

**MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Monday, June 15, 2015

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, June 15, 2015, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Karina Macias presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mayor Karina Macias; Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz and Council Members, Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Jhonny Pineda and Marilyn Sanabria. Other City Officials and employees: John Ornelas, Interim City Manager, Edgar Cisneros, Assistant City Manager, Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney, Jorge Cisneros, Chief of Police, Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation, Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director, and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Maria Jose Alvarez, Age: 7, San Antonio Elementary

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Mayor Macias.

**PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to Ms. Margaret Losier for her 18 Years of Service as a Counselor with the Los Angeles Unified School District

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Gloria Enciso, resident, spoke in regards to Dial-A-Ride and commented on Council Member Pineda's campaign promises.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman advised public and Council of the Brown Act rules.

Interim City Manager informed the public that there are headsets available for translation. Mr. Ornelas also informed the Council that the public was misinformed with information regarding Dial-A-Ride. That the City has no intention now or in the future to interrupt the Dial-A-Ride service and with regards to the budget there are no modifications to Dial-A-Ride and apologized to those who attended this evenings meeting for being misinformed.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman suggested to translator to do intermittent translation. Mr. Alvarez reiterated that Council has insured there are no interruptions in the Dial-A-Ride services and that the City is not reducing the service and that he and Mr. Ornelas are available for any questions.

2. Sandra Orozco, Maywood resident, made comments in regards to the City Attorney, Assistant City Manager, Fiesta Taxi, Members of the City Council and the LEAD Program. She thanked United Pacific Waste (UPW) for donating a power wheel chair to her.
3. Jorge Flores, resident, spoke in support of Dial-A-Ride, commented on the beautification project and would like to see something done about the lighting on Pacific Boulevard.
4. Alma Rosa, resident, spoke on issues at Rugby Plaza and the management and asked Council to meet with her and others to discuss the issues.

Mayor Macias asked the Assistant City Manager to follow-up with Ms. Rosa.

5. Frances Delgado, resident, commented on promises made by the candidates, city funds, buses, veterans, issues at Rugby Plaza, housing and asked Council to get involved in the community.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)**

6. Maria Robles, resident, grateful for the transportation provided to herself and the community.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman reminded the public to direct their comments to Council and that yelling out is not permitted and may cause the person to be removed from the Council Chambers.

7. Unknown, commented on the transportation services and if it was going to be the same company and mentioned there was too much waiting.

Mayor Macias reiterated that people have been misinformed and there will be no changes to the Dial-A-Ride service.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced to the public that for any conversations in the audience must be taken outside the Council Chambers.

8. Patricia Chavez, resident, spoke in support of Fiesta Tax and thanked the Police Department for their services.

9. Gabriel Guerrero, spoke in support of the residents, commented on cuts in the budget and spoke in support of the Dial-A-Ride program.

10. Teresa Ramirez, resident, also spoke in regards to budget cuts and in support of Fiesta Taxi.

11. Unknown, commented on the Taxi program and fees being paid.

12. Andy Molina, resident, spoke in regards to appropriation of CDBG funds, commented on Oldtimers contract and services and noted his support for the community.

At 7:04 p.m. Mayor Macias called for a brief recess. Council concurred.

At 7:15 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened the meeting with all Council Members present.

13. Joseph Ybarra, resident, spoke in support of Dial-A-Ride.

14. Rosa Perez, resident, commented on Fiesta Taxi, water rates, campaign manager for candidates, noted statements made by Ms. Macias regarding Water Well 15 repairs, and current transportation services contract.

15. Marco Soto, Fiesta Taxi, commented on budget and reduction in funds to Fiesta Taxi.

16. Joan Lias, resident, voiced concern with parking in the City and suggested renting LAUSD parking area for overnight parking. Ms. Lias commented on the time it takes to get someone on the phone at the P.D., why all events in the City are in Spanish stating she is a Spanish American and would like to hear concerts in English once in a while. She also commented on shopping and hopes new council can improve on what's happened.

17. Veronica Lopez, resident, questioned the changes in transportation services.

18. Nick Ioannidis, resident, thanked the Police Department for their services. He commented on parking, issues he has faced while living in the City and how he celebrates being an American citizen.

19. Carmen Hernandez, resident, noted the misconduct of everyone and spoke in support of Dial-A-Ride.

20. Orlando Domech, resident, also spoke in support of Dial-A-Ride.

21. Augustine, resident, spoke in support of Dial-A-Ride

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)**

22. Juana Varez, resident, spoke in support of Dial-A-Ride but made mention when she calls it takes up to 4 calls and it takes an hour to an hour and a half before they show.
23. Rodolfo Cruz, resident, Member of 90255 Association, spoke in support of taxi service, commented on Council decisions, use of city funds and Combi contract.
24. Mr. Bienavedas, Spirit Family Services, spoke in regards to underage drinking and prevention.
25. Francisco Rivera, resident, voiced concern with numerous banners and flyers on Pacific Boulevard, thanked Public Works for pressure washing the boulevard, commented on code enforcement and regulating signs, banners and flags. He also suggested more English events in the city.
26. Linda Caraballo, resident, commented on the city budget, Combi contract and contracts that Council has approved.
27. Henry Garcia, resident, commented on the Combi services, water services, buses used by the Oldtimers Foundation and spoke in support of Fiesta Taxi.
28. Rosalia Aguilar, resident, spoke in support of the residents and Fiesta Taxi.

## **STAFF RESPONSE**

Interim City Manager Ornelas stated he had met with Mr. Soto of Fiesta Taxi to discuss what the City was proposing with regards to the transportation services. Mr. Ornelas stated Fiesta Taxi is not a non-profit agency but a for-profit agency and that the City has spent over \$1 million dollars for him to provide the service. There is no intention at the present time or in the future to change providers or cut service or interrupt service. The City is going to look at this business from a business prospective to provide a service this community deserves. Mr. Ornelas commented on the Combi service stating that the City received a 30 day termination notice from the Oldtimers Foundation indicating they would stop service in 30 days because of financial reasons. The City had no choice but to find an experienced provider so that services would not be interrupted, contracts were not given to friends. The City took immediate action in order to continue providing service.

Mayor Macias asked staff to explain the condition of the buses used by the foundation.

Interim City Manager Ornelas stated that the condition of the shuttle vans, once received from the Oldtimers, were in poor condition and that the City had to assume a lot of the cost to repair the buses.

Council Member Amezcua questioned the hourly rate for the new provider and if the old provider was given the opportunity to work for the new rate and that they wished to continue.

Interim City Manager Ornelas explained that the contract with the new provider is negotiable and is not final at this time. In regards to the new rate being offered to the old provider, it was offered through May and that the old provider did not wish to continue the transportation service.

Council Member Pineda disclosed he met with Mr. Solache of Oldtimers Foundation and that he stated they were no longer interested in continuing the transportation service regardless of how much was offered. Mayor concurred.

Mayor asked the City Attorney to reiterate on the Rules of Decorum. Mr. Alvarez-Glasman proceeded to review the Rules of Decorum.

At 8:30 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) - Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: [One (1) potential matter]

At 9:35 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened the meeting with all Council Members present.

## **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced Council discussed Closed Session item 1, direction was given, no action taken.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

City Clerk Schwartz pulled item 2 to the next City Council meeting.

Council Member Sanabria requested a change to the Minutes of June 1, 2015.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve consent calendar items, with the exception of Item 2 and a change to the Minutes of June 1, 2015, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezquita, Pineda, Sanabria, Vice Mayor Ortiz and Mayor Macias.  
NOES: Council Member(s): None

## **OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

1. Approved Minutes of the following City Council Meeting:
  - 1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, June 1, 2015
2. Moved to next City Council Meeting. **Approve First Amendment to Agreement with Granicus Inc. for Video Streaming Services of City Council Meetings**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve First Amendment to Agreement with Granicus Inc. for upgrade to current software operating system; and
2. Authorize Interim City Manager to execute agreement.

## **FINANCE**

3. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated June 15, 2015

## **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

## **CITY ATTORNEY**

4. **Rules of Decorum for City Council Meetings**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Review the recommended changes to the Rules of Procedure for City Council Meetings and provide direction on establishing revised rules for the appropriate conduct of City Council meetings, including changes to the written agenda to inform the public of the Rules of Decorum; or
2. Provide alternative direction on topics not covered by the proposed Rules.

## **REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 4 (continued)**

City Attorney Alvarez- Glasman presented the item noting that City Council requested to review the Rules of Decorum applicable to the orderly operation of the meetings of the City Council. Mr. Alvarez-Glasman explained that the Handbook, was previously adopted by other City Council and that the proposed changes are presented by request of the current City Council for review and consideration. Mr. Alvarez-Glasman proceeded to explain The Brown Act and how it governs and the legal requirements of calling for, noticing and conducting City Council meetings and concluded with the recommendations.

Discussion followed by Council regarding the Rules of Decorum.

Council Member Amezquita voiced concern with the amount of time given to each Council Member during Council response and the time of when the speaker card should be submitted.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated it varies from City to City and is up to the legislative body. In regards to the speaker card the time recommended to submit is for the management of the meeting.

Mayor Macias recommended setting the time to submit speaker cards to 6:30 p.m.

Council Member Sanabria suggested 6:15 p.m.

Council Member Amezquita agrees with 6:30 p.m.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman suggested by the beginning of Public Comment.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve the revised rules for the appropriate conduct of City Council meetings, including changes to the written agenda to inform the public of the Rules of Decorum and changes to the submittal of the speaker card, seconded by Mayor Macias. Motion passed 4 to 1 by the following vote:

### ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Pineda, Sanabria, Vice Mayor Ortiz and Mayor Macias.  
NOES: Council Member(s): Amezquita,

### CITY CLERK

#### **5. Appointment of Members to the City Planning Commission**

##### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Make appointments to the Planning Commission consistent with the newly adopted provisions set forth in Resolution No. 2015-19;
2. Provide direction to extend the time period to accept applications for all other City commissions to July 15, 2015; and
3. Extend the terms of office for current Commissioners, except the Planning Commission, until new Commissioners are appointed.

City Clerk Schwartz presented the item and requested that Council extend the deadline to accept applications for the various commissions to July 15, 2015 and to extend the terms of office for current commissioners, except the Planning Commissioners, until new Commissioners are appointed. Ms. Schwartz then announced the Planning Commission applicants and noted the individuals appointed will be required to submit to a LiveScan background check. Appointments to take effect immediately and upon receiving the Oath of Office and will be subject to removal in the event that they don't pass the required background check.

**Council proceeded with nominations as follows:**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 5 (continued)**

Council Member Pineda nominated Carlos Cordova to the Planning Commission, seconded by Council Member Amezcuita. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Macias reappointed by nomination, Eduardo Carvajal to the Planning commission, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor Ortiz nominated Efren Martinez to the Planning Commission, seconded by Mayor Macias. Motion passed 4 to 1 (Amezquita voted NO).

Council Member Sanabria nominated Marcos Osorio to the Planning Commission, seconded by Mayor Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1 (Pineda ABSTAINED).

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to extend the time period to accept applications for all other City commissions to July 15, 2015 and to extend the terms of office for current Commissioners, except the Planning Commission, until new Commissioners are appointed, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezcuita, Pineda, Sanabria, Vice Mayor Ortiz and Mayor Macias.  
NOES: Council Member(s): None

**FINANCE**

**6. Resolution Adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 City Budget**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-23, Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2015 and Ending June 30, 2016 Making Appropriations for the City of Huntington Park Government, Establishing Policies for the Administration of the Adopted Budget, and for Other Budget Related Purposes.

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented the item explaining that this is a proposed budget until it becomes approved and adopted by the Council that at this time Council still has the opportunity to make changes and spoke in support of staff's recommendations.

Council Member Sanabria recommended in the formatting to add positive and negative signs showing either an expenditure or revenue to allow more clarity to the reader.

Mayor Macias thanked staff for the proposed budget and recommended more line items to each department.

Vice Mayor Ortiz recommended reviewing for misspelled words. Mr. Ortiz would like to note Measure R funding when it comes to the Graffiti funding.

Council Member Sanabria questioned the increase to the Graffiti funding.

Economic Development Manager Acosta stated the increase is due to increase in the contract.

Council discussed at length, future RFPs, proposed funding, car allowance, and number of leased vehicles.

Interim City Manager Ornelas recommended Council give staff direction to gather the information on the city vehicles and come back to Council for consideration and recommendations.

Council Member Pineda gave staff direction to prepare an analysis on all city vehicles.

## **REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 6 (continued)**

Council discussion continued with regards to overtime vs regular overtime code 10, employee recognition funds, Combi budget, services and ridership, Lorraine Mendez & Associates contract, CDBG funds, grants for seniors and Dial-A-Ride budget.

Interim City Manager Ornelas explained that the increase in overtime was due to the preparation of the proposed budget.

Council Member Sanabria mentioned staff is working with limited staffing as well.

Human Resources Director Castillo explained that the employee recognition funds consist of several programs to recognize employees.

Vice Mayor Ortiz acknowledged the support of the Human Resources Department, with limited funds, of recognizing the employees.

Mayor Macias disclosed that she will be reimbursing the City for her overage of membership dues for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015.

Interim Finance Director Mazyck stated that the Combi budget for the FY 2014-2015 it was \$456,000 and for FY 2015-2016 it is \$655,000 budgeted with Proposition A & C funds.

Interim City Manager stated that Lorraine Mendez & Associates are the consultants for the CDBG HOME funds program.

Council Member Pineda would like a summary of the funding to Rugby Plaza with regards to senior housing.

Economic Development Manager Acosta stated Rugby Plaza received 18 months' worth of rental subsidy and are only allowed 18 months, Casa Bonita is also receiving funding for the seniors and that these funds are on a limited time.

Council Member Sanabria suggested reminders go to the seniors when the subsidy is coming to an end. Mr. Acosta stated they do get reminders before the subsidy runs out.

Council Member Pineda asked if the seniors are aware that the City does not own these properties. Mr. Acosta stated yes.

Economic Development Manager Acosta noted that the only grants for seniors would be Section 8 as far as rental subsidy.

Interim Finance Director Mazyck stated that the FY 2014-2015 budget for Dial-A-Ride was \$800,000 and for FY 2015-2016 \$760,000, what has been spent for FY 2015-2016 was \$898,000 due to submittal of late invoices by Fiesta Taxi.

Mayor Macias asked what Council wants to do at this point, continue or return.

Interim City Manager Ornelas stated that throughout the year this item will come before you several times for certain items.

Council Member Sanabria would like for the mid-year budget review have same details and recommendations added and percentage tracking for each department.

Mayor Macias would like to add that it notes where the funds are coming from.

Council Member Pineda commented on sales tax rebates and recommended Interim City Manager go back and review the contracts to see if we paid these rebates.

Interim City Manager Ornelas stated these contracts are being looked at.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 6 (continued)**

Mayor Macias asked staff to clarify the increase in legal fees and what we're doing to mitigate these costs. Interim City Manager Ornelas stated that upon his employment he has been reviewing all the legal contracts and has the City Attorney also reviewing to see what he can manage and what needs to be contracted out.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2015-23, Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2015 and Ending June 30, 2016 Making Appropriations for the City of Huntington Park Government, Establishing Policies for the Administration of the Adopted Budget, and for Other Budget Related Purposes, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 4 to 1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Pineda, Sanabria, Vice Mayor Ortiz and Mayor Macias.

NOES: Council Member(s): Amezquita,

**7. Resolution Approving Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 GANN Appropriation Limit**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-24, Establishing the Appropriation Limit Pursuant to the Provisions of the California Constitution Article XIIB for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Interim Finance Director Mazyck presented the item.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned adopt Resolution No. 2015-24, Establishing the Appropriation Limit Pursuant to the Provisions of the California Constitution Article XIIB for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezquita, Pineda, Sanabria, Vice Mayor Ortiz and Mayor Macias.

NOES: Council Member(s): None

**8. Resolution Approving Investment Policy (FY 2015-2016) and Delegating Authority to Interim Finance Director/Treasurer**

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-22, Delegating Investment Authority to the Interim Finance Director/Treasurer Pursuant to Government Code Section 53607; and
2. Adopt the Statement of Investment Policy FY 2015-2016.

Interim Finance Director Mazyck presented the item.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2015-22, Delegating Investment Authority to the Interim Finance Director/Treasurer Pursuant to Government Code Section 53607 and adopt the Statement of Investment Policy FY 2015-2016, seconded by Mayor Macias. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezquita, Pineda, Sanabria, Vice Mayor Ortiz and Mayor Macias.

NOES: Council Member(s): None

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 9 (continued)**

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**9. Authorize use of CDBG Funds, Approve Agreement with Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) for use of School Pool and Approve Agreement with USA Pools Inc. for Pool Management Services for Summer Swim Program**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the use of CDBG after school program funding in the amount of \$21,191 to fund the City's FY 2015-2016 Summer Swim Program;
2. Approve agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) for the use of Linda Marquez High School for the Summer Swim Program;
3. Exempt staff from undergoing the formal service contract procedure to procure pool management services based upon provisions of the Huntington Park Municipal Code, sections 2-5.14 and 2-5.19(b);
4. Approve Agreement with USA Pools Inc. to provide pool management services for the City's Summer Swim Program; and
5. Authorize Interim City Manager to execute agreements.

Parks & Recreation Director Espinosa presented the item.

Vice Mayor Ortiz asked if she would need to recuse herself because of being employed by the Los Angeles Unified School District. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman suggested to abstain.

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria motioned to authorize the use of CDBG after school program funding in the amount of \$21,191 to fund the City's FH 2015-2016 Summer Swim Program, approve agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) for the use of Linda Marquez High School for the Summer Swim Program, exempt staff from undergoing the formal service contract procedure to procure pool management services based upon provisions of the Huntington Park Municipal Code, sections 2-5.14 and 2-5.19(b), approve agreement with USA Pools Inc. to provide pool management services for the City's Summer Swim Program and authorize Interim City Manager to execute agreements, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezcuita, Pineda, Sanabria and Mayor Macias  
NOES: Council Member(s): None  
ABSTAINED: Council Member(s): Vice Mayor Ortiz

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS** (Information only)

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** - None

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita** – commented on the Combi service noting the rate per hour. He announced his attendance at the Colorado Aqueduct in Havasu, California recently passing a water bond and landscaping rebates. Mr. Amezcuita suggested staff add a link on the City's web with regard to landscape rebates.

**Council Member Jhonny Pineda** – noted that changes can always be made to contracts and the budget and thanked staff for all their support.

## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (continued)**

**Council Member Marilyn Sanabria** – thanked all those who attended, commented on the false information that was disseminated regarding Dial-A-Ride, thanked the Interim Finance Director and staff for all their support in preparation of the Budget, thanked the Parks and Recreation Director for the swim program and encouraged residents to reach out to Council with any concerns.

**Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz** – thanked those who attended, commented on false information that was disseminated regarding Dial-A-Ride, encouraged residents to call Council with any concerns and thanked staff for all their support.

**Mayor Karina Macias** – thanked staff for all their support, reiterated on the false information that was disseminated to the residents and encouraged residents to contact Council with any concerns, announced that the contract with Fiesta Tax is not being cut and wished an early Father's Day to those who are Fathers.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11.30.p.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the meeting to a Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, July 6, 2015, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk