

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the
City of Huntington Park City Council
Tuesday, December 18, 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 6:04 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Jhonny Pineda presiding.

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

CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Ricardo Reyes, City Manager; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, 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 Rosy Paxtor, Woodcraft Rangers.

PRESENTATIONS

Council presented the Mayor's Holiday Awards for "Best Decorated Home" to: 3400 Olive Street for "Holiday Spirit," 6306 Arbutus Avenue for "Creativity, 3420 California Street for "Originality." "Best Decorated Apartment Balcony" to: 6915 Stafford Avenue #A, #C and #D. "Best Decorated Neighborhood" to: E. 60th Street: 4214, 4218, 4222 and 4228.

Council presented "Certificates of Recognition," to the Woodcraft Rangers for volunteering their time and assisting the Parks and Recreation Commission on a City Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Francisco Rivera, thanked the City for beautifying Pacific Boulevard, acknowledged the hard work that was put in for the tree lighting event and Holiday parade stating his sister who visited noticed the improvements along Pacific Boulevard and Mr. Rivera would like to see pressure washing at bus stops.
2. Sean Lopez, Investigator, Center for Contract Compliance, handed out some material and spoke in opposition to regular agenda item 13.

STAFF RESPONSE

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced copies of revised regular agenda Item 7 was distributed to Council and copies were available for the public from the City Clerk.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:45 p.m. City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Regarding Represented Employees - Government Code Section 54957.6(a)
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Ricardo Reyes, City Manager and Nita McKay, Finance/Human Resources Director
Employee Organization: General Employees Association (GEA)

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) [One matter]

At 7:51 p.m. Mayor Pineda reconvened to open session with all Council Members present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman announced all five Council Members were present and briefed on closed session items 1 and 2. 1.) no action was taken, direction was given to city's designated representatives, nothing to report. 2.) no action was taken, direction was provided, nothing to report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Council Member Ortiz, moved to approve consent calendar, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion passed 5-0 for Items 1, 2 4 and 5 by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion passed 4-1 for Item 3, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

1-1. Regular City Council Meeting held December 4, 2018.

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated December 18, 2018.

CITY ATTORNEY

3. Waived second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2018-969, Amending Title 4 "Public Safety," Chapter 7 "Traffic," Article 16 "Parking Prohibited or Limited," Sections 4-7.1622 of the City of Huntington Park's Municipal Code Relating to Recreational Vehicles and Trailers (**Councilwoman Sanabria voted NO**).

4. Waived second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2018-971, Amending in Part Title 3 "Finance," Chapter 1 "Business Licensing," Title 4 "Public Safety," Chapters 7 "Traffic," and 11 "Permits or Licenses for Pushcarts Vending Ice Cream or Other Food Products" of the City of Huntington Park's Municipal Code Related to Sidewalk Vendors

5. Adopted Resolution No. 2018-33, authorizing the City of Huntington Park's ("City") participation in the process of appointment of Directors to the Central Basin Municipal Water District's ("CBMWD") Board of Directors, authorized City Manager or the City Manager's designee to nominate an employee or other qualified individual for appointment to the CBMWD Board in accordance with Section 71267 of the Water Code and authorized City Manager or the City Manager's designee to vote on behalf of the City in the CBMWD elections for the appointment of Directors.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

COUNCIL

6. Reappointment of City Council Member to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Board of Trustees

City Manager Ricardo Reyes presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz, moved to reappoint Councilmember Sanabria for a four (4) year term to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Board of Trustees, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

CITY MANAGER

7. Consideration and Authorization of Assignment from United Pacific Waste & Recycling Services (UPW) to CR&R for Solid Waste Handling Services

City Manager Ricardo Reyes presented the revised staff report that was distributed to council, noted a letter received by the Mayor in response to the first staff report.

Mayor Pineda requested to table the item stating he provided a letter to staff, City Manager and City Attorney showing he's reasons why the request to table the item, introduced for the record the letter and proceeded to read it. Mayor Pineda voiced concern with the service to be provided to the residents and wants to know more about CR&R.

City Manager Ricardo Reyes introduced and read the letter for the record he provided to Council in response to the Mayors letter and stated representatives both from UPW and CR&R were in attendance and available for any questions.

Motion: Mayor Pineda moved to table. Motion failed due to lack of second.

Vice Mayor Macias noted she had a letter to provide for the record regarding these response letters. Vice Mayor Macias stated the council cannot be part of the negotiations between the two companies.

Mayor Pineda reiterated his concern regarding the service to the residents.

Council Member Ortiz feels Council should also do their own research noting she did her research, agrees with the Mayor and the service to the residents, but is in support of staff's recommendations.

Motion: Vice Mayor Macias moved to authorize the assignment upon final sale of the Solid Waste Handling Services contract from United Pacific Waste & Recycling Services to CR&R and authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute the assignment and the extension to the term, seconded by Council Member Avila. Motion passed 4-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): Mayor Pineda

POLICE

8. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum Agreement Between Los Angeles County and City of Huntington Park Pertaining to Assistance Under the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan

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

Motion: Vice Mayor Macias, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-34, authorizing the execution of memorandum agreement between Los Angeles County and City of Huntington Park pertaining to assistance under the law enforcement mutual aid plan, approve execution of the memorandum agreement (“Agreement”) between Los Angeles County and City of Huntington Park pertaining to assistance under the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC WORKS

9. Consideration and Selection for an Award of a Contract Services Agreement for Traffic Signal Maintenance

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

Motion: Council Member Ortiz, moved to select Saint Francis Electric for Traffic Signal Maintenance, approve Contract Services Agreement relating to Traffic Signal Maintenance and authorize City Manager to negotiate and execute the agreement, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

10. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Approving the Pavement Management Program 2018 Final Report

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

Motion: Council Member Ortiz, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-35, approving the 2018 Pavement Management Program, approve appropriation from account number 221-4010-431.73-10 in the amount of \$9,990 for additional services provided by NCE Engineering and Environmental Services to the Pavement Management Program report and authorize City Manager or his designee to execute the change order, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

11. Consideration and Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of Grant Application to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and Award Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for Grant Writing Services

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

Motion: Mayor Pineda, moved to adopt Resolution No. 2018-29, approving the submittal of a grant application to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, authorize City Manager or designee to execute any and all documents pursuant to the grant application including any applications, agreements, payment requests and other official and approve Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with CWE for grant writing services in an amount not to exceed amount of \$10,000, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

12. Consideration and Approval of Award of Services for Labor Compliance and Outreach of CIP 2018-19 Various Street Improvements Project

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

Motion: Mayor Pineda, moved to authorize Infrastructure Engineers under the currently approved Augmentation Contract to proceed with Labor Compliance and Community Outreach services of CIP 2018-19 Various Street Improvement Project for a not-to-exceed amount of \$57,500 and authorize City Manager or designee to execute Request for Services (RFS), seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

13. Consideration and Selection for an Award of a Contract Services Agreement for Landscaping Maintenance Services

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

Motion: Council Member Sanabria, moved to approve termination with Bennett Landscaping Services, approve a month to month Contract Services Agreement relating to Landscaping Maintenance to North Star Land Care Inc. (North Star) dba North Star Landscape and authorize City Manager to execute the agreement, seconded by Mayor Pineda. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

Council Member Ortiz directed staff to ensure North Star communicates with the Parks and Recreation Director regarding the care and maintenance of the softball and baseball fields.

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

14. Continued from the December 4, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting - Consideration and Approval of Resolution Adopting the 2030 City of Huntington Park General Plan and Certification of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Conduct a public hearing;
2. Take public testimony and staff's analysis; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2018-27 adopting the proposed 2030 City of Huntington Park General Plan and certification of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

City Manager Ricardo Reyes asked Council if they wanted to table or continue the item.

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman recommended Mayor Pineda open up public comment.

Mayor Pineda opened up public comment, there being none, closed public comment.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz, moved to continue the item to the next regular city council meeting, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by one motion.

15. Continued from the December 4, 2018, Regular City Council Meeting - Consideration and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Title 9 "Zoning," Chapter 4 "Zoning Districts," Article 4 "Special Purpose Zones," Section 9-4.401 of the City of Huntington Park's Municipal Code

Mayor Pineda opened up public comment, there being none, closed public comment.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria, moved to waive further reading, and introduce Ordinance No. 2018-972, amending Title 9, Chapter 4, Article 4, section 9-4.401 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code to include Wireless Communication Facilities as a Conditionally Permitted Use within the Open Spaces (OS) zone; a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and a Development Permit (DP) to allow for the installation of a new wireless communication facility within the Open Spaces (OS) zone and adopting a Negative Declaration and schedule the second reading and adoption of said ordinance at the next regular city council meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

City Clerk Donna Schwartz announced the letters received during regular agenda Item 7.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Manuel "Manny" Avila, congratulated city staff; Parks and Recreation, Police, volunteers and the students from the Key Club for their efforts and participation in making the Huntington Park Holiday Parade a success. Mr. Avila acknowledge the Toy Giveaway and Senior dance stating these events give the community a good image and wished everyone Happy Holidays and New Year.

Council Member Graciela Ortiz, wished everyone Happy Holidays and see you next year.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria, thanked staff for all their support, wished all Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year looking forward to working with everyone in moving the city forward and providing great service to the community.

Vice Mayor Karina Macias, thanked all employees, Directors, Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works on the decorations on Pacific Boulevard, wished all Happy Holidays and see you next year.

Mayor Jhonny Pineda, thanked all departments, noting other cities hear about the events, Pacific Boulevard beautification project is getting a lot of recognition, happy to hear great things when outside family comes to visit, wished all Happy Holidays and thanks to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pineda announced the City Council Meeting of January 1, 2019 has been CANCELLED due to the holiday.

At 8:34 p.m. Mayor Pineda adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Donna G. Schwartz, CMC
City Clerk