorize the Director of Finance to allocate funds from the Huntington Park Public Financing Authority Fund 475 towards the Emergency Operations Center Capital Project

**MOTION:** Board member Sanabria motioned to authorize the Director of Finance to allocate funds from the Huntington Park Public Financing Authority Fund 475 towards the Emergency Operations Center Capital Project. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Martinez. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

**AYES:** Board member(s): Macias, Martiz, Sanabria, Vice Chair Martinez, and Chair Flores.

**NOES:** Board member(s): None

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Public Finance Authority Meeting was adjourned at 10:35pm.