

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, November 15, 2016

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, November 15, 2016, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Graciela Ortiz presiding.

PRESENT: Council Member(s): Valentin Palos Amezquita, Jhonny Pineda, Karina Macias, Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria and Mayor Graciela Ortiz. CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Edgar Cisneros City Manager; Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation; Manuel Acosta, Economic Development Manager; Martha Castillo, Human Resources Director; Fernanda Palacios, Project Manager; Michael Ackerman, Acting Public Works Director/City Engineer, and Donna Schwartz, City Clerk. ABSENT: Jan Mazyck, Interim Finance Director.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mayor Ortiz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gianna Salmeron, Lucille Roybal-Allard Elementary School.

PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Gianna Salmeron for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Musical Performance by Ms. René Rowland's Music class, Huntington Park Elementary School.

Council presented "Certificates of Appreciation" to Wild Campanas and Dream Big Orchestra of Huntington Park Elementary School.

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition" to Senior Officer Jose Macias and Officer Hank Lee, Huntington Park Police Department Life Saving Heroes.

Gloria Rodriguez, Representative of Parents of Exceptional Children, gave a brief explanation of the program and presented flowers to Council for their support.

Not in attendance - Presentation by Centro Medico Huntington Park

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. DeAnn D'Lean, commented on the newly elected president, respect, herself being a teacher and sanctuary cities.
2. Arthur Schaper, We the People Rising, spoke in opposition to Council, commented on the newly elected president, a homicide, federal funds and proposed cuts and asked to rescind the two appointments.
3. Raul Rodriguez, commented on the newly elected and current president, remarked "demorats," commented on sanctuary cities, laws not being enforced and being violated, spoke in opposition to Council, noted a forensic audit that was previously requested, and mentioned city being \$3 million in debt.

4. Channel Temple, We the People Rising, commented on the newly elected president, discrimination, "illegal aliens," visa process, sanctuary cities and crime with regard to ethnicity.
5. Robin Hvidston, We the People Rising, commented on lawlessness, the two appointments to be replaced with citizens, commented on the newly elected and current president, and sanctuary cities with regard to federal funding cuts.
6. Valentin Amezquita, commented on the newly elected and current president, jobs needed in the country, in the city, passing of Measure M and creation of jobs, light rail project and use of monies to have it built sooner and commented on international trading.
7. Wes Parker, commented on the newly elected president, environment, immigration, Mexico, economic growth, and spoke in opposition to Council.
8. Mike McGetrick, spoke in opposition to Council, commented on the newly elected president, Mexico, and crime then loudly slammed down the microphone.

At 7:35 p.m. Mayor called 1st warning on Mike McGetrick for being out of order.

At 7:35 p.m. Mayor called 1st warning on Arthur Schaper for being out of order, Mayor called 2nd warning on Arthur Schaper for continuing to be out of order,

At 7:36 p.m. Mayor called 3rd warning on Arthur Schaper for continuing to be out of order and asked Seargent at Arms to escort Mr. Schaper out of the chambers.

9. Janet West, asked Council to follow rule of law, commented on the two appointments and submission of their resignation, read a memo by the City Manager regarding Pacific Boulevard, and funds being lost.
10. Miguel Perez, spoke in support of installing bike lanes on State Street.
11. Kerry Porter, acknowledged the efforts of Officer Settles in helping with the Neighborhood Watch program, thanked Council Member Macias for attending the first meeting and invited the public to attend the next meeting on December 1, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at Freedom Park.
12. Celina, Cruzitas Deli & Café, spoke in support of bike lanes on State Street, feels it would encourage the community to engage with the businesses and thanked Public Works for installing bike racks.
13. Christina Perez, Enrich LA, spoke in support of installing bike lanes on State Street, feels it would promote healthy mind sets and supports Council.
14. Bryon Ayala, feels quality of life needs improvement in the city and would like to get more involved in the community, supports putting in bike lanes on State Street and will attend more meetings.
15. Mark Lopez, promotes active transportation and spoke in support of installing bike lanes in the community.
16. Derek Eller, spoke in support of installing bike lanes on State Street.
17. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on issues in the city, on Pacific Boulevard and the outcome of the Presidential elections.
18. Roberto Cabrales, Health and Education Commissioner, noted round table discussions that have occurred regarding streets and spoke in support of agenda item 5 and recommends moving forward with the project.
19. Bryan Moller, LA County Bicycle Coalition, spoke in support of item 5 and moving forward with the project and in support of installing bike lanes.

20. Francisco Rivera, commented on illegal dumping, acknowledged the City of Huntington Park Police Department for their outstanding job, commented on bus stops having graffiti and trash under benches and in the streets, and commented on the Presidential elections.
21. Ed Ramirez, spoke in opposition to reducing the car lanes noting that the city is growing and increasing traffic and recommended the city implement a sugar tax.

STAFF RESPONSE

Mayor Ortiz asked Mr. Ackerman, Acting Public Works Director/City Engineer to set-up a meeting regarding bus stops.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:16 p.m. City Attorney Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
California Charter Schools Association v. City of Huntington Park, et al.
(Case no. BS 166035)

At 9:00 p.m. Mayor Ortiz reconvened to open session. All Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

As the Assistant City Attorney was late arriving to his seat, City Manager Edgar Cisneros announced that Council discussed closed session Item 1, no action was taken, nothing to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve consent calendar items, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 4-1 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. Approved Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):
1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated November 15, 2016.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCE

3. Continued from the November 1, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting - Ordinance Granting the Transfer of Ordinance No. 353-NS to Torrance Pipeline Company LLC, (Successor-in-Interest to ExxonMobil Oil Corporation)

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2016-951 granting the transfer of the ExxonMobil Oil Corporation Ordinance No. 353-NS to Torrance Pipeline Company LLC, for the use and maintenance of an existing underground pipeline and schedule the adoption of Ordinance No. 2016-951, as described above, for the December 6, 2016, City Council meeting, seconded by Council Member Pineda. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

4. Approve Second Amendment to Affordable Housing Agreement with Oldtimers Housing Development Corporation-IV for Middleton Place Project

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve a Second Amendment to Affordable Housing Agreement with Oldtimers Housing Development Corporation-IV for the construction of a residential project located at 6614 & 6700 Middleton Street (Middleton Place Project), direct staff to work with legal counsel to complete the second amendment to the Agreement, which will reflect the revisions discussed in the staff report and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and all documents required as part of the Project in a form approved by legal counsel, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC WORKS

5. Requesting Direction Regarding Caltrans Active Transportation Program – State Street Complete Street Project

Motion: Council Member Macias made a motion to direct Staff regarding City Council's desired project and program direction and authorize staff to inform Caltrans that the city no longer wishes to proceed with the project and release the funds, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motioned failed due to amended motion.

Amended Motion: Mayor Ortiz motioned to direct staff regarding City Council's desired project and program direction and authorize staff to inform Caltrans that the city no longer wishes to proceed with the project, release the funds *and direct staff to obtain a cost estimate for installing a Class 3 bike lane from Santa Ana Street to Slauson Avenue on State Street*, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 3-2 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

6. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 747-NS Updating the City of Huntington Park Municipal Code, Title 7, Chapter 10, Entitled "Construction and Demolition Material Waste Management Plan" to Comply with the State of California Building Standards (CalGreen)

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to waive first reading and introduce Ordinance

No. 2016-953, Amending Ordinance No. 747-NS, Updating the City of Huntington Park Municipal Code Title 7, Chapter 10, Entitled "Construction and Demolition Material Waste Management Plan" and schedule the second reading and adoption of said Ordinance for the December 6, 2016 City Council meeting, seconded by Mayor Ortiz.
Motion
passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

PARKS AND RECREATION

7. Resolution Approving the Application for Grant Funds to the Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program to Resurface the Commonly Used Basketball Courts Located at Salt Lake Park to Continue Providing Connectivity and Physical Activity Opportunities for the Community

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2016-51, approving the application for grant funds to the Youth Soccer and Recreation Development Program to resurface the commonly used outdoor basketball courts located at Salt Lake Park, and authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to execute and submit all related grant application documents, seconded by Mayor Ortiz. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

POLICE

8. Approve the 2016-2017 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant Agreement

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to authorize the Police Department to accept funding provided through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program totaling \$70,000.00, authorize the Chief of Police, Finance Director, and Grant Director (Traffic Lieutenant) to execute the Standard Agreement for FY 2016-2017 for Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), between the City of Huntington Park and the State of California Office of Traffic Safety and appropriate the amount of \$70,000.00 in the City's FY 16-17 Budget for the overtime, travel and supplies specified within this report, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, feels there are other options that can be considered regarding police force, commented on the vote made by Council on agenda item 5, feels the project should have moved forward and if not too late would like to see a survey asking residents how they would vote regarding the Pacific Boulevard project, acknowledge a flyer that was sent out regarding himself and clarified he supports immigration reform for undocumented immigrants to be documented, and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Karina Macias, thanked staff for all their support in making the "Huntington" Park event a success noting the residents enjoyed it and are looking forward to next year, thanked Council Member Pineda, Vice Mayor Sanabria and Mayor Ortiz for their participation, announced the tree planting event she participated in from November 12, 2016, remarked on comments made regarding the newly elected President stating there certainly is fear in the community regarding what actions will happen but is hopeful for the country and local elected representatives that will represent the community, noted the City of Huntington Park is not a sanctuary city, commented on local stances made by students in the city, reminded Council that they work for the community and represent the residents and are here to support them.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda, happy to see people in the audience, commented on the Presidential elections and the newly elected president noting it doesn't change his decision regarding the two appointments that volunteer, measures that passed, noted the Christmas parade and encouraged businesses to participate, asked staff to look into educating the residents at the apartments between Carmelita and Slauson on cleaning up after their pets, invited the public to attend the tree lighting event on November 23,rd thanked staff for all their support and wished everyone a good night.

Vice Mayor Marilyn Sanabria, thanked staff for all their support, those who attended tonight's meeting, thanked Council Member Macias, Council Member Pineda, and Mayor Ortiz for participating in the Turkey-Give-Away last weekend, announced the Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 10, 2016, noted the oath she had taken to represent the community and wished everyone a good night.

Mayor Graciela Ortiz, announced on December 1, 2016 is Aids Day, thanked the City of Huntington Park Police Department for their patience during the student walk outs, thanked them for stability to community especially now, noted youth looks up to the Council, asked to keep community united and to lead by example, thanked staff for all their support and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:10 p.m. Mayor Ortiz adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk