

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, October 2, 2018

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 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 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; Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks and Recreation; Daniel Hernandez, Director of Public Works; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development; 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 Ivan Yarza, Lucille Roybal-Allard Elementary School.

PRESENTATIONS

Council presented a “Certificate of Appreciation,” to Ivan Yarza for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council presented “Certificates of Recognition,” to Huntington Park Elementary School Students Violet Nunez, Ivan Yarza and Aracely Haro, who received 1st place in their Schools Art Contest and will be Participating in the 22nd Children’s Drawing Contest, “Este es mi Mexico,” Sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Institute of Mexicans Abroad and the Consulate General of Mexico in Los Angeles.

Ms. Adriana Argaiz, Mexican Consulate representative, presented information on the 22nd Children’s Drawing Contest, acknowledged the students participating in the contest and presented the students with back packs.

Health and Education Commissioner Francisco Medina presented the students with bicycles for their accomplishment.

Not in attendance - Presentation by Young Senator Esmeralda Ponce on her Experience in the Young Senators Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Rodolfo Cruz, voiced concern with drugs being sold in Keller Park while kids are walking to school, playground equipment, traffic and trash in the city.

STAFF RESPONSE

City Manager Ricardo Reyes responded to Mr. Cruz’s comment regarding drugs being sold in the parks, stating this issue is dealt with on a daily basis by Public Works and the Police Department, allocations are currently being resourced to address the issues, partnerships with local non-profits are being established to address the issue and if Mr. Cruz has other concerns to feel free to contact the City Manager’s Office.

City Manager Ricardo Reyes pulled item 4.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:37 p.m. Assistant City Attorney Noel Tapia recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) [One Matter]
HP Automotive and Tow, Inc., dba Huntington Park Tow Service v. City of Huntington Park, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. VC066929
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Anticipated Litigation
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) – [One Matter]
BKK Landfill Tolling Agreement
3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – [One Matter]
City of Huntington Park v. Kevin Hunt; Central Basin Municipal Water District, et.al.
LASC Case No. BS169612

At 7:12 p.m. Mayor Pineda reconvened to open session with all Council Members present with the exception of Council Member Ortiz who at 6:56 p.m. left the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant City Attorney Noel Tapia announced all Council Members were present, stating Council was briefed and discussed closed session items 1-3. Items 1-3) no action was taken, noting to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to approve consent calendar, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

1. Approved Minute(s) of the following City Council Meeting(s):
 - 1-1. Regular City Council Meeting held September 18, 2018.

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated October 2, 2018.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

PARKS AND RECREATION

3. **Consideration and Approval of Expenditure and Installation, Storage, and Removal of Holiday Decorations on Pacific Boulevard**

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

Motion: Council Member Sanabria motioned to authorize the use of Art in Public Places funds budgeted in FY 2018/19, authorize Parks and Recreation to sole source the installation and waive the formal bidding requirements of issuing this Purchase Order in compliance with Huntington Park Municipal Code, section 2-5.12(i), for the removal and storage of Holiday Decorations on Pacific Boulevard from Sierra Installations, Inc. using account #232-6010-419.56-41 in the amount \$26,275 and authorize staff to request a Purchase Order for Sierra Installations, Inc. in the Amount of \$26,275, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

POLICE

Item pulled by City Manager Ricardo Reyes during staff response.

4. Continued from the City Council Meeting of September 18, 2018 - Consideration and Approval for Authorization to Purchase One Police Department Patrol Operations Division Police Vehicle and Supplementary Equipment

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the requisition of funds to purchase one new Police Department Patrol Services Division police patrol vehicle from the FORD MOTOR COMPANY, specifically South Bay Ford in Hawthorne, CA., and install aftermarket emergency response equipment;
2. Authorize additional budget appropriation of \$68,024.22 from the Forfeiture Fund, Account #229-7010-421.74-10; and
3. Authorize the Chief of Police to purchase the vehicle and associated equipment.

PUBLIC WORKS

5. Consideration and Approval of Acceptance of Work Performed by T2 Systems, Inc. for the Downtown Huntington Park "I-Park" System Implementation Project

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

Motion: Vice Mayor Sanabria motioned to approve acceptance of work performed by T2 Systems, Inc. for the Downtown Huntington Park "i-Park" System Implementation Project for a final total amount of \$316,671.59, authorize staff to sign the "Notice of Completion" (NOC) and direct City Clerk to file the NOC with the Los Angeles County Recorder's Office, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Manuel "Manny" Avila, wished Vice Mayor Macias a Happy Birthday.

Council Member Graciela Ortiz, left after closed session.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria, thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and announced the Huntington Park Halloween Festival on October 31, 2018 from 5-9 p.m.

Vice Mayor Karina Macias, thanked staff for all their support, congratulated Parks and Recreation Director and staff for procuring a grant, wished Council Member Avila an early Happy Birthday, announced Saturday is a Tree Planting event and encouraged staff to participate and wished everyone a good night.

Mayor Jhonny Pineda, wished both Vice Mayor Macias and Council Member Avila a Happy Birthday.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Avila acknowledged the passing of Teresa Soria noting she was a longtime resident and a former commissioner and extended his condolences to the family.

At 7:09 p.m. Mayor Pineda adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council in memory of Teresa Soria, who was the mother of Teresa Vidaurri, a former Parks & Recreation Commissioner and a longtime Huntington Park resident to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna G. Schwartz, CMC
City Clerk