

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the City of Huntington Park City Council Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Sergeant at Arms read the Rules of Decorum before the start.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, California was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 6550 Miles Avenue, Huntington Park, California; Mayor Karina Macias presiding.

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

CITY OFFICIALS/STAFF: Ricardo Reyes, City Manager; Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, City Attorney; Cosme Lozano, Chief of Police; Raul Alvarez, Assistant City Manager; Cynthia Norzagaray, Director of Parks and Recreation; Nita McKay, Director of Finance & Administrative Services; Daniel Hernandez, Director of Public Works and Sergio Infanzon, Director of Community Development. ABSENT: Donna G. Schwartz, City Clerk.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Mayor Macias.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Avila.

PRESENTATIONS

City of Huntington Park's Police Department Animal Enforcement Officer Juan Lozano gave a presentation on Pet Adoptions

Michael Kodama, Eco Rapid representative, gave an update on Eco Rapid Transit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Ana Maria Rojas, voiced concern with Blue Shield not being able to continue the aerobics class and obtaining a permit.
2. Evelia Castillo, reminded everyone about the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" event and announced a fundraiser at Hometown Buffet on Sunday, July 28th from 8 to 11 am.
3. Haydee Luppino, voiced concern with Blue Shield not being able to obtain a permit.
4. Andy Clapkin, commented on public hearing items 10 and 11.

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman noted Mr. Clapkins comment would be more appropriate during the public hearing portion of item 10.

5. Manuel Castillo, spoke in opposition to public hearing item 9.

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman advised Mr. Castillo that he can comment during the public hearing portion of item 9. Mr. Castillo chose to speak at this time.

6. Rodolfo Cruz, spoke in regards to regular agenda item 4, feels tax should not be charged to Senior Citizens, Retirees or the Disabled. Commented on HP Robocop and the lack of collecting parking meter fees.
7. Maria Valdovinos, commented on illegal dumping in alleys and throughout the City, homeless issue near her home and along Pacific Boulevard and residents not calling for bulky items to be picked up.
8. Rolando Montalvo Jr., mentioned the 4th of July incident, trash and spoke in opposition to PD.

STAFF RESPONSE

Mayor Macias responded to the comments regarding Blue Shield and stated she would be meeting with the Director of Community Development and apologized for being so busy and not be able to return calls, but promised to meet with them.

City Manager Ricardo Reyes stated staff is working diligently to address the many concerns heard this evening. Comments regarding public hearing items will be addressed during the public hearing portion of that item. Mr. Reyes noted that a representative from United Pacific Waste (UPW) was in attendance to answer any questions.

City Manager Ricardo Reyes requested Regular Agenda Item 7 be pulled at this time.

Council Member Pineda commented on bulky items, noted his opposition to the sale of UPW, asked trash company to pick-up bulky items if they see them, mentioned that property owners should have appropriate trash service and stated he has never met Mr. Montalvo.

Council Member Ortiz, thanked Ms. Valdovinos for noticing properties that need to be cleaned, directed staff to work with Ms. Valdovinos regarding her concern with trash in the alleys, and asked property owners to pay attention to their properties.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:11 p.m. City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman, recessed to closed session.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section is 54956.9(d)(1) [One Matter]
Christopher Lisner v. City of Huntington Park
2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR - Regarding Represented Employees
(Government Code Section 54957.6(a))
City's Designated Representative(s) for Negotiations: Ricardo Reyes, City Manager
Employee Organization: Police Officers Association (POA)
3. 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)

At 8:04 p.m. Mayor Macias reconvened to open session with all Council Members present

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman announced all Council Members were present and briefed on closed session items 1 through 3. 1.) no action taken, nothing to report. 2.) no action taken, nothing to report. 3.) not action taken, nothing to report.

Mayor Macias allowed another public comment during this time due to comment card not properly picked up from the tray.

9. Ivonne Correra, announced luminaries can be purchased in memory of loved ones at the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" event.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

ROLL CALL:

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

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 2, 2019.

FINANCE

2. Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant(s) dated July 16, 2019.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

REGULAR AGENDA

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

3. **Consideration and Review to Award a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) for Spanish Translation Services for City Council Meetings**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz moved to approve Professional Services Agreement with Municipal Translation Company for Spanish Translation Services for regular city council meetings, special city council meetings and other meetings for an initial period of two (2) years at an amount not to exceed \$30,000 per year. Upon conclusion of the term, this agreement to come back to Council for review and approval and authorized City Manager to negotiate and execute agreement, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

FINANCE

4. **Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Fixing the Annual Pension Tax Rate to Pay the City's Pension Obligation Bond Annual Debt Service and a Portion of the Cost of the Public Employees' Retirement System for Fiscal Year 2019-20**

City Manager Ricardo Reyes announced the item and introduced Finance & Administrative Services Director Nita Mckay who presented the staff report.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-15, Fixing the Rate of Taxes to Pay the Cost of the Public Employees Retirement System for the Fiscal Year 2019-20 and Levying Taxes for Said Retirement System to the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

PARKS AND RECREATION

5. Consideration and Approval of Activities in Public Places Permit and Fee Waiver Request by the American Cancer Society for the 2019 “Relay for Life” of Southeast Cities Event

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

Motion: Council Member Ortiz moved to approve the “Activities in Public Places” permit for the American Cancer Society to host the 2019 “Relay for Life” of Southeast Cities event on August 3, 2019, approve the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation on the fee waiver and waived additional Building and Safety fees requested by the American Cancer Society, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

6. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Approving the Application for Grant Funds to the Proposition 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP)

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

Motion: Council Member Ortiz moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-16, approving the application for grant funds to the Proposition 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) to enhance and renovate existing neighborhood Parks for the community, authorized City Manager to execute all related grant application documents submitted by Parks and Recreation Director, and requested Council be forwarded what is being proposed before grant is submitted in case Council has any proposed changes, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC WORKS

ITEM PULLED BY CITY MANAGER DURING STAFF REPSONSE.

7. Consideration and Approval of Ordinance and Resolution Adopting the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act as Contained in Public Contract Code Section 22000, Et Seq.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Waive first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2019-977, adding Section 2-5.21 “Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Procedures” to Title 2 “Administration,” Chapter 5 “Purchasing Systems,” to the City of Huntington Park’s Municipal Code; and
2. Schedule the second reading and adoption of said ordinance to the next regular city council meeting.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2019-17, adopting the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (the Act), as contained in Public Contract Code (PCC) Section 22000, et seq; and

4. Direct the City Clerk to notify the State Controller's Office in writing of the city's election to become subject to the uniform construction cost accounting procedures along with a copy of the adopted Ordinance and Resolution.

8. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Executing the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Funding Agreement (LACMTA) for the Slauson Avenue Congestion Relief Improvements Project, LACMTA Project ID# Measure R MR306.53 and FTIP LA0G1669

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 approve acceptance of design, to have council and residents involved with the design, adopt Resolution No. 2019-18 authorizing the execution of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) funding agreement for the Slauson Avenue Congestion Relief Improvements Project, LACMTA Project ID# Measure R MR306.53 and FTIP LA0G1669 (Project), authorize City Manager to execute the funding agreement and all other associated project documents, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING

FINANCE

9. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Establishing and Ordering the Levy and Collection of the Annual Special Tax for the City of Huntington Park Street Lighting, Parks and Landscaping Special Tax District for Fiscal Year 2019-20

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

Mayor Macias opened the item up for public comment.

Public Comment

1. Manuel Castillo, voiced concern with the taxes not being used on street lighting or streets and who to contact.
2. Andy Clapkin, voiced concern with the funds and where they are going.

Mayor Macias closed public comment.

Motion: Council Member Pineda moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-19, Establishing and Ordering the Levy and Collection of the Annual Special Tax for the City of Huntington Park Street Lighting, Parks and Landscaping Special Tax District for Fiscal Year 2019-20, seconded by Mayor Macias. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

10. Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Collection of Delinquent Refuse Charges Pursuant to Section 6-2.112 of the City of Huntington Park’s Municipal Code (172.54 Refuse Collection Fees)

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman announced the item and introduced Finance & Administrative Services Director Nita Mckay who presented the staff report.

Mayor Macias opened the item up for public comment.

Public Comment

1. Andy Clapkin, spoke in regards of those who are delinquent, payment of service and notification of his tenants that owe money or of the assessment.

Mayor Macias closed public comment.

Motion: Council Member Sanabria moved to adopt Resolution No. 2019-20, Directing the County Assessor to include delinquent refuse collection fees as a special assessment to be collected at the same time and in the same manner as County taxes (172.54 Refuse Collection Fees), seconded by Council Member Ortiz. Motion passed 4-1, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): Pineda

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

11. Consideration and Approval of an Ordinance Amendment Amending Various Sections of Title 9 “Zoning” of the City of Huntington Park’s Municipal Code

City Attorney Arnold Alvarez-Glasman announced the item and introduced City Manager Ricardo Reyes who noted some changes to one of the pages to the ordinance and handed out copies and provided some for the public. Mr. Alvarez-Glasman then introduced Director of Community Development Sergio Infanzon who presented the staff report.

Mayor Macias opened the item up for public comment.

Public Comment

1. Andy Clapkin, stated he wasn’t aware of the meeting and objected to the changes.
2. Manuel Castillo, commented on the future of the city and spoke in opposition to some of the changes related to parking.

Mayor Macias closed public comment.

Motion: Council Member Ortiz moved to waive first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 2019-978, approving a Zoning Ordinance Amendment amending various sections of the City of Huntington Park’s Municipal Code and schedule the second reading and adoption of said ordinance to the next regular city council meeting, seconded by Council Member Sanabria. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

ROLL CALL:

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

NOES: Council Member(s): None

END OF PUBLIC HEARING

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS (Information only)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS None.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Council Member Graciela Ortiz, announced the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, July 20th and invited the community to participate and come out and enjoy the different activities being offered.

Council Member Jhonny Pineda, thanked those who attended, thanked his colleagues for attending the soccer game against the visitors from Columbia, announced he would be at the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, July 20th and invited the public to attend.

Council Member Marilyn Sanabria, thanked everyone for their comment, thanked staff for all their support, reminded everyone about the Food Pantry distribution and invited the community.


Vice Mayor Manuel "Manny" Avila, thanked those who attended tonight's meeting, reminded everyone to be mindful of the current weather conditions and encouraged all to drink plenty of water.

Mayor Karina Macias, thanked staff for all their support, thanked the audience for their comments during public comment and invited everyone to sign up for the Parks and Recreation's Zuma Beach excursion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:23 p.m. Mayor Macias adjourned the City of Huntington Park City Council to a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


for Donna G. Schwartz, CMC
City Clerk

By: Daniel Hernandez, Director of Public Works

