

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, November 5, 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 Vice Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Vice Mayor Mario Gomez. Absent: Mayor Elba Guerrero.

Sergeant Kinsey displayed the cover of the Huntington Park Images of America book and informed City Council that the book will be on sale in stores by December 12, 2007. Sergeant Kinsey also thanked City Council, City Manager Korduner, Chief of Police Trevis, and City Clerk Ramirez for their support; and requested that a historic preservation fund be established and that all proceeds be dedicated to the historic preservation of the City.

Maribel Garcia, on behalf of the Ballet Folklorico of Huntington Park, briefed City Council on their recent performances which included performances in Las Vegas, Nevada; New York; and Rosarito, Mexico. The following members of the Ballet Folklorico of Huntington Park displayed plaques for the following: 1) Melissa Meza for Huntington Park High School; 2) Laura Velazquez for the Huntington Park Library; 3) Melissa Espinosa for Huntington Park City Hall; and 4) Kendra Rubio for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Vice Mayor Gomez presented a proclamation designating November 14, 2007 as World Diabetes Day in the City of Huntington Park to a representative from the Diabetes Association who thanked City Council for the recognition, distributed flyers inviting everyone to a health fair at the Olvera Street Plaza in Los Angeles on November 11, 2007, and encouraged everyone to visit www.diabetes.org for educational information.

Vice Mayor Gomez 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.

Andy Molina, representing Southeast Churches Service Center, invited everyone to attend the C.O.S.E.C.H.A. (Combined Southeast Care for the Hungry Alliance) Harvest Ball 2007 at Leonardo's Restaurant on November 13, 2007 and distributed flyers.

Nick Ioannidis thanked City Council for supporting the National Immigrants Day event on October 28, 2007 and expressed his interest in being part of the Ad-Hoc Committee to plan the City's Annual Independence Day celebration.

Norma Montero, Librarian at the Huntington Park Library, introduced the new Children's Librarian Patricia Tarango. Ms. Tarango briefed City Council on her educational background and stated that she is a resident of the City of Huntington Park.

Sam Perdomo, representing Waste Management, the City's residential refuse collector and recycler, apologized to the City and its residents for any inconvenience the work stoppage may have caused and stated that they will make-up for any dissatisfaction that may have arisen due to this matter.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, addressed City Council on behalf of their President Ronald V. Garcia to invite everyone to their 57th Annual Fabulous Holiday-Christmas Lane Parade on November 17, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. D'Eramo informed City Council of the various parade participants.

Enrique Murillo commended City Council for their prompt response in getting the trash picked up.

Ronald V. Garcia, Southern California Edison Regional Manager Public Affairs, informed City Council that during the fires, Southern California Edison responded to many power outages and are still working on repairing the damages caused by the fires. Mr. Garcia also stated that Edison is in the process of replacing the outdated electrical system in the City buildings soon and that the work will be done over the weekend to avoid any power interruptions during business hours.

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

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider approving amendments to the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 Annual Action Plans. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Vice Mayor Gomez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Vice Mayor Gomez declared the public hearing closed.

Motion by Romo, seconded by Hernandez, to **authorize staff to submit amendments to HUD; and appropriate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds in the amount of \$462,801 into the Economic Development Fund, and HOME Funds in the amount of \$735,689 into the Affordable Housing Fund**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, October 15, 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.

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Approve the Ninth Amendment to Employment Agreement for Spanish Translation Services between Huntington Park and Samantha L. Lubrani.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated November 5, 2007.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Authorize staff to re-bid Salt Lake Park Baseball Field Lighting Upgrade, Project No. 08-016.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Engineering Department report on the feasibility of widening Saturn Avenue.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding skateboards and in-line skates upon sidewalks and roadways in the downtown area of the City of Huntington Park. **There being no objection, City Council directed Field Services to work with the Police Department on appropriate signage to enforce the City's existing law which prohibits skateboards and in-line skates upon sidewalks and roadways in the downtown area of the City of Huntington Park.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Noguez to discuss and/or take action for a potential taxi zone to be permitted in the City of Huntington Park. Following a discussion, **City Council directed staff to work with the City's taxi provider to identify potential locations for taxi zones in the City; present the proposed taxi zones locations to the Traffic Authority; and report back to City Council with recommendations.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented correspondence from the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition (SCSC) requesting office space, in-kind services and signage to identify the location of the Coalition office. Marisela Cervantes, Executive Director of the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition, thanked City Council for their support of this coalition and informed everyone that the SCSC meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Huntington Park Council Chambers. Ms. Cervantes stated that she would like to formalize the coalition's relationship with the City and requested use of office space, in-kind services including insurance, and requested the change of the appropriate City signs and directories to identify the location of the SCSC office. City Attorney Leal informed City Council to remove insurance from the request since insurance must be provided by the coalition, not the City. **There being no objection, City Council directed staff to work with the SCSC Executive Director Marisela Cervantes to determine what is feasible for the City to provide in regards to suitable office space, signage and City directories.**

Director of Finance Pruyn requested waiver of business license penalty fees in the amount of \$800 for El Aviso Magazine. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, **to waive business license penalty fees in the amount of \$800 for El Aviso Magazine**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of a recommendation by the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board to appoint Hector Perez-Pacheco of Margarita Jones to the BID Advisory Board. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Romo, **to appoint Hector Perez-Pacheco to the BID Advisory Board for a term expiring June 1, 2010**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

Director of Community Development Gray requested discussion and/or action regarding appointment of Enrique Murillo to the Health and Education Commission for a four (4) year term. Motion by Romo, seconded by Hernandez, **to appoint Enrique Murillo to the Health and Education Commission for a four (4) year term expiring November 5, 2011**,

carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

Director of Community Development Gray requested discussion and/or action regarding the City's participation in the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program and authorize the Mayor and staff to execute the confidentiality agreement. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the City's participation in the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Program and authorize the Mayor and staff to execute the confidentiality agreement**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

City Engineer Fu requested approval of completion of the City-wide Street Lighting System Upgrade, Measure L Project and recommendation for banner signs across Pacific Boulevard. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **accept completion of the City-wide Street Lighting System Upgrade, Measure L Project; and approve the recommendation that banner signs across Pacific Boulevard shall not be tied to street light-poles and only allow to be installed on the traffic signal standards at every intersection along Pacific Boulevard with the exceptions of intersections at Gage Avenue and Randolph Street**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Member Hernandez; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

City Engineer Fu requested approval of the Parking Management Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Five Star Parking for the management of the City's parking structure located at 6532 Rugby Avenue. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Parking Management Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Five Star Parking for the management of the City's parking structure located at 6532 Rugby Avenue**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

Chief of Police Trevis presented correspondence from Rio Hondo College Police Academy requesting donation of surplus police vehicles for training purposes. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve donation of two (2) surplus patrol vehicles for training purposes to Rio Hondo College Police Academy**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval to donate the 1964 British Humber Pig Armored Vehicle to the American Police Hall of Fame & Museum and two (2) surplus patrol vehicles to the California Army National Guard, Camp San Luis Obispo. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve donation of the 1964 British Humber Pig Armored Vehicle to the American Police Hall of Fame & Museum and two (2) surplus patrol vehicles to the California Army National Guard, Camp San Luis Obispo**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval of purchase order in the amount of \$35,311.72 to VisionAir for annual software maintenance support. Motion by Romo, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve purchase order in the amount of \$35,311.72 to VisionAir for annual software maintenance support**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of the proposed projects in concept and authorization for staff to submit applications for the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant Program. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve the Salt Lake Park Trail Expansion and the Water Reservoir Conversion proposed projects in concept and authorize staff to submit applications for the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant Program**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested a budget adjustment to Account

No. 114-6010-451.73-10 for the Salt Lake Park Ball Field Renovation. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, **to approve a budget adjustment to Account No. 114-6010-451.73-10 for the Salt Lake Park Ball Field Renovation**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Human Services Association and the City of Huntington Park for the First 5 LA “Pasitos” School Readiness Pre-Kindergarten Academy Program at Salt Lake Park. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, **to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Human Services Association and the City of Huntington Park for the First 5 LA “Pasitos” School Readiness Pre-Kindergarten Academy Program at Salt Lake Park**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of the Third Amendment to Concession Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Debbie Y. Kim for concession stand services at the Civic Center Park on a month-to-month basis. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, **approve the Third Amendment to Concession Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Debbie Y. Kim for concession stand services at the Civic Center Park on a month-to-month basis**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of the Second Amendment to Concession Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Fernanda Otero for concession stand services at the Salt Lake Park Baseball Diamonds on a month-to-month basis. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Romo, **to approve the Second Amendment to Concession Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Fernanda Otero for concession stand services at the Salt Lake Park Baseball Diamonds on a month-to-month basis**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-60. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES FOR HEALTHY KIDS (CHK) PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITIES FOR HEALTHY KIDS PROGRAM** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-60, carried as follows: Ayes: carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

Resolution Nos.: 2007-61, 2007-62, 2007-63 and 2007-64 were presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-61. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK FIXING THE EMPLOYER’S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE’S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE **GENERAL EMPLOYEE’S ASSOCIATION** AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2007-1.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-62. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK FIXING THE EMPLOYER’S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE’S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE **POLICE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION** AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2007-2.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-63. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK FIXING THE EMPLOYER’S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE’S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE **POLICE OFFICERS’ ASSOCIATION** AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2007-3.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-64. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF HUNTINGTON PARK FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY **NON REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES** AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2007-4.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution Nos.: 2007-61, 2007-62, 2007-63 and 2007-64, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a closed session pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (1), CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Vice Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:47 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 8:04 p.m. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Vice Mayor Mario Gomez. Absent: Mayor Elba Guerrero.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed for Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, City Council authorized staff to request for proposals for the replacement of concrete at various locations (maintenance agreement), subject to City Attorney review.

Vice Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m., in memory of the following: 1) Priscilla Lind, mother of City of Huntington Park Building Official Wes Lind; 2) Guadalupe Sandoval, mother of Louise Herrera, Parks and Recreation Department Secretary; and 3) June Shapiro, aunt of City Manager Gregory D. Korduner.

Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk