

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, October 15, 2007.

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Guerrero. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: None.

Mayor Guerrero presented a proclamation designating November 2007 as American Indian Heritage Month in the City of Huntington Park to Hector Perez-Pacheco. Mr. Perez-Pacheco thanked City Council on behalf of the North and South American Indians in the community and presented a painting to City Council. Jimmy Castillo thanked City Council for supporting American Indians and stated that they have been getting recognition from local and state legislatures. Mr. Castillo distributed brochures of events scheduled in honor of the American Indian Heritage Month at the Huntington Park Public Library. Barbara told the tale behind the painting presented to City Council; and a gentleman played the Native American traditional flute. Enrique Murillo informed City Council that his son is actively involved with the American Indian groups at San Bernardino University.

Mayor Guerrero presented a certificate of adjournment to Randy Sopp in memory of his mother Nancy Sopp. Mr. Sopp thanked City Council for the certificate and briefed City Council on the history of his family business.

Gabriel Bautista, Planning Manager, informed City Council that in honor of National Community Development Month certain property owners were selected to be recognized for the aesthetics of their properties. Mayor Guerrero presented Certificates of Recognition to the following property owners for their efforts in improving and/or maintaining their properties/structures: 1) Wells Fargo Bank at 3508 E. Florence Ave.; 2) Diaz Family for Lupita's Bakery at 2761 E. Gage Ave.; 3) Barbara Iglesias for her residence at 6129 Carmelita Ave.; 4) Nuño Family for their residence at 3620 E. 60<sup>th</sup> Place 5) Sanchez Family for their residence at 3521 Live Oak St.; and 6) Garcia Family for their residence at 2122 Zoe St.

Vice Mayor Gomez presented a Certificate of Appreciation and City Pin to Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce for receiving the Human Services Association "Spirit of Service" 2007 award.

City Clerk Ramirez presented the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-58. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING A POLICY ON IMPOUNDING AND STORING VEHICLES AS SET FORTH IN CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE SECTION 14602.6**

WHEREAS, recently certain law enforcement agencies and cities have examined their current practices and policies relating to the seizure and storage of vehicles impounded pursuant to California Vehicle Code, section 14602.6; and

WHEREAS, the Huntington Park Police Department currently enforces California Vehicle Code, section 14602.6 by impounding for thirty (30) days vehicles which are seized consistent with the provisions of this section of the Vehicle Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that by requiring such vehicles to be stored for a full thirty (30) days detrimentally impacts low income and other financially impacted parties, including undocumented persons, who are stopped and who have the vehicle they are operating seized; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to modify the current policy relating to the length of time that vehicle impounded pursuant to California Vehicle Code, section 14602.6.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, as follows:

Section 1. The enforcement of the last sentence of the first paragraph of California Vehicle Code section 14602.6(a) which reads: "A vehicle so impounded shall be impounded for 30 days." Is hereby modified to allow the registered owner to recover the vehicle anytime prior to the conclusion of the 30 day period upon presentation of proper documentation verifying ownership or consent of the registered owner and upon payment of all required towing and storage fees then incurred.

Section 2. Except as modified in Section 1 of this resolution, the City Council hereby

reaffirms all other provisions of California Vehicle Code section 14602.6 and confirms the Huntington Park Police Department's obligation to enforce such other provisions.

Mayor Guerrero opened oral communications, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on this item only and hearing none, declared oral communications for this item closed.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-58, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Mayor Guerrero opened oral communications, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on any matter of City business.

Nick Ioannidis invited everyone to celebrate National Immigrants Day on October 28, 2007 and requested that any carnivals in the City be held at the park and not on Pacific Boulevard.

Claude Bilodeau, President of General Employees' Association (GEA), stated that the GEA supports the recommendation by the City Manager to contract TMG and The Davis Group for the upcoming ballot measure on the February 5, 2008 Special Municipal Election.

Charles Reggie Jones addressed his concerns to City Council regarding the following: 1) Legislators changing the constitution; 2) restrictions on colors for commercial businesses; and 3) the lack of rent control in the City.

Norma Montero, Librarian at the Huntington Park Library, invited City Council to attend The Arts in Latin America event at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art on Friday, October 19, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. and distributed flyers. Ms. Montero thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for providing bus transportation for this event.

Elisa Rudolph-Perez, representing the American Cancer Society (ACS), informed City Council that they were lobbying in Washington D.C. two weeks ago and introduced the following ACS members: Maria Elena Arreola, Diane Spalding, Tony Perez, Yvonne Correa, and Veronica Romero. Ms. Rudolph-Perez distributed Cancer Action Network forms to City Council and encouraged them to join and support the ACS.

Yvonne Correa, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, addressed City Council regarding their absences at City Council meetings.

Andy Molina, representing the Huntington Park Sister Cities Association, informed City Council of their visit to various sister cities and thanked the City on their behalf for the generous donations. Mr. Molina invited City Council and staff to a business exposition on November 16, 2007 and their 1st Annual Tardeada Taquiza on November 27, 2007.

Marial Sanders, Planning Commissioner, thanked City Council for proclaiming November 2007 as American Indian Heritage Month and stated that as an American Indian descendant, she is honored and proud of such recognition.

Mayor Guerrero called for any other oral communications, and hearing none, declared oral communications closed.

City Clerk Ramirez on behalf of Council Member Hernandez presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from the Torch Foundation requesting financial support to continue their leadership program in Huntington Park for 2007 and 2008. Ariana Millo, Director of Program Development & Community Outreach from The Torch Foundation, thanked the City and Randy Sopp for the generous donations to The Torch Foundation in the past and displayed a PowerPoint and DVD presentation of the program. Ms. Millo introduced a family who has assisted in the program in the past. Former Senator Richard G. Polanco briefed City Council on the success of The Torch Foundation program and requested funding assistance in the amount of \$25,000 to continue this program in the City. A woman informed City Council that she works at Henry T. Gage Middle School and stated that she has noticed an academic improvement in the students that have participated in the program. Following a discussion, Mayor Guerrero appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee of Council Members Noguez and Hernandez to work with the Torch Foundation on sponsorship outreach.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider the designation of the Civic Center located at 6538-6550 Miles Avenue (APN: 6322-009-004) as a historic resource to be placed on the Huntington Park Historic Register. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. City Clerk Ramirez declared the **public hearing** open and

called for oral communications. Barry Milofsky, Historic Preservation Commissioner, requested City Council approve the designation of the Civic Center as a historic resource and expressed the importance of the building and park to the City. Mayor Guerrero called for any other oral communications, and hearing none, declared the public hearing closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-59. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ADOPTING A **DECLARATION OF DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC RESOURCE FOR THE CIVIC CENTER**, LOCATED AT 6538-6550 MILES AVENUE, HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE DECLARATION OF DESIGNATION FOR RECORDATION was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-59, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to approve the Consent Calendar, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, October 1, 2007.

Approve the reading by title of all ordinances and resolutions. Said titles which appear on the public agenda shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived.

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated October 15, 2007.

#### ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**Approve the Residential Revocable Encroachment Permit to Magdalena Hernandez for property located at 6900 Marconi Street** in order to construct a fence within the public right-of-way adjacent to her aforementioned property.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Reject all bids for Graffiti Removal Services and authorize staff to re-issue the Request for Proposals (RFP).**

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

City Manager Korduner report on California Contract Cities Association 27th Annual Fall Seminar held in Riverside, September 28 through 30, 2007, in accordance with Assembly Bill 1234.

City Manager Korduner report on the International City/Council Management Association (ICMA) 93rd Annual Conference, October 7 through 10, 2007, in accordance with Assembly Bill 1234.

Finance Department report on commercial properties requiring business licenses for rentals.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Guerrero to appoint an Ad-Hoc

Committee for the City's Annual Independence Day celebration on July 4, 2008. **There being no objection, City Council appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee to plan the City's Annual Independence celebration consisting of Mayor Guerrero, Vice Mayor Gomez, various City commissions, Chamber of Commerce, and META 2000.** Mayor Guerrero announced that members interested in being part of the committee may contact the City.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding no compensation given to Council Members if there is an absence at a City Council Meeting. **Following a discussion, City Council referred this item to the Community Development Commission to be placed on their next agenda.**

City Manager Korduner requested discussion and/or action regarding the transfer of the Code Enforcement Division from the Police Department to Community Development Department. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero directed staff to look into the pros and cons concerning the location of the Code Enforcement Division at either the Police Department or the Community Development Department, incorporate communication with the Health Department, and report back to City Council.**

City Manager Korduner requested approval of Agreement for Public Informational Campaign Services Related to the City of Huntington Park Utility Users Tax Ballot Measure on the February 5, 2008 Special Municipal Election by and between the City of Huntington Park and the Davis Group and TMG Communications, Inc. Christine Scott, representing TMG Communications, Inc., briefed City Council on their experience with community outreach on ballot measures and properly notifying the residents. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Agreement for Public Informational Campaign Services Related to the City of Huntington Park Utility Users Tax Ballot Measure on the February 5, 2008 Special Municipal Election by and between the City of Huntington Park and the Davis Group and TMG Communications, Inc.**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Finance Pruyn presented for discussion and/or action a reimbursement policy for City services rendered at The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce's Carnival Primavera and Sabor De Mexico Lindo events; and accept payment in the amount of \$21,500 for services rendered at the April 2007 Carnival Primavera event. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **acknowledge the informal agreement with The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce and accept payment in the amount of \$21,500 from the Chamber of Commerce for City services provided for the 2007 Carnival Primavera and the 2007 Sabor De Mexico Lindo events**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Members Hernandez and Romo; Absent: None.

Director of Finance Pruyn requested approval of the designation of authority to request disbursements from California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB). Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the designation of authority to request disbursements from California Public Employees' Retirement System Other Post Employment Benefits**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Finance Pruyn requested approval of Addendum to Master Service Agreement Alvaka Networks and the City of Huntington Park to include additional staff augmentation for City Hall, Field Services, and Parks and Recreation Departments. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Addendum to Master Service Agreement Alvaka Networks and the City of Huntington Park to include additional staff augmentation for City Hall, Field Services, and Parks and Recreation Departments**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board Calendar of Events for the 2007 Holiday Season and the Children's Fair event to be held January 6, 2008; and approve an adjustment to the BID Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget to increase the BID Marketing and Promotions Funds by \$60,000 from the BID Fund balance. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Business Improvement District Advisory Board Calendar of Events for the 2007 Holiday Season and the Children's Fair event to be held January 6, 2008; and approve an adjustment to the BID Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget to increase the BID Marketing and Promotions Funds by \$60,000 from the BID Fund balance**, carried as follows: Ayes: carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of a special event on November 4, 2007 for the unveiling of the new Downtown street furniture, Police Department Sub-station Grand Opening, and Downtown Clean-up. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve a special event on November 4, 2007 for the unveiling of the new Downtown street furniture, Police Department Sub-station Grand Opening, and Downtown Clean-up**, carried as follows: Ayes: carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested discussion and/or action regarding renewal of the agreement with Debbie Kim for concession stand services at Civic Center Park and agreement with Fernie Otero for concession stand services at the Salt Lake Park Baseball Diamonds. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero directed staff to work with the City Attorney to prepare the agreements for Debbie Kim and Fernie Otero on a month to month basis and to research the feasibility of establishing requirements for all concession stands and report back to City Council.**

City Engineer Fu requested adoption of the City of Huntington Park Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP), as required by the Los Angeles Region of the State Water Resources Control Board. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the City of Huntington Park Sanitary Sewer Management Plan, as required by the Los Angeles Region of the State Water Resources Control Board**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, for the following: **rescind the motion relating to the Encroachment Permit on the Consent Calendar; deny the Residential Revocable Encroachment Permit to Magdalena Hernandez; and direct staff to research the feasibility of street widening and report back to City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval of City of Huntington Park Part-Time Youth Services Officer Agreement by and between the City and John Talbot for a term ending on June 30, 2008. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the City of Huntington Park Part-Time Youth Services Officer Agreement by and between the City and John Talbot for a term ending on June 30, 2008**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Council Member Noguez left his seat at 8:56 p.m. and returned at 8:58 p.m.

Chief of Police Trevis requested discussion and/or action regarding proposed parking permits. Chief of Police Trevis reported on the Ad-Hoc Committee's progress on the parking permit matter. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Romo, to **authorize staff and the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance creating a residential parking district**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, Property: 6538 and 6548 Miles Avenue, Agency Negotiator: Assistant City Attorney David Alvarez, Negotiating Parties: Judicial Counsel of the State of California and the City of Huntington Park, Under Negotiation: Assumption of Lease; and pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Gloria Martinez v. City of Huntington Park, et al. LASC Case No.: VC 047426. Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 9:12 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 9:40 p.m. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session regarding Conference With Real Property Negotiators, Property: 6538 and 6548 Miles Avenue, no action was taken; and Conference With Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation, City Council authorized settlement of Case: Gloria Martinez v. City of Huntington Park, et al. LASC Case No.: VC 047426.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m., in memory of Nancy Sopp, mother of Randy Sopp, owner of Sopp Chevrolet and George Cole, father of George Cole, Council Member for the City of Bell.

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Elba Guerrero, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk