

**MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of the  
City of Huntington Park City Council  
Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Sergeant at Arms read the Rules of Decorum at the beginning of the meeting.

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, March 19, 2019, 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; Daniel Hernandez, Director of Public Works; Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development; Nita McKay, Director of Finance/Administrative Services and Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk. ABSENT: Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks and Recreation.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was led by Mayor Pineda.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alanis Rodriguez, Linda Esperanza Marquez High School

**PRESENTATIONS**

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

Council presented “Certificates of Recognition,” to the Linda Esperanza Marquez High School Girls Varsity Soccer Team for Becoming the Undeclared Southern League Champions and Los Angeles City Section CIF Division II Runner Ups.

Proclamation presented to Ms. Lucero Mora, Leader/Volunteer, American Red Cross Representative, Proclaiming “March 2019 as American Red Cross Month” – NOT PRESENT.

Presentation by the Linda Esperanza Marquez High School Huntington Park Institute of Applied Medicine (HPIAM) Students on “Lead Contamination.”

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Gilda Acosta, Don Brabant, Leticia Martinez, and Andy Molina, Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce Members, all spoke in support of items 4 and 5 under Regular Agenda noting the financial hardship, the economic development the chamber events bring to the City, the partnership with all involved and asked the City for their consideration.

**STAFF RESPONSE** – None.

**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/Administrative Services Director  
Employee Organization: General Employees Association (GEA)

**CLOSED SESSION (CONTINUED)**

- 2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE  
Government Code Section 54957 – [One matter]
- 3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4) – [One matter]

At 7:43 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 1-3. 1) no action taken, nothing to report. 2.) Council unanimously upheld the Civil Service Commission’s findings and conclusions. 3.) direction provided to the City Attorney’s office, no action taken, nothing to report.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion:** Mayor Pineda moved to approve consent calendar, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion failed due to substitute motion.

**Substitute Motion:** Council Member Ortiz moved to approve consent calendar with changes to the minutes, 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

**OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

- 1. Approved Minute(s) with changes, of the following City Council Meeting(s):
  - 1-1. Regular City Council Meeting held February 19, 2019.

**FINANCE**

- 2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated March 19, 2019.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**COUNCIL**

- 3. **Council Appointment to Civil Service and Parks and Recreation Commissions**

**Action:** Council Member Sanabria announced she was not ready to appointment to the Civil Service Commission at this time and encouraged the public to apply. Council Member Avila appointed **Karina Guerrero** to the Parks and Recreation Commission, term will run concurrent to Council Member Avila’s term.

Mayor Pineda noted that council previously amended the appointment process and that each council member can make their appointments without a roll call vote.

**REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- 4. Consideration and Approval of a Request by the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to Reduce City Fees Incurred from the Annual 2018 “Sabor de Mexico Lindo Festival,” and/or Reimburse Such Charges to the City in two (2) Separate Installments**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development who presented the staff report.

**Motion:** Council Member Ortiz moved to approve reimbursement to the City for such charges, in two (2) separate installments, 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

Mayor Pineda encouraged the Chamber of Commerce to apply for grants.

- 5. Consideration and Approval of an Activity in Public Places Permit for the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce’s Annual “Carnaval Primavera” Downtown Street Festival**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development who presented the staff report.

**Motion:** Council Member Ortiz moved to approve the Activity in Public Places Permit from the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual “Carnaval Primavera” along Pacific Boulevard from April 5 through April 7, 2019. City Manager and Chief of Police to sit down with Leticia Martinez, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce and work out the fees the best way possible, Finance to provide invoice as soon after the event and cost to be paid 30-days after event and add to calendar after the 30-days to confirm payment was made.

At 8:39 p.m. Mayor Pineda called for a 5-minute RECESS.

At 8:50 p.m. Mayor Pineda RECONVENED the meeting with all Council Members present.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

- 6. Consideration and Approval of Purchase Order (PO) for Six Remote Terminal Units (RTUs) for Six Well Locations**

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

**Motion:** Council Member Ortiz moved to approve the purchase of six (6) RTUs in the amount of \$118,882.50 in account 681-8030-461.43-30 and authorize City Manager to approve the encumbrance request, 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

**REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)**

**PUBLIC WORKS (CONTINUED)**

**7. Consideration and Approval of Payment for Emergency Replacement of Traffic Signal Cabinet and Components**

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

**Motion:** Council Member Sanabria moved to approve emergency expenditure in the amount of \$24,459.21 in account 221-8014-429.74-10 and authorize City Manager to execute the check request, seconded by Council Member Ortiz. 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

Mayor Pineda directed staff to bring back to Council an update on the Signal Synchronization Project.

**8. Consideration and Approval of Budget Appropriation for the Zoe Avenue Trench and Pavement Repair Project**

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

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Macias moved to approve a budget appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 in account number 111-8080-431.76-03, 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

**9. Consideration and Approval to Submit an Application to the 2019 Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Launch Program to Host a Community Workshop Sponsored by the SR2S National Partnership and U.C. Berkeley Safetrec**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Daniel Hernandez, Director of Public Works who then introduced Cesar Roldan, Infrastructure Engineering representative who provided a brief presentation.

**Motion:** Council Member Ortiz moved to authorize the Public Works Department to proceed with the submittal of an interest form to the 2019 Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Launch Program to host a Community Workshop sponsored by the SR2S National Partnership in collaboration by U.C. Berkeley SafeTREC, 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

**END OF REGULAR AGENDA**



**PUBLIC HEARING**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**10. Continued from the February 19 2019, 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. XXXX-XX, 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 Attorney recommended the Mayor open up public comment.

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

**Motion:** Vice Mayor Macias moved to continue item to the next regular city council meeting, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CAL

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS** (Information only)

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** – None.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Council Member Manuel "Manny" Avila, nothing to report.

Council Member Graciela Ortiz, announced on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Health and Education Expo along with a 5K run and encouraged the public to sign-up either on line or at the Parks and Recreation Center.


Council Member Marilyn Sanabria, thanked those who attended tonight's meeting acknowledging and thanked the two students who stayed through the whole meeting.

Vice Mayor Karina Macias, thanked staff for all their support and announced Tree Planting on Saturday at 9 a.m. with Tree People and reminded the public that Parks and Recreation has excursions each month the next one is scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup> free transportation, sign-up and fun for all the family. Asked Council for permission for the Angeles Community Health Center to use City logo on a flyer for their Community Health Fair on April 18<sup>th</sup>, Council approved.

Mayor Jhonny Pineda, thanked everyone and all the hard work they are doing, commenting on everyday new challenges and various issues in the community to be resolved, noted the new trash vendor and asked for bulky items to be picked up.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:11 p.m. Mayor Pineda adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council in memory of Ms. Evelyn Ermelinda Granillo, graduate of Huntington Park High School and longtime resident, to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted  
  
 Donna G. Schwartz, CMC, City Clerk