

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, October 20, 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 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 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 Amezcua, 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, Michael Ackerman, City Engineer, and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Maria Lopez, 9 year old student from Hope Elementary School.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mayor Macias

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Maria Lopez for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ali Cayir, representative of Transtech presented a PowerPoint on the Pacific Boulevard Improvements

Jose Martinez and Ofelia Gomez representatives of Hub Cities, announced the "Grand Opening" of the new field office for the Los Angeles County 1st Supervisorial District – Hilda L. Solis.

Council presented "Certificates of Appreciation" to the Team Captains of the 3rd Annual Employees Softball Tournament.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Leticia Polizzi, Huntington Park Library, announced October 28th free flu shots, November 21st in collaboration with the Los Angeles County, the Library will host a Conversation Club and by appointment only the Library will host a one-on-one computer class on Saturday mornings.
2. Nick Ioannidis, announced October 28th Immigrants Day, commented on the two undocumented appointments and noted he is the founder of Immigrants Day.
3. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on marijuana dispensaries and drugs in the City, feels not enough is being done, noted people intoxicated near the schools and people selling food on the sidewalks on Pacific Boulevard without permits, stated that police should give tickets and spoke in opposition to decisions that have been made regarding the City.
4. Jorge Sepulveda spoke in regards to an article regarding the appointment of undocumented immigrants, spoke in opposition to the appointments and decisions made by Council regarding the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT continued)

5. Francisco Rivera, noted he goes around the City and cleans poles from graffiti, thanked Chief of Police for Officers patrolling the streets and parks, commented on code enforcement, people cooking on the sidewalks of Pacific Boulevard, banners, balloons, tires and flags along the boulevard and doesn't see code enforcement regulate these and hopes to see something done soon.
6. Jenny Rosales, commented on city improvements, parking meters, illegal drug sales in her neighborhood and feels the police aren't doing anything, noted various businesses/locations selling marijuana, and noted an issue with illegal dumping in her area.
7. Joel Frost-Tiff, commented on previous comments regarding the law, actions by previous speakers, pointed out grammar mistakes on signs, spoke in support of the two appointments, commented on others opposed to Council and closed with speaking in support of Mr. Francisco.
8. George Franco, stated he had previously attended a Council meeting and asked about crossing guards at the new school and would like something done.
9. Sandra Orozco, remarked on a previous speaker, number of Police Officers at the meeting and marijuana dispensaries needing to be shut down in the City. Ms. Orozco commented on the City Attorney, undocumented immigrants and asked Council to recognize Mr. Parker a Special Education Teacher at Middleton Elementary School.
10. Betty Retama, mentioned a marijuana dispensary on Santa Fe south of Gage and Police Department waiting for direction from legal, asked who allowed them to open, mentioned no one is there but that there are lines of people waiting to get in.
11. Mike McGet, We the People Rising, commented on the sidewalks being unclean in the City and asked for them to be power washed, stated he is not anti-immigrants but anti undocumented immigrants.
12. Arthur Schaper, spoke in opposition to the removal of a person who was out of order at the last Council meeting, commented on laws being broken, appointment of two undocumented immigrants, and laws he alleges are being violated.
13. Christopher Castillo, commented on the appointments made by Council Member Pineda and rules to follow to become an American Citizen.
14. Robin Hvidston, mentioned the person who was removed from last Council meeting that was out of order, commented on 1st amendment rights, law abiding citizens, lawlessness, two undocumented immigrants, laws being broken, acknowledged Nick and Immigrants Day, noted Betty Retama was appointed to a Commission and asked to appoint more American Citizens to the Commission.
15. Chanell Temple, We the People Rising, remarked on a person being removed from last Council meeting that was out of order, commented on rights being violated and spoke in opposition to Council.
16. Janet West, asked to appoint tax paying citizens, commented on undocumented immigrants, laws being broken and feels City is not supporting citizens of California and the U.S.
17. DeAnn D'Lean, commented on nuances of the English language and freedom.
18. Raul Rodriguez Jr., America First Latinos, commented on the Constitution, investigation by Attorney General, filing with different agencies and asked Council to make the right choice.

PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

19. Von Becht, pointed out the phrase on the wall behind Council, commented on the two appointments and the person who was removed at the last Council meeting.
20. Wes Parker, mentioned yes and si multiple times.
21. Dr. Newman, noted he was the person who was escorted from last Council meeting, feels it was uncalled for, spoke in opposition of Council, asked for the two appointments to be removed and concerned with what has happened.

STAFF RESPONSE

Mayor Macias asked staff to respond to the comment by Ms. Retama regarding a marijuana dispensary on Santa Fe.

Chief of Police Lozano stated that the Police Department is well aware of the dispensary and that the process has begun to shut it down that at the present time the dispensary has been served with several court proceedings.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman added that the City does have a City Prosecutor that handles these issues and assists the Police Department on these matters and reiterated that the matter is currently in court proceedings.

Mayor Macias asked staff to respond to the comment regarding crossing guards.

City Engineer Ackerman stated there are three schools in the surrounding area that these issue are currently being discussed, additional crossing guards, crossing guard education, modified start and stop times and an analysis will be performed on a Traffic and Pedestrian Circulation for mitigation within three blocks and off site and on site improvements.

Mayor Macias noted that at the prior community meeting several residents provided phone numbers to be contacted with any information.

City Engineer Ackerman stated that those constituents will be updated.

Vice Mayor Ortiz commented on incidents occurring on Gage and Cottage and that the street lights are not working. Ms. Ortiz asked Chief Lozano to send a patrol car to assess the situation.

Chief Lozano stated patrol cars do randomly patrol the area and will focus more resource in the area.

Council Member Pineda questioned the City Engineer regarding traffic analysis and when it would be provided,

City Engineer Ackerman stated the analysis can be provided in a month or two but can give weekly or biweekly updates.

Council Member Amezcuita mentioned the comment made by Mr. McGet in regards to the condition of the sidewalk on Pacific Boulevard.

City Engineer Ackerman stated the City has 6 part-time employees who power wash Pacific Boulevard but will look into what other deficiencies can be addressed.

Council Member Amezcuita noted the comment regarding trash pick-up by Ms. Rosales and the problems citizens are facing when contacting the trash hauler.

City Engineer Ackerman stated he will look into it.

STAFF RESPONSE (continued)

Vice Mayor Ortiz noted the comment regarding people intoxicated near schools by Mr. Cruz, stating she herself will call the Police Department when she sees something like this and asked Chief Lozano to provide Mr. Cruz with a number to call the next time he sees this. Ms. Ortiz asked City Manager to contact Ms. Orozco regarding the teacher she wishes Council to recognize.

Council Member Pineda responded to the comment made by Ms. Rosales with regard to trash pick-up and stated he had provided Ms. Rosales with a phone number to the Public Works Superintendent and mentioned the City does have flyers that can be passed out regarding illegal dumping.

Mayor Macias asked City Manager to contact Ms. Rosales regarding her concerns.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:40 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

City of Huntington Park v. Practical Health Center dba Huntington Park's Finest & Shahan Karapetyan JCZ Partners, LLC.
L.A.S.C. case number VC064349

City of Huntington Park v. Olive Ridge, Inc., et al.
L.A.S.C case number VC064633

2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT
Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) -
Title: City Manager

3. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Regarding Represented Employees - Government Code Section 54957.6(a)
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: John Ornelas, Interim City Manager and Edgar Cisneros, Assistant City Manager
Employee Organization: General Employees Association (GEA)

4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
Significant exposure to litigation – one matter

At 9:10 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened to open session. All Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman announced Item 1, direction given, possible settlement. Item 2, no action taken and that the item is on the agenda for further consideration and for Items 3 & 4, direction given, no action taken.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Mayor Ortiz noted a change on the minutes for Item 10 changing "motion" to "moved."

Council Member Amezcua requested changes to the minutes under "Public Comment" to include in his comment the W2 announcement, under "Consent Calendar" additional detail to his comment regarding consent items being pulled and discussed and a change to the name under "Council Comment" from "Keller Park" to "Rosita's Bakery."

Mayor Macias questioned warrants regarding Subscriptions and the Membership amount of \$3,000.

CONSENT CALENDAR (continued)

Vice Mayor Ortiz requested Finance provide Council with account numbers and to which funds they coincide with.

Interim City Manager Ornelas stated that the General Ledger has identifiable numbers to source.

Interim City Manager Ornelas suggested a legend be attached at the beginning of the warrants.

Vice Mayor Ortiz would like it as a reference and questioned the services of Lorraine & Associates.

Interim City Manager Ornelas stated they provide administrative services for the CDBG program.

Vice Mayor Ortiz requested the account description be changed to possibly “managing grants” versus “legal services.”

Council Member Amezcua commented on the Alvarez-Glasman-Colvin warrant and suggested separating “general legal services” from “legal fees” such as when cases are settled versus when the City pays for legal services and questioned for which services Alvarez-Glasman & Colvin were being paid for.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated the fee is for a two month period for legal services.

Council Member Amezcua reiterated to separate legal services, legal fees and litigation fees.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman informed Council Member Amezcua that his firm breaks down the invoice by department and services but can also provide a summary sheet.

Council Member Pineda thanked staff for cost savings on some line items on the warrants.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve Consent Calendar items with noted changes to minutes, seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Council Member(s): Amezcua, 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 Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated October 20, 2015.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY CLERK

3. Approve Ordinance, Authorizing Action Minutes to be the Format Used for the Official Record of the Proceedings of City Council and Advisory Board Meetings

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 943-NS, Authorizing Action Minutes to be the Format Used for the Official Record of the Proceedings of City Council and Advisory Board Meetings; and
2. Schedule adoption of said ordinance for the November 3, 2015, City Council Meeting.

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented item and requested an amendment to the ordinance that the effective date, after adoption, be effective immediately.

Vice Mayor Ortiz asked for clarification.

City Clerk Schwartz stated that this ordinance, once adopted on November 3, 2015, will be effective immediately instead of 30-days after its adoption.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros reiterated the request by staff and confirming that once the ordinance is adopted at the November 3, 2015, City Council meeting it would become effective immediately and the minutes for that meeting would be action.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated the ordinance would take effect immediately after its adoption.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to amend ordinance to be effective immediately upon its adoption, waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 943-NS, Authorizing Action Minutes to be the Format Used for the Official Record of the Proceedings of City Council and Advisory Board Meetings and schedule adoption of said ordinance for the November 3, 2015, City Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Pineda. 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

CITY COUNCIL

4. Council Appointment to Civil Service Commission

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Make appointment to the Civil Service Commission, consistent with the newly adopted provisions set forth in Resolution No. 2015-19.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros introduced the item.

Council proceeded with the appointment as follows:

Civil Service Commission (1 vacancy)

Mayor Macias – appointed Guillermo Monterrosa to a two year term ending March

2017.

REGULAR AGENDA (continued)

5. Consideration of Approval of Appointment and Approval of Employment Agreement for the Position of City Manager.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the Employment Agreement with Edgar Cisneros for the position of City Manager; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Employment Agreement.

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented the item.

Council Member Amezquita stated there will be a discussion.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve Employment Agreement with Edgar Cisneros for the position of City Manager and authorized the Mayor to execute the Employment Agreement, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. 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

Council Member Amezquita began to discuss.

Mayor Macias questioned if a discussion can proceed after roll call was taken.

City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman stated it is at Councils discretion to allow discussion after roll call and suggested to allow discussion to move forward.

Council Member Amezquita noted the process that other City's take.

Mayor Macias noted Roberts Rules of Order process.

Council Member Amezquita commented on the discussion portion after a first and a second and wants the opportunity to discuss an item. He commented on Mr. Cisneros time in this type of business.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

6. Approve Resolution Appropriating \$215,000 of CalTrans Environmental Justice Transportation Planning Grant Funds for Costs Associated with the City's Complete Streets, Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2015-42, appropriating \$215,000 of Caltrans Environmental Justice Transportation Planning Grant Funds for costs associated with the City's Complete Streets, Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan; and
2. Authorize appropriation of \$215,000 Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented the item.

Council Member Pineda questioned when the plan was proposed and if the City will be refunded.

REGULAR AGENDA Item 6 (continued)

Interim City Manager Ornelas stated the project was funded from last Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and it has been ongoing for approximately year and a half ago. Mr. Ornelas stated the City will be refunded.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2015-42, appropriating \$215,000 of Caltrans Environmental Justice Transportation Planning Grant Funds for costs associated with the City's Complete Streets, Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan and authorized appropriation of \$215,000 Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget seconded by Vice Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

FINANCE

7. Approve Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with LAN WAN Enterprises Inc.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve second amendment to professional services agreement (the "Amended Agreement") with LAN WAN Enterprises Inc. ("LAN WAN") for the addition of network support and maintenance services for the Police Department;
2. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute the Amended Agreement;
3. Authorize the Interim Finance Director to make an additional appropriation of \$104,800 for services under the Amended Agreement; and
4. If approved, direct staff to issue RFP for IT services in July, 2016.

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented the item adding that services are needed to continue. Mr. Ornelas explained that LAN WAN had to take over service at the Police Department when the previous provider was let go and due to the amount of work performed by LAN WAN and the security involved, funds were expended, therefore the request to amend the contract.

Council Member Amezcua noted correction to the July date from "2015" to "2016."

Mayor Macias questioned if the \$104,800 can be negotiated.

Interim City Manager Ornelas stated that LAN WAN was needed to secure services for the Police Department which included much needed upgrades to the systems, also noting that the City couldn't take a chance in the disruption of security and the risk of the FBI shutting it down.

Council Member Amezcua suggested bonds be required so that in cases like the previous provider when it was needed to let them go.

Vice Mayor Ortiz asked for clarification with regards to the amount being appropriated from the general fund and if it's to cover IT services for the City including City Hall and Police Department.

Interim City Manager Ornelas stated no that the previous provider ALVAKA did charge the city from July 1 through the next few months plus back pay which took away from the \$104,800 amount.

REGULAR AGENDA Item 7 (continued)

Interim Finance Director Mazyck stated the \$15,600 per month amount is specifically for the Police Department. The contract relative to City Hall services this number hasn't changed. Ms. Mazyck stated she had spoken to Chief Lozano and discussed moving around funds and is hopeful they can locate other funds where the appropriation may not be needed and will report back.

Mayor Macias stated, given this information, suggested the item be brought back with the information.

Interim Finance Director Mazyck agreed that this item can be brought back with the information.

Council Member Pineda had suggested Chief of Police review their budget to find the funds.

Chief of Police Lozano stated he had reviewed the Police Departments budget with Ms. Mazyck and is confident the cost can be covered through other funds that have been appropriated to the Police Department as well as grant funds. Chief Lozano reiterated the service by LAN WAN was extremely important to continue and upgrade the systems and would be highly risky to bring in another service provider at this time.

Vice Mayor Ortiz noted the service they are providing is great and also recommended tabling the item for further information.

Council Member Amezcuita questioned if someone would be monitoring the contract and the services provided.

Interim City Manager Ornelas informed Council that there is someone providing oversight with any new contract.

Assistant City Manager Cisneros pointed out that there were a lot of one-time costs for this service but that staff will be looking for cost savings.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to table item to next City Council Meeting in order to provide more information, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. 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

PARKS AND RECREATION

8. Continued from 10-6-15, Approval of Expenditure for Holiday Decorations on Pacific Boulevard

1. Authorize the use of City Art Funds budgeted in FY 2015/16 for the installation, removal, cleaning and storage of city-owned holiday decorations on Pacific Boulevard;
2. Review list of vendors and cost to provide installation, removal, cleaning and storage of city-owned holiday decorations; and
3. Authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation to use City Art Funds to solicit Dekra-Lite as a sole source provider for the installation, removal, cleaning and storage of city-owned holiday decorations and waive the formal bidding requirements, allowable under Huntington Park Municipal Code, section 2-2.12(i).

REGULAR AGENDA Item 8 (continued)

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented the item and introduced Parks & Recreation Director Josette Espinosa who explained that more information is being provided and spoke in support of staff's recommendations.

Council Member Sanabria questioned if the decorations would be up before the parade and when. Ms. Espinosa stated yes before November 21st.

Mayor Macias questioned if Dekra-Lite and/or another provider can install the decoration. Ms. Espinosa stated yes Dekra-Lite can but that the other provider doesn't preserve or refurbish, they can put up and take down and for an additional cost they can refurbish.

Council Member Sanabria questioned when decorations were last purchased for the city. Ms. Espinosa stated two years ago.

Council Member Sanabria questioned if there would be future purchases. Ms. Espinosa stated yes using the City's Art Fund. It is probable for next year

Council Member Sanabria stated in case there are no funds we can still use the current decoration. Ms. Espinosa stated yes these can still be used as well as other decorations that were previously purchased.

Mayor Macias questioned if the previous decorations will be put up. Ms. Espinosa stated yes these can be put up.

Vice Mayor Ortiz mentioned the difference between Magical Designs and Dekra-Lite is \$1,602, which DEKRA-Lite would be refurbishing, cleaning etc. Ms. Espinosa stated correct.

Council Member Sanabria feels its making an investment now to prolong the decorations.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve authorization for the use of City Art Funds budgeted in FY 2015/16 for the installation, removal, cleaning and storage of city-owned holiday decorations on Pacific Boulevard and authorized the Department of Parks and Recreation to use City Art Funds to solicit Dekra-Lite as a sole source provider for the installation, removal, cleaning and storage of city-owned holiday decorations and waive the formal bidding requirements, allowable under Huntington Park Municipal Code, section 2-2.12(i), 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

POLICE

9. Approval of Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code, Regarding Regulations of Dogs

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 944-NS, Amending Ordinance No. 1394 NS and Repealing and Replacing Article 2. of Title 6, Chapter 1, Relating to Regulations of Dogs;
2. Schedule adoption of said ordinance for the November 3, 2015, City Council Meeting;

3. Amend the City Fee Schedule to include a reduced dog license fee for dog owners who provide proof of micro-chipping and micro-chipping registration; and

REGULAR AGENDA Item 9 (continued)

4. If approved, direct staff to prepare documents and proceed with a protocol for barking dogs and establish a permit process and appeal hearing procedure for dangerous dogs.

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented the item.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to waive further reading and introduced Ordinance No. 944-NS, Amending Ordinance No. 1394 NS and Repealing and Replacing Article 2. of Title 6, Chapter 1, Relating to Regulations of Dogs, schedule adoption of said ordinance for the November 3, 2015, City Council Meeting, amend the City Fee Schedule to include a reduced dog license fee for dog owners who provide proof of micro-chipping and micro-chipping registration and direct staff to prepare documents and proceed with a protocol for barking dogs and establish a permit process and appeal hearing procedure for dangerous dogs, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. 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

10. Approve Request for Purchase of One Police Department Investigations Division Unmarked Vehicle and Supplementary Equipment

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the request to purchase and equip one new Police Department Investigations Division unmarked vehicle from Glendora Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram; and
2. Authorize the Chief of Police to purchase the vehicle and associated equipment.

Interim City Manager Ornelas presented the item and introduced Chief of Police Cosme Lozano who gave a brief overview of staff's recommendations.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve the request to purchase and equip one new Police Department Investigations Division unmarked vehicle from Glendora Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram and authorized the Chief of Police to purchase the vehicle and associated equipment, 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

11. Approve Release of 2014 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant Funds

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve release of funding for the 2014 Community Oriented Policing Services Grant Program from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; and
2. Authorize the Chief of Police to execute the release of the funds.

Chief of Police Lozano presented the item.

REGULAR AGENDA Item 11 (continued)

Mayor Macias asked the Chief of Police to elaborate on the recommendation. Chief Lozano explained that the grant provides for \$41,000 per Officer for three years, after further review, after the three years, the City would have to maintain the positions for an additional year without any grant funding.

Council Member Pineda questioned if the city was to accept the funding it would be required by law to pay for the additional year. Chief Lozano stated yes.

Motion: Vice Mayor Ortiz moved to approve release of funding for the 2014 Community Oriented Policing Services Grant Program from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services and authorized the Chief of Police to execute the release of the funds, 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

12. Authorization to Enter into an Interagency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center (APADRC)

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the MOU between the Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center (APADRC) and the City of Huntington Park Police Department (HPPD); and
2. Authorize the Mayor and the Chief of Police to execute the MOU.

Chief of Police Lozano presented the item.

Council Member Sanabria clarified that this is an additional service to our residence at no cost. Chief Lozano stated yes.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to approve the MOU between the Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center (APADRC) and the City of Huntington Park Police Department (HPPD) and authorized the Mayor and the Chief of Police to execute the MOU, 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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita, questioned who is assigned city vehicles noting one was parked in City Council parking, commented on the procedure for allowing Council Members to discuss items before taking action, announced he was in Sacramento and participated in Central Basin and Metropolitan Water District (MWD) inspection tour for State Water Projects and invited his colleagues to participate,

welcomed Mr. Cisneros as new City Manager noting future projects he's looking forward to working with him on, noted the U.S. losing to Mexico in soccer and congratulated their fans.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

Council Member Jhonny Pineda, thanked staff for all their support, announced he has attended various water briefings and will be attending one on Friday in the City of Vernon, commented on traveling out of town for conferences and costs to City, noted the Halloween event, learned that there is a requirement of showing a Movie and thanked everyone in attendance.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria, announced she enjoyed playing in the softball tournament acknowledging the appreciation to staff. Ms. Sanabria announced the Halloween event on October 31st and invited the community to attend, thanked Chief of Police and the Parks & Recreation Director for the new Public Park Safety Program stated she has received a lot of positive feedback and congratulated Mr. Cisneros on his newly appointed position.

Vice Mayor Graciela Ortiz, thanked her colleagues, City staff for participating in the Softball tournament, acknowledged the "City Hallers" for practicing before the tournament, thanked Council Members: Sanabria, Pineda and Mayor Macias for sponsoring the lunch, thanked Commissioners and staff for participating in the tournament, thanked Chief of Police for his efforts and collaboration with the surround cities during the soccer event, congratulated Mr. Cisneros on his newly appointed position and is looking forward in continuing to work with him and thanked those in attendance.

Mayor Karina Macias, thanked everyone for participating in the softball tournament, appreciated everyone who played and the employees coming to the practices, thanked staff for all their support and Congratulated Mr. Cisneros on the appointment of City Manager and looks forward to working with him.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:17 p.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk