

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, October 28, 2025

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:07 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 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; Louis Morales Interim Community Development Director; Cosme Lozano Chief of Police; Jeff Jones Finance Director, Gerardo “Gerry” Lopez Public Works Director, Cynthia Norzagaray Parks and Recreation Director; Andrew Sarega City Attorney.

INVOCATION

Invocation led by Councilmember Sanabria

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Flores.

PRESENTATION(S)

1. **RECOGNITION OF FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FOR ONGOING COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following people/ person provided public content:

1. Rodolfo Cruz- Concerns regarding the City.
2. Linda Carballo- Opposes the Parade/
3. Evan/ Aspe
4. Amber Alvarez/ Axle
5. Emily S. / Vanessa
6. Diego Ramon/ Jasmin Sun
7. Rebecca Flores, Mary Jane, Melody
8. Ethan Voyers
9. Alize Berhabe
10. Maria E Gomez
11. Elizabeth Garcia
12. Alan and Bryan
13. Dugon Madrigal – Aspire Pacific Academy. Report on Water and Soil Acidity.

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 September 9, 2025
2. Regular City Council Meeting held September 23, 2025
3. Special Council Meeting held September 28, 2025

FINANCE

2. WARRANT REGISTERS

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated October 8, 2025

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

1. TRANSITION TO BY-DISTRICT ELECTIONS SYSTEM

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Receive and file a presentation by National Demographics Corporation on Federal Voter Rights Act and California Voter Rights Act requirement for

transitioning to by-district elections, along with demographics data for the City of Huntington Park

Public Hearing Opened: 7:38pm

- Rodolfo Cruz- Opposes redistricting
- Linda Carballo- Thinks this is good and bad in different ways
- Yvonne Correa- Doesn't think this process is necessary
- Victor Medina- Concerns about much this process will cost
- Capis- Thinks community need more information and time to better understand the process.

END OF PUBLIC HEARING(S)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

CITY MANAGER

1. **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SALARY RANGES FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE (SALARY GRID 228, NON-REPRESENTED COMPENSATION PLAN)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Adopt a Resolution amending the salary ranges for the classifications of Assistant Director of Community Development and Assistant Chief of Police, aligning both to Salary Grid 228 under the Non-Represented Compensation Plan (2023–2033); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to take any necessary steps to effectuate the intent of the City Council's action, including updating the City's Classification and Salary Plan and implementing administrative measures essential to carry out this amendment.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Martinez motioned to Adopt a Resolution amending the salary ranges for the classifications of Assistant Director of Community Development and Assistant Chief of Police, aligning both to Salary Grid 228 under the Non-Represented Compensation Plan (2023–2033); and Authorize the City Manager to take any necessary steps to effectuate the intent of the City Council's action, including updating the City's Classification and Salary Plan and implementing administrative measures essential to carry out this amendment.

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

NOES: Council Member(s): Macias

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

2. **APPROVAL OF CITY MEMBERSHIP IN THE GATEWAY CITIES AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Adopt a Resolution approving the City's execution of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to join the Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement in the form acceptable to the City Attorney; and
3. Authorized payment of the City's membership fees in the amount of \$15,000 for FY 2024-25 and \$15,465 for FY 2025-26, for a total of \$30,465.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Martinez motioned to Adopt a Resolution approving the City's execution of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to join the Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust; and Authorize the City Manager to execute the Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement in the form acceptable to the City Attorney; and Authorized payment of the City's membership fees in the amount of \$15,000 for FY 2024-25 and \$15,465 for FY 2025-26, for a total of \$30,465. 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

END OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

STUDY SESSION

1. **ALPR Technology Presentation**

END OF STUDY SESSION

REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

CITY MANAGER

1. **AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve the City Manager's recommendation of Louis Morales to serve as the City's Community Development Director; and
2. Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a five-year employment agreement with Mr. Morales, consistent with the City's compensation and benefit practices for executive management employees.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Martinez motioned to Approve the City Manager's recommendation of Louis Morales to serve as the City's Community Development Director; and Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute a five-year employment agreement with Mr. Morales, consistent with the City's compensation and benefit practices for executive management employees. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanabria. Councilmember Macias voted against the motion. The motion was carried by majority vote.

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

NOES: Council Member(s): Macias

COMMUNICATIONS

2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AWARD A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FUERZA FOUNDATION FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND PRODUCTION OF THE 2025 HOLIDAY PARADE

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Fuerza Foundation for the organization and production of the 2025 holiday parade.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Martinez motioned to Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Fuerza Foundation for the organization and production of the 2025 holiday parade. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sanabria. Councilmember Macias voted against the motion. The motion was carried by majority vote.

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

NOES: Council Member(s): Macias

POLICE DEPARTMENT

3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO ACCEPT REIMBURSABLE GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000 FROM THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) GRANT YEAR 2024, AND TO APPROVE THE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, INCLUDING AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE THESE FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE EQUIPMENT

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Accept the reimbursable grant funding in the amount of \$55,000; and

2. Approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$55,000 for the purchase of Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) for the police department; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to be designated as the Grantee Official for the purpose of executing grant objectives, grant agreement, and documentation; and
4. Authorize the Chief of Police to purchase the equipment.

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria motioned to Accept the reimbursable grant funding in the amount of \$55,000; and Approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$55,000 for the purchase of Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) for the police department; and Authorize the City Manager to be designated as the Grantee Official for the purpose of executing grant objectives, grant agreement, and documentation; and Authorize the Chief of Police to purchase the equipment. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez. 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

4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Transtech Engineers, Inc. for Municipal Engineering Services; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the PSA.

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria motioned to Approve a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Transtech Engineers, Inc. for Municipal Engineering Services; and Authorize the City Manager to execute the PSA. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Martinez. 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

5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO AWARD A JANITORIAL SERVICES PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Ultimate Maintenance Services for Janitorial Services; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the professional services agreement.

MOTION: Councilmember Sanabria motioned to Amend the Agenda and add the Item to agenda as it was stated in the Agenda Packet. Approve the extension of Interim Community Development Contract for another period. by Councilmember Sanabria. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Martiz. The motion was carried by majority vote.

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): None

6. FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 Q1 BUDGET REVIEW OF THE CITY'S OPERATING BUDGET

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Receive and file the FY 2025-2026 Q1 Budget Status Report

MOTION: Councilmember's received and filed the Fiscal Year 2025-25 Q1 Budget Review.

7. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A BUDGET APPROPRIATION OF \$140,000 FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TYLER TECHNOLOGIES ERP SYSTEM

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CITY COUNCIL:

1. Approve additional budget appropriation of \$140,000 For Fiscal Year (FY 25/26) to account #787-8951-419.43-15

MOTION: Vice Mayor motioned to Approve additional budget appropriation of \$140,000 For Fiscal Year (FY 25/26) to account #787-8951-419.43-15. 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

ABSENT: Council Member(s): None

END OF REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Parks and Recreation: Thursday we will be having our Halloween Event at Salt Lake Park from 4pm-8pm. On Sunday, we will also be having our Dia De Los Muertos Event.

Community Development: We will have a public booth for our General Plan Consultant. We have hired a full code enforcement team.

Public Works: Thank you to Council for approving both contracts today. He looks forward to working with those two companies.

City Clerk: Remind everyone there will be statewide special election on Tuesday, November 4th. Dropbox information is now available on City Website.

Communications: On October 29th there will be a Fair Housing workshop from 4pm-8pm. A lot of Parks and Recreation Events coming out. I had a ribbon cutting ceremony at charter school.

Police: Let everyone know that Dodgers and Bluejay game is being closely watched to ensure that members of community are safe and all those who come out to celebrate can do so peacefully.

City Manager: Tentative Special Meeting on November 12th. Formal process to cancel meeting on November 11th. Council did approve plan of general plan that hasn't been updated since the early 1990s. It will create framework for decision making when it comes to land use, economic development, environmental justice, and housing. Did have an internal kickoff between parks and consultants provide a performance evaluation of service delivery for parks department and allocation of resources. It will be a year long process to determine that our Parks masterplan is up to date. Communications is currently a department of one, we will reevaluate the vacancy and give the director more resources to continue with work he is doing. We are trying to get a permanent PIO. We did hire a new code enforcement manager and two code enforcement officers. Really excited to see the progress than thanks council for support.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Martiz: She was reminded that parking survey is holding up a lot of decisions. She wants to see that come back soon. Looks forward to the events coming up.

Councilmember Macias: Thank you have a good night!

Councilmember Sanabria: Thank you all for the staff. Two things for City Manager. Tree Trimming contract expired on October 5th and wants to go out for RFP, doesn't want contracts to continue to reach the limit. Mr. Cs towing is another one we either need to renew or replace with RFP.

Vice Mayor Martinez: Have a good night! Looks forward to the events coming up. Wants to look into ordinance regarding public murals and potentially unveil a new mural for the spring art walk.

Mayor Flores: Welcome to Mr. Morales officially. Since June 4th it has been a whirlwind. We are coming into Thanksgiving soon. The mayor had the opportunity to go to NALEO this year and had the opportunity to talk to Latino leaders throughout the nation. We have shared ordinances, press releases, and strategies of how we navigate those spaces. He thanked the council for their assistance and for helping to see the vision of the plan.

CLOSED SESSION

None

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mayor Flores adjourned 10:04pm. The next special city council meeting is set to be held on Tuesday, November 12th, 2025 @6pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk

