

Minutes
Special Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Sergeant at Arms read the Rules of Decorum.

The special meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:13 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 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 and Mayor Marilyn Sanabria.

CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Ricardo Reyes, Interim City Manager; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Vanessa Ibarra, Legal; Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks and Recreation; Nita McKay, Director of Finance; Martha Castillo, Director of Human Resources; Daniel Hernandez, Director of Public Works; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development and Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joshua Sanabria, Saint Matthias School.

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Christian Carrera, Deacon, The Light of the World Church/Iglesia La Luz del Mundo and Edwin Baldelomar, Pastor, Renuevo Church of Nazarene.

PRESENTATIONS

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation," to Joshua Sanabria for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Nativo Lopez, Hermandad, commented on protests that are currently happening, congratulated Jhonny Pineda and acknowledged Council for all their support in representing the community.
2. Juliano Jarquin, The Human Element Passage, invited Council to attend the newly opened Luna Bahia restaurant and encouraged everyone to get involved with the arts.

REORGANIZATION

Annually City Council shall choose one of its members to serve as Mayor and one to serve as Vice Mayor for a one-year term.

Mayor Sanabria opened nominations for Mayor.

Council Member Ortiz nominated Vice Mayor Pineda for Mayor, seconded by Council Member Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

Presentation of Oath of Office to newly elected Mayor Pineda, given by former Mayor Sanabria.

Newly-elected Mayor Pineda called for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Council Member Avila nominated Council Member Macias for Vice Mayor, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

Presentations by the following to outgoing Mayor Sanabria:

Interim City Manager Ricardo Reyes on behalf of the City of Huntington Park.

Interim City Manager Ricardo Reyes on behalf of the City of Cudahy.

Luz Castro, Field Representative from Honorable Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's Office.

Jonathan Flores, Field Representative from Honorable Senator Ricardo Lara's Office.

David Juarez, Field Representative from State Assembly, 53rd District Miguel Santiago's Office.

Antonio Chapa, District Director from Honorable Supervisor Hilda Solis' Office.

Leticia Martinez, Executive Director/CEO from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce.

Gloria Rodriguez, Bilingual Special Needs Advocate, Founder and President of Parents of Exceptional Kids.

Pastor Edwin Baldelomar and wife, Renuevo Church of Nazarene.

Deacon Christian Carrera and wife, The Light of the World Church/Iglesia La Luz del Mundo.

Sri Jeevaprakash, Service Coordinator, Sathya Sai International Organization – Pacific South.

Angelica Fonseca, Middleton Street Elementary School.

Carlos Garibaldi, Principal, and Juan Alfaro, Assistant Principal, Huntington Park High School

Comments by Council Members

Council Member Avila, congratulated outgoing Mayor Marilyn Sanabria for all her hard work, congratulated new Mayor Jhonny Pineda and new Vice Mayor Karina Macias, happy to be part of the Council, happy to see all who attended, acknowledged all the women during "International Women's Day," congratulated the community on tonight's celebrations, announced he would be on vacation for two weeks and thanked everyone.

Council Member Ortiz, thanked outgoing Mayor Marilyn Sanabria for her leadership and hard work this past year, congratulated new Mayor Jhonny Pineda and new Vice Mayor Karina Macias, commenting on the Council being a team, concerned with community and bringing it together, looking forward to another successful year and thanked everyone for attending.

Council Member Sanabria, thanked many for all their support and many things, thanked her mother, brothers and sisters for all their support and encouragement, thanked her colleagues for the opportunity for serving as Mayor, acknowledging that Council wants what's best for the community and thanked staff for all their support during her term as Mayor.


Vice Mayor Macias, thanked staff for all their support, thanked outgoing Mayor Marilyn Sanabria for all her support, congratulated incoming new Mayor Jhonny Pineda, looking forward to another successful year, Council being a team with visions for the city and moving it forward, thanked her colleagues for the opportunity of being the new Vice Mayor and acknowledged Mayor Jhonny Pineda becoming the new Mayor in the mist of the current issues with the president and thanked everyone for attending.

Mayor Pineda, honored many distinguished guest who were in attendance for all their support for himself, new Vice Mayor Karina Macias outgoing Mayor Marilyn Sanabria and Council Members Graciela Ortiz and Manuel Avila. Mayor Pineda thanked his family, mother and step father for the many sacrifices, his wife and daughter for their continued support, thanked his friends, coworkers and residents for attending and continued support, will continue to do the same in supporting the residents and community as outgoing Mayor Sanabria did, thanked his colleagues for countless hours of work, looks forward in continuing to working with the Council, moving city forward creating new jobs and businesses, continuing Youth Program, working with everyone in the community, moving projects along, keeping city clean, thankful for the opportunity to be Mayor and thanked all those who attended.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:10 p.m. Mayor Pineda adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk