

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park City Council Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Sergeant at Arms read the Rules of Decorum before the start of the Successor Agency to the Community Development Commission of the City of Huntington Park meeting.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:32 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Jhonny Pineda presiding.

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

CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Ricardo Reyes, City Manager; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Noel Tapia, Assistant City Attorney; Daniel Hernandez, Director of Public Works; Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks and Recreation; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development; and Nita McKay, Director of Finance/Acting Director of Human Resources and Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk.

INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Mayor Pineda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Melendez, Student at Linda Esperanza Marquez High School.

PRESENTATIONS

Council presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Steve Melendez for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation by representatives and youth who participated in the HUB Cities Consortium Summer Youth Employment Program.

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition" to the youth who participated in the HUB Cities Consortium Summer Youth Employment Program.

Council presented "Certificates of Appreciation" to Various Organizations Who Participated in the Huntington Park Medical Camp on July 8, 2018, Coordinated by Sathya Sai, International Organization of USA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Denise Campos, Southern California Gas Company, spoke in regards to regular agenda item 10, noted the franchise agreement with the city and requested exemptions include certain repairs be done by So Cal Gas be put into the ordinance.
2. Francisco Rivera, commented on an appointment he has been trying to make with the city manager, acknowledged Public Works Department and Graffiti Protective Coatings (GPC) doing a good job, mentioned no parking sign/meters on Zoe Avenue between Rita and Seville Avenue and that parking meters have been vandalized, trash across from the employment office, no street sweeping sign, street sweeping company not working out and illegal dumping in the city.

STAFF RESPONSE

City Manager Ricardo Reyes commented on Mr. Rivera's comment regarding a meeting with the city manager stating meetings have taken place with Mr. Rivera regarding trash.

Mr. Reyes stated with regard to parking and parking signs the Public Works Director can best answer.

Public Works Director Daniel Hernandez stated staff will evaluate it tomorrow.

City Manager Ricardo Reyes pulled regular agenda item 8 to next regular city council meeting and announced attachment "A" for item 9 was distributed to council and a copy for public viewing was available with the city clerk.

Mayor Pineda requested to pull regular agenda item 10 and bring it back to the next city council meeting in order to study further. Council concurred.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:15 p.m. Assistant City Attorney Noel Tapia recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation
Government Code § 54956.9
Name of case: Tony Davidson v. City of Huntington Park, et al.

At 7:35 p.m. Mayor Pineda reconvened to open session with all Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Noel Tapia announced all Council Members recessed into closed session all Council Members present and were briefed on closed session item 1. Item 1.) no action was taken, nothing to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve consent items, seconded by Council Member Ortiz. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

- AYES: Council Member(s): Ortiz, Avila, Sanabria, Vice Mayor Macias and Mayor Pineda
- 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 July 17, 2018; and
 - 1-2. Special City Council Meeting held July 31, 2018.

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated August 21, 2018.
3. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-24, Fixing the Rate of Taxes to Pay the Cost of the Public Employees Retirement System for the Fiscal Year 2018-19 and Levying Taxes for Said Retirement System to the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2018.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

4. **Council Appointments to Civil Service Commission**

Council Member Sanabria appointed **Ricardo Ortega** to the Civil Service Commission.

FINANCE

5. Consideration and Approval of an Appropriation for the Liability Internal Service Fund for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 in the Amount of \$280,000

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Finance Director Nita McKay who presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve an appropriation for the Liability Internal Service Fund for Fiscal Year 2017-18 for the following accounts: Contractual Legal Services (745-9031-413.32-70) for \$112,000 and Claims Payments (745-9031-413.52-30) for \$168,000 for a total appropriation of \$280,000, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

PARKS AND RECREATION

6. Consideration and Approval of Activities in Public Places Permit and Fee Waiver Request for the Sam Simon Foundation

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Parks and Recreation Director Cynthia Norzagaray who presented the staff report.

Council Member Sanabria requested staff advertise more for such events like this.

Mayor Pineda would like to see more outreach for this event.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve Activities in Public Places Permit for The Sam Simon Foundation, mobile veterinary clinic scheduled for August 24, 27, 28, 30, 31, and September 4, 6, 7, 2018, at Salt Lake Park, Huntington Park, California and approval of facility fee waiver request by The Sam Simon Foundation, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

POLICE

7. Consideration and Approval of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California Amending Sections 4-7.1505 And 4-7.1507 Of Title 4, Chapter 7, Article 15, Of The City of Huntington Park's Municipal Code Relating to Alleys

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Chief of Police Cosme Lozano who presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to waive first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2018-966, Amending Sections 4-7.1505 and 4-7.1507 of Title 4, Chapter 7, Article 15, of the Huntington Park Municipal Code relating to alleys and schedule the second reading and adoption of said ordinance at the next regularly city council meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

Item 8 previously pulled by City Manager Ricardo Reyes to next city council meeting.

8. Consideration and Approval for Authorization to Renew Agreement with the City of Vernon for Inmate Housing

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve renewal of agreement with the City of Vernon for Inmate Housing Services; and
2. Authorize City Manager to negotiate and execute agreement.

PUBLIC WORKS

9. Approve Design, Specifications and Advertise for Bids for Various Streets Improvement Project

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Public Works Director Daniel Hernandez who presented the staff report and announced Steve Forester with Infrastructure Engineering (IE) was present to answer any questions.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve design and specifications for the Various Streets Improvement Project, authorize the Public Works Department to advertise for bid, approve Environmental Assessment as follows: The proposed project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations § 15301 as a Class 1 categorical exemption (Existing Facilities). The project results in minor alterations to existing public facilities involving no significant expansion of the existing use. The project is not anticipated to have any significant impacts with regard to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. There are adequate utilities and public services to serve the project, authorize Staff, under the currently approved Augmentation Contract, to proceed with necessary work (Bid Advertisement, Bid Analysis, Project Management, Construction Management, Inspection, Administration) in compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract and authorize the Public Works Director to submit documents to Metro for project funding associated with Metro funding requirements, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

Item 10 previously pulled by Mayor Pineda to the next regular city council meeting.

10. Consideration and Approval of an Ordinance Modifying Sections of the City of Huntington Park's Municipal Code, Title 7 "Public Works," Adding Chapter 4 "Excavations," Adopting a Five (5) Year Pavement Excavation Moratorium Restricting Utility Cuts of Newly Paved Roadways in the Public Right-of-Way

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Waive first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2018-967, modifying Title 7 "Public Works," and adding Chapter 4 "Excavations," of the City of Huntington Park's Municipal Code relating to the adoption of a Five (5) Year Pavement Excavation Moratorium restricting utility cuts of newly paved roadways in the public right-of-way; and

2. Schedule the second reading and adoption of said ordinance at the next regular city council meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

11. Continued from the Special City Council Meeting of August 16, 2018 - Pacific Boulevard Improvement Project Monument and Way Finding Signs

- Discussion and/or Action -

Community Development Director Sergio Infanzon proceeded with recommendations for proposed monument and directory signs along with locations.

After lengthy discussion by Council regarding locations of monuments and directory signs Council requested staff provide Council with more options of locations.

Community Development Director Sergio Infanzon stated staff would do a walk through and make recommendations at a future city council meeting.

Motion: Mayor Pineda moved to continue the item to the next city council meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motioned passed 5-0, by one motion.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Manuel "Manny" Avila, wished everyone a good evening.

Council Member Graciela Ortiz, wished everyone a good night.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria, wished everyone a good night.

Vice Mayor Karina Macias, thanked staff for their efforts with the open streets event, thanked everyone who attended and thanked staff for everything they do.

Mayor Jhonny Pineda, mentioned transportation projects and to reach out to Metro for funding.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:19 p.m. Mayor Pineda adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Donna G. Schwartz, CMC
City Clerk