

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park City Council Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Sergeant at Arms read the Rules of Decorum before the start of the meeting.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Marilyn Sanabria presiding.

PRESENT: Council Member(s): Manuel "Manny" Avila, Karina Macias, Graciela Ortiz, Vice Mayor Jhonny Pineda (Arrived at 6:15 p.m.) and Mayor Marilyn Sanabria.

CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Ricardo Reyes, Acting City Manager; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development; Daniel Hernandez, Director of Public Works; Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks and Recreation, John Ornelas, Interim Finance Director; Martha Castillo, Director of Human Resources; Susan Crum, Executive Secretary and Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk.

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Mayor Sanabria.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Macias.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Rodolfo Cruz, commented on crimes, city being dirty, people who cut grass at the high school blow it on the street, asked to tell residents to pick up trash and asked who to talk to regarding cars with tinted windows.

Mayor Sanabria informed the audience to refrain from clapping or would be called out of order.

2. Greg Allan, spoke in regards to two illegal immigrants appointed to commissions, sanctuary cities releasing criminals, commented on his request to be escorted to his vehicle at the last meeting, noted an incident that occurred in parking lot and feels police should patrol corners of parking lot after.
3. Catherine Bueno, Huntington Park Library, announced various programs: LA County created a Fine Free Student Card, Crochet meeting club, collaborating with East LA College Southgate Education Center to offer free citizenship courses at the library and a family read aloud pilot program.
4. Von Beck, read an article regarding MS13.
5. Betty Retama, spoke in regards to decorum, noted absence of a council member, commented on illegals that come to Huntington Park, DACA, monies from government being taken, sanctuary cities being criminal for not obeying laws and corruption in Los Angeles.
6. George Franco, noted rubbish was picked up in front of his home but left broken glass, neighbor left a TV in front of their home for months and feels trash company should do the work.
7. Robin Hvidston, We the People Rising, commented on a border patrol agent that was killed, asked to have citizens fill seats on commissions, illegal immigrants don't get a stipend, and asked to do the right thing.

Mayor Sanabria called for Elsa Aldegar and received no response.

8. Nai Huitzilopochtli, commented on Arthur Schaper completing cards for others, spoke in opposition to Mr. Schaper, commented on prior speaker not having all the facts, students not being taught correct history, people commenting on where you come from, states this is indigenous land and commented on diversity.
9. Ms. Ramirez, Las Champas, voiced concern with how long it's taking them to open a Las Champas, asked what to do, noted it will bring jobs and asked what to do to get approval.
10. Collin Whites, commented on appointments of illegals that disturbs him, those who fought, veterans more of a right to be here and important to respect rule of law.

Mayor Sanabria called for Dill Pickle and received no response.

Mayor Sanabria called for Walter J and received no response.

11. Arthur Schaper, remarked we are repealing your utility tax, commented on the two appointments, spoke in opposition to staff and Council, commented on homicides by illegals, acknowledged Nick the Greek, commented on his arrest and cutting funding he feels was robbed from the residents.
12. John Willis, addressed drinking of alcohol in the parks, consider appoint a citizen to parks commission, commented on the border patrol agent killed and then used his time for a moment of silence.

STAFF RESPONSE

Acting City Manager Ricardo Reyes responded to a comment regarding parks and announced a \$4.7 million dollar grant for parks was received and pulled Regular Agenda Item 8.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:36 p.m. Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney, recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1) – [Three Matters]
 - a. Alicia Arias
 - b. John Navarrette
 - c. Isabel Magallanes
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Anticipated Litigation
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2) and (e)(1)

At 8:10 p.m. Mayor Sanabria reconvened to open session with all Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman announced all Council Members were present and discussed closed session items 1 and 2. Mr. Alvarez-Glasman stated for Item 1 a-c) direction was given to special counsel, no action taken nothing to report. Item 2) no action taken, direction provided, nothing to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned to approve consent calendar, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. Approved Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):

1-1 Regular City Council Meeting held November 7, 2017.

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated November 21, 2017.

HUMAN RESOURCES

3. Adopted Resolution No. 2017-38, Repealing Resolution No's 85-80 and 92-49 and Adopting the City of Huntington Park's new Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, Harassment, Abusive Conduct and Retaliation.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL

4. **Consideration and Discussion of Revoking City Staff Credit Cards and Creation of Comprehensive Credit Card Policy**

- DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION -

Acting City Manager Ricardo Reyes presented the item.

Motion: Mayor Sanabria motioned to revoke all staff credit cards with the exception of City Manager and directed staff to create a policy, seconded by Vice Mayor Pineda. Motion passed unanimously by one motion.

5. **Consideration and Discussion of Setting Spending Limit Authority for City Manager, Department Heads and City Staff**

- DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION -

Acting City Manager Ricardo Reyes presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned for spending limit authority for department heads/staff up to \$1,000, over and up to \$5,000 must have City Manager approval and for City Manager spending limit authority up to \$10,000 and directed staff to prepare a resolution, seconded by Mayor Sanabria. Motion failed due to substitute motion.

Substitute Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned for spending limit authority for department heads/staff up to \$1,000, over and up to \$5,000 must have City Manager approval and for City Manager spending limit authority up to \$10,000 and directed staff to prepare a resolution, seconded by Mayor Sanabria with the addition of having a written request for department heads/staff for amounts over \$1,000 – 5,000. Motion passed unanimously by one motion.

CITY MANAGER

6. Consideration and Approval of A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Opt-In Program for the 2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Street Count

Acting City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Executive Secretary Susan Crum who presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) for the 2018 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Street Count, chose three (3) year participation, choose to sponsor the event and waive all related fees and authorize Mayor to execute the MOU, seconded by Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

CITY ATTORNEY

7. Consideration and Approval of Appointment of Interim City Manager and Approval of an Amended Employment Agreement for Interim City Manager

Acting City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman who presented the item.

Motion: Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve appointment of Ricardo Reyes for Interim City Manager, approve amended employment agreement and authorize Mayor to execute the agreement, seconded by Vice Mayor Pineda. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Previously pulled by Acting City Manager under "Staff Response"

8. Consideration and Approval of an Amendment to a Parking Easement Agreement with Huntington Park 607, L.P.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve amendment to Parking Easement Agreement to permit Huntington Park 607, L.P. access to 60 parking spaces in the City Public Parking Structure located at 6330 Rugby Avenue; and
2. Authorize Acting City Manager to execute the amendment and related documents.

FINANCE

9. Consideration and Approval of Award of a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for Government Consulting and Advocacy Services

Acting City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Interim Finance Director John Ornelas who presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned to approve a Professional Service Agreement (PSA) with Prime Strategies, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$120,000 for Government Consulting and Advocacy Services and authorize Acting City Manager to execute the agreement, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC WORKS

10. Consideration and Approval of Award of a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for Preparation of a Pavement Management Program

Acting City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Director of Public Works Daniel Hernandez who presented the item.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz motioned to approve professional services agreement with NCE Engineering and Environmental Services for the preparation of a Pavement Management Program and authorize Acting City Manager to execute agreement, seconded by Mayor Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Manuel "Manny" Avila, congratulated newly appointed Interim City Manager Ricardo Reyes and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Graciela Ortiz, thankful for being able to serve Huntington Park and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Karina Macias, thanked staff for all their support, wished all a wonderful Happy Thanksgiving, knowledge and thanked all those serving the country and gong through tough times noting herself and her colleagues volunteer at the Salvation Army and help provide meals to those who are less fortunate, thankful to be able to provide service to this wonderful community.


Vice Mayor Jhonny Pineda, wished all a Happy Thanksgiving and announced December 9, 2017 is the Huntington Park Christmas Parade.

Mayor Marilyn Sanabria, thanked everyone and staff for all their support and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 p.m. Mayor Sanabria adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at 6:00 P.M

Respectfully submitted,



Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk