

MINUTES

Adjourned Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Sergeant at Arms read the Rules of Decorum.

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, October 6, 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, Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police, Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation, Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director, Annie Ruiz, Finance Manager, Michael Ackerman, City Engineer and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Grace Martinez, 11 Years Old, Lucille Roybal-Allard School

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mayor Macias

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to Grace Martinez for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Xochitl Murillo, Field Representative, from Assembly Member Miguel Santiago's Office provided a legislative update and introduced new Field Representative David Juarez

Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director, City of Huntington Park, presented a PowerPoint on the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General Fund Projected Year End Review.

Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police, City of Huntington Park, presented a PowerPoint on the Police Department's Park Public Safety Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Linda Caraballo, acknowledged the policing of parks, commented on the authority level of police cadets and suggested to have more police officers patrol the parks, commented on the budget with regards to two administrative positions, contracts, warrants pertaining to legal fees, promises made during campaigning to decrease water rates and favoritism.
2. South East Community Alliance, congratulated the Police Department on the Park Public Safety Program, commented on Item 4 with regards to zoning and land uses and alcohol retailer sales to minors.
3. Jesse, congratulated new Council, congratulated the Police Department on the Park Public Safety Program, noted his curb had been painted red and can no longer park there, is requesting it be removed and feels it is unfair.

Interim City Manager stated that staff would discuss the issue with him.

4. Francisco Rivera, commented on Pacific Boulevard needing nice restaurants, thanked the Police Department for the Park Public Safety Program and acknowledged the Police Cadets and volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

5. Edgar Gordillo, thanked Council for the Park Public Safety Program, thanked the Chief of Police for his involvement in the community, commented on the homeless at the parks and suggested creating a program to relocate them.
6. Jenny Rosales, thanked Council for all their work, Chief of Police for the Park Public Safety Program, noted people throwing trash by her home on Santa Fe Avenue, concerned with the charge for picking up items and the agenda not being in Spanish.
7. Carol Schlaepfer, acknowledged presentation by the Police Chief, commented on following the law, comments made by previous speakers that are attorneys, the constitution, living in peace and harmony and requested the two previously appointed commissioners not be commissioned.
8. Nick Ioannidis, commented on campaign promises made by candidates, asked for participation in things for Americanism, spoke in opposition to the Mayor, noted his business was used as a campaign headquarters and recognized Immigrant's Day.
9. David Sanchez, commented on those that are against illegal immigrants, illegal activities, too many cars in the City and feels its due to over population. Mr. Sanchez spoke in opposition to the appointments.
10. Betty Retama, feels Huntington Park is a haven for criminal activity, commented on alleged corruption in the City, spoke in opposition to the current Council, noted a bike lane on Randolph that she is opposed to.
11. Henry Garcia, complained about parking in the City, code enforcement, dogs being a problem and not having licenses, people not using their garages to park in and recommended tickets be given in residential areas.
12. Alex Reynoso, congratulated the Chief of Police and Parks & Recreation Director Espinosa on the Park Public Safety Program, commented on the Interim and Assistant City Manager, thanked Council Member Amezcuita for his support and spoke in opposition to the current Council.
13. Juliano Jarquin, invited the public to various events regarding Grants & Wellness, noted his appointment to the Health & Education Commission and October being breast cancer awareness month.
14. Chanell Temple, recognized Nick as a citizen, commented on the city's financial statement noting discrepancies and commented on nepotism.
15. Rosa Rodriguez, invited the public to the Second Annual Crochet Exposition at Salt Lake Park Community Center, thanked Parks & Recreation Director Espinosa for her support, thanked Council for the Combi Bus stop in front of the Senior Center and thanked the City for the Park Public Safety Program.
16. Arthur Sharper, asked that the two appointments be rescinded, council to step down, commented on undocumented individuals, laws being broken and a forensic audit.

At 7:47 p.m. Mayor Macias called for a recess.

At 8:04 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened the meeting with all Council Members present.

17. Augustine Brambila, 90255 Association, commented on financial aspects of the city, property being disposed, bankruptcy, Redevelopment Agency, bonds being issued over the years, Successor Agency, Huntington Park Public Finance Authority and commented on the two appointments.

PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

18. Mark Mendlovita, commented on the two appointments, defying the law and feels it is not city governments role to set immigration policies.
19. Valentin Amezquita, thanked those who were in attendance, commented on the appointment of two undocumented persons, RFP process, utility user fees, water fees and with regard to transparency and residency he showed an envelope stating it enclosed his W2s and would give to City Clerk.
20. Sandra Orozco, commented on the City of Bell, undocumented immigrants, internal control with regards to contracts, commented on grants that can be obtained and opposed to Council.
21. Robin Hvidston, spoke in regards to the two appointments, commented on the order of removing a speaker and the Police Chiefs authority, the process of the Police when escorting an individual who was out of order out of the Chamber, illegal entry and lawlessness.
22. America First Latino, Raul Rodriguez, recognized various people, commented on the order made by the Mayor to remove an individual who was out of order, commented on allowing people to speak a second time, and rights being violated.
23. DeAnn D'Lean, We the People Rising, acknowledged citizens that are legal and are eligible for the commissions and willing to sit on the commissions.
24. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on various issues that have happened in the City, questioned obligation payments, noted a fire hydrant in the City didn't have any water, drugs being sold in Keller Park, his trees not being trimmed, and services being cut to save money.
25. Betty Robinson, We the People Rising, spoke in opposition to the two appointments, acknowledged those who are also opposed and noted those who live in the City.
26. Wes Parker, commented on prayer, citizenship, illegal activities at the local parks people in the country illegally, laws being broken and law and order in the Council Chambers.

STAFF RESPONSE

Interim City Manager Ornelas responded to the comment regarding the City's financial statement. Mr. Ornelas informed the speaker that they can go to the City Clerk's Office and submit a public records request. Mr. Ornelas responded to the comment regarding zoning and sale of alcohol. Mr. Ornelas stated it does not apply to sale of alcohol, it is a manufactured plan development zoning ordinance specifically applies to the planned development of the medical building currently being proposed and that the speaker can contact staff if he has a concern with a business selling alcohol.

Mayor Macias asked staff to follow-up with the speaker that commented on trash pickup. Interim City Manager stated staff will follow-up.

Council Member Amezquita reiterated the comment on red curb painting. Interim City Manager Ornelas stated staff has spoken to the speaker.

Mayor Macias noted the animal control comment. Chief of Police Lozano stated there are currently two full time animal control officers and will speak to the speaker.

Vice Mayor Ortiz noted the comment regarding homeless in the park. Chief of Police Lozano stated this issue is currently being discussed.

Chief of Police Lozano responded to the Police Cadets comment regarding their authority. Mr. Lozano stated the Police Cadets have the authority to enforce municipal law/ordinances.

STAFF RESPONSE (continued)

Vice Mayor Ortiz noted the comment regarding tree trimming. Interim City Manager Ornelas forwarded the response to Assistant City Manager Cisneros who stated that the Council, at the last meeting, approved a tree trimming contract directing the contractor to trim all trees within four months, contract has been executed, and trimming will start soon.

Mayor Macias thanked staff for completing the Combi Bus stop in front of the Senior Center.

Vice Mayor Ortiz noted the appreciation by the residents and thanked staff for their efforts in completing the bus stop.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:40 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4)
Consideration of initiation of litigation – one potential case
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)
Significant exposure to litigation – one potential case
3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELEASE/DISMISSAL
Government Code Section 54957
Contractor: Rice, Englander & Associates
4. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
Government Code Section 54956.8
Property Location: 6325 and 6613-6725 Rita Ave, Huntington Park, CA
APN#s: 6320-030-906 and 6322-017-901 through 910
Agency Negotiator: John Ornelas, Edgar Cisneros, Manuel Acosta
Negotiating Parties: Pacific Blvd. Holdings 26 LLC and Bentley Global
Under Negotiation: Terms of payment and price

At 9:55 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened to open session. All Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced for Items 1 & 2 direction was given, no action taken, Item 3 is under Consent Calendar where action will be taken. Item 4, direction was given and matter will be brought back at a future date for Council consideration

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Macias requested minor changes to the Minutes.

Vice Mayor Ortiz questioned warrant items regarding purchase of water and inquired about the status of Well 15, AT&T and reiterated a request by Council regarding a Cell Phone Policy and Charter Communications and requested a copy of the contract. Ms. Ortiz questioned warrant item regarding LA River Program and funds paid to the City of Signal Hill.

Interim City Manager stated staff can bring back to Council an update of the water system, Wells 15 and 17, water rates and stated a draft cell phone policy has been

reviewed and will be distributed soon. Mr. Ornelas acknowledged her request for a copy of Charter Communications contract.

Mayor Macias questioned what the invoices for legal services are for.

CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

Interim Finance Director explained the legal services are for claims and general liability claims.

Vice Mayor Ortiz questioned warrant item regarding the Whitter Police Department Mutual Aid Car Maintenance.

Chief of Police Lozano explained that the Mutual Aid is an Agreement among various cities, which allows them to use a command vehicle for large scale events/operations.

Council Member Amezquita noted his questions previously asked with regards to consent items and wasn't allowed. Mr. Amezquita highlighted questions regarding the consent items being asked tonight and that he be able to ask next time.

Vice Mayor Ortiz requested warrant item for City of Signal Hill be pulled at this time.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve Consent Calendar items with noted changes to minutes and pulling warrant item regarding City of Signal Hill, 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(s):

1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held Monday, September 21, 2015

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated October 6, 2015

3. Approved termination of agreement with Rice, Englander & Associates, for Government Consulting and Advocacy Services and authorized the Interim City Manager to issue a Notice of Termination to the consultant.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

4. Waived further reading and adopted Ordinance No. 942-NS, Amending Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 3 of the City of Huntington Park's Municipal Code Relating to Allowed Land Uses.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCE

5. **Approve Professional Services Agreement with MuniServices for Utility Users Tax Consulting Services.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the professional services agreement with MuniServices, LLC, for continued utility users tax consulting services for a period of three (3) years; and
2. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the professional service agreement.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 5 (continued)

Finance manager Annie Ruiz presented the item and introduced Julia Erdkamp, representative of MuniServices who explained the services they provide and have been providing to the City since 2003.

Council Member Amezquita questioned the number of cities that are requesting the collection of the users tax.

Ms. Erdkamp stated that 80% of California cities.

Mayor Macias clarified that the users tax is a tax that the user is already being taxed on.

Ms. Erdkamp reiterated and added that the users tax is a tax that the cities can either choose or not choose to collect.

Vice Mayor Ortiz clarified that this tax is not an additional tax.

Ms. Erdkamp confirmed that the user tax is not an additional tax it is a tax that cities in California can collect from prepaid phone users if they so choose.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve the professional services agreement with MuniServices, LLC, for continued utility users tax consulting services for a period of three (3) years and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the professional service agreement, seconded by Council Member Pineda. 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

PUBLIC WORKS

6. Consideration and Approval of Agreement for Landscape Maintenance Services

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve agreement for Landscape Maintenance Services for a base contract amount annually with a maximum of two 1-year extensions of term;
2. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the agreement; and
3. Encumber the remaining portion of the annual contract amount for FY 2015-2016 for the payment of Landscape Maintenance Services.

Interim City Manager Ornelas introduced the item stating that the agencies who submitted proposals were in attendance for Council to interview and then introduced City Engineer Michael Ackerman who gave a brief explanation of the RFP process and announced the three landscape maintenance services in order of presentations. 1. Bennett 2. Landcare 3. Parkwood.

Sean Bennett of Bennett Landscape presented a PowerPoint on the proposal that was submitted.

Vice Mayor Ortiz suggested Mr. Bennett make available the names of other agencies he provides landscape maintenance service to. Mr. Bennett named Sage Park, City of Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes Library District, West Basin, various HOAs, and Cal State Dominguez Hills.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 6 (continued)

Council Member Pineda questioned the number of part-time vs. full-time employees. Mr. Bennett stated he employs full-time employees but for this contract he would employ part-time as well. Mr. Pineda questioned how many full-time employees would be assigned to the City of Huntington Park if the contract was awarded to Bennett. Mr. Bennett stated he would employ 5 full-time and 2 part-time employees.

Henry Fox, Vice President of Landcare, presented a PowerPoint on the proposal that was submitted stating they have been a partner of the City since 2004, formerly known as Truegreen Landcare.

Council Member Pineda requested Mr. Fox name some of the projects they are responsible for, for the City of Huntington Park. Mr. Fox introduced Ralph???, Manager who stated that they are responsible for the parks, they have done pick-ups after events, power wash Pacific Boulevard, emergency calls for trees to name a few.

Council Member Sanabria questioned if picking up falling branches and trees would be part of the scope of work in this proposal. Mr. Fox stated picking up falling branches is part of the tree pruning and is not part of the contract.

Council Member Amezcuita questioned if their design team applies for commercial design projects. Mr. Fox stated yes and that this free service is available to the clients. Mr. Amezcuita reiterated this service being available to the City noting Pacific Boulevard. Mr. Fox stated yes. Mr. Amezcuita questioned cost if this wasn't available. Mr. Fox stated typically \$100 an hour but if part of contract, there is no additional cost to client.

Council Member Pineda questioned the number of employees that live in Huntington Park. Mr. Fox was uncertain but assured Council he would obtain the information.

David Stein of Parkwood Landscape Maintenance Services presented and distributed a packet to Council on the proposal that they submitted.

Council Member Pineda questioned number of employees that would be assigned to the City if contract was awarded. Mr. Stein stated 5 to 6 full-time employees. Mr. Pineda inquired if design maintenance is included in the FRP. Mr. Stein stated no.

Council Member Amezcuita questioned who the low bidder was. Mr. Ackerman stated it was Bennett Landscape followed by Landcare and followed by Parkwood. Mr. Amezcuita questioned the difference between the lowest bidders. Mr. Ackerman stated it was approximately \$29,000. Mr. Amezcuita questioned if staff was able to obtain cost for design if not included in contract. Mr. Ackerman stated not at this time but will look into and bring back the information.

Council Member Pineda made a motion to require Bennet Landscape to have 9 employees opposed to 7 employees.

Interim City Manager clarified Vice Mayor Ortiz request to amend contract with no automatic renewal but to come back to Council each year.

Mr. Bennett informed Council that his number of employees he stated didn't include administration and water irrigation crew.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve agreement with Bennett Landscape for Landscape Maintenance Services for one year, with noted changes to amend contract with no automatic renewal but to come back to Council each year, authorized the Interim City Manager to execute the agreement and encumber the remaining portion of

the annual contract amount for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for the payment of Landscape Maintenance Services, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 4-0-1 by the following vote:

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 6 (continued)

ROLL CALL:

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

CITY CLERK

7. Discussion and/or Action of Action Minutes vs. Summary Minutes

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Review a report on minutes formats for City Council and advisory board meetings;
2. Direct staff to prepare an ordinance, authorizing Action Minutes to be the format used for the official record of the proceedings of City Council and advisory board meetings; and
3. Schedule first reading and introduction of said ordinance for the October 20, 2015, City Council Meeting.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros introduced the item.

Mayor Macias questioned the recommendation being for City Council and all Commissions. Assistant City Manager Cisneros stated yes.

Vice Mayor Ortiz clarified public comment remaining a summary and action items to be action minutes. Assistant City Manager Cisneros spoke in regards to staff recommendations noting public comment possibly being a short summary versus a lengthy summary due to length of meetings. Mr. Cisneros mentioned that the recordings for the City Council meetings would be available to the public for a minimum of four years but that it is at Councils discretion.

City Clerk Schwartz recommended summary for public comment and action for the action items.

Council Member Sanabria agrees and feels public comment is important to the community and would like summary for public comment.

Mayor Macias also agrees for action minutes for action items and summary for public comment.

City Clerk Schwartz also added that direction from Council would be noted in the minutes.

Vice Mayor Ortiz asked for clarification of action minutes. Assistant City Manager Cisneros stated public comment will stay summary and action format for action minutes.

Mayor Macias recommended the format presented by Vice Mayor Ortiz.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve action minutes with summary for the public comment portion and action for all other items and directed staff to prepare ordinance authorizing action minutes to be the format used for the official

record of the proceeding of city council and advisory board meetings and schedule the first reading and introduction of said ordinance for the October 20, 2015, City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Pineda. 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 (continued)

CITY COUNCIL

8. Council Appointments to Civil Service, Historic and Youth Commissions

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Make appointments to the Civil Service, Historic and Youth Commissions consistent with the newly adopted provisions set forth in Resolution No. 2015-19.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros introduced the item.

Council proceeded with the appointments as follows:

Civil Service Commission (3 vacancies)

Mayor Macias – No appointment at this time.

Council Member Pineda appointed Manuel Morado to a four year term ending March 2019.

Council Member Amezquita appointed Betty Retama to a two year term ending March 2017.

Historic Preservation Commission (2 vacancies)

Mayor Macias appointed Guillermo Flores to a two year term ending March 2017.

Council Member Pineda appointed Michael Cervantes to a four year term ending March 2019.

Youth Commission (2 vacancies)

Council Member Amezquita – No appointments at this time.

Council Member Amezquita commented on the age group he will be appointing from.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros stated there is a cap on age groups.

City Clerk Schwartz clarified the membership by reading resolutions that established the Youth Commission and age group and then read resolution that amended the appointment process but not the membership/age group.

Council Member Sanabria recommends to table the discussion of the Youth Commission until Council receives clarification from Staff.

Interim City Manager Ornelas reiterated the resolutions.

Council Member Sanabria again recommended to table.

City Clerk recommended Council direct staff to bring back for discussion.

Council concurred.

9. Discussion and/or Action of Additional City Commissions

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- 1. Review and discuss additional city commissions.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros introduced the item.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 9 (continued)

Council Member Amezquita noted he had asked for discussion and recommended that further research be taken and brought back. He then touched on the various commissions he had suggested and his interest in community development for redevelopment in the city and then recommended to bring it back at a future date.

Mayor Macias recognized the staff time that would be involved, less administration to dedicate the time, the current commissions that have been established and the involvement time by staff and council.

Council Member Pineda agrees and acknowledged the staff time that would be involved

Council Member Sanabria commented on Council Member Amezquita’s request for additional commissions and understands his concern for community involvement for redevelopment in the city but feels that with the establishment of the current commission wouldn’t allow time for additional.

Council Member Amezquita would like the item brought back for discussion at a later date.

Mayor Macias acknowledged his support and suggested involving the undocumented population.

10. Approve Resolution in Support of the Completion of the 710 Freeway (Freeway Tunnel Alternative)

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- 1. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-41, Supporting the Completion of the 710 Freeway (Freeway Tunnel Alternative)

Interim City Manager Ornelas introduced the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-41, Supporting the Completion of the 710 Freeway (Freeway Tunnel Alternative), seconded by Council Member Sanabria. 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

PARKS AND RECREATION

11. Approval of Expenditure for Holiday Decorations on Pacific Boulevard

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

- 1. Authorize the use of Art in Public Places funds budgeted in FY 2015/16;
- 2. Authorize Parks and Recreation to sole source the installation and waive the formal bidding requirements of issuing this Purchase Order in compliance with Huntington Park Municipal Code, section 2-2.12(i), for the removal,

cleaning and storage of Holiday Decoration on Pacific Boulevard from Dekra-Lite using account #232-6010-419.73-10 in the amount \$17,535.00; and

3. Authorize staff to request a Purchase Order for Dekra-Lite in the Amount of \$17,535.00.

Parks & Recreating Director Espinosa presented the item.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 11 (continued)

Vice Mayor Ortiz commented on not having all the information to allow for informative decisions and the cost recommended for the removal, cleaning and storage of the decorations. Ms. Ortiz questioned if local businesses were approached.

Parks & Recreation Director Espinosa stated that the local businesses do not provide storage, cleaning or refurbish.

Vice Mayor Ortiz noted that previously the Chamber would put up the decorations and that the Public Works Department would them down and store them and asked if this was considered.

Ms. Espinosa stated that the Public Works Department could take them down but couldn't store, supply or refurbish the decorations. She noted the decorations are expensive and if not stored properly they will not last long. Ms. Espinosa stated she has contacted other companies but the level of service depends on what is needed.

Vice Mayor Ortiz questioned if City staff could store the decorations.

City Engineer Ackerman stated currently city vehicles are being salvaged which would leave room to possibly store the decoration and Landcare would also be clearing out some space.

Vice Mayor Ortiz feels the amount requested is a lot each year and would like the city to be more creative. She noted the information that should be available to Council.

Council Member Amezcua questioned if space can be located and likes the idea of the Public Works Department possibly assisting in installing the decorations.

Mayor Macias feels the Public Works Department shouldn't participate in the installation.

Council Member Sanabria questioned if the decorations are city property and what questioned the cost.

Parks & Recreation Director Espinosa stated the city owns the property and that the cost would be an annual cost to put up, take down, refurbish and store the decorations.

Council Member Pineda asked if any of the Arts funds can be used for overtime.

Interim City manager Ornelas stated this can be looked into. He explained there is a lot of factors of purchasing and storing the decorations and suggested coming back to council with more detail and information.

Mayor Macias agrees and to bring back different options of storing the decorations.

Council Member Amezcua questioned the timing involved.

Ms. Espinosa stated that these types of companies schedule their dates and times for installation of the decorations and stated she would bring back info at the next City Council meeting.

Mayor Macias suggested the Chamber be contacted in regards to submitting their information on time for their holiday events. Ms. Espinosa stated she has been in contact with the Chamber.

Vice Mayor Ortiz suggested bringing these types of items sooner and to bring back more information so that Council can make a more informative decision.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to table item to next City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Sanabria.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None
COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita, commented on a rededication of Keller Park and recommended seeking funds to add a botanical garden or a fountain. Mr. Amezquita reiterated his suggestion of additional commissions, suggested reaching out to Porto's Bakery to seek their interest in the Rosita's Bakery location currently vacant and thanked staff.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda, noted he met with representatives in San Jose from the Restaurant Association and suggested hosting a small business forum and inviting the association and thanked all those who attended tonight's Council meeting.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria, voiced excitement for the Police Department's Park Public Safety Program, invited everyone to the "Haunt"ington Park Halloween Festival on October 31, 2015, thanked everyone for attending tonight's Council meeting and thanked staff for all their support.

Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz, announced Mayor Macias and herself attended a dedication of a fountain in honor of Mr. Leyson who was a Teacher at Huntington Park High School and the Women's Club of Huntington Parks 3rd Annual "Breaking the Silence" of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness Symposium on October 10, 2015 at Salt Lake Park Community Center.

Mayor Karina Macias, thanked staff for all their support and reiterated the attendance of Vice Mayor Ortiz and herself to the dedication of the fountain in honor of Mr. Leyson. Mayor. Macias thanked Vice Mayor Ortiz for her dedication and support to the students and reminded the public of the E-waste event on October 10, 2015, from 9 to 3 p.m. at the Public Works yard.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:25 p.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council Meeting in memory of Officer Robert Keller, to a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk

