

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, December 17, 2007.

Following the Invocation by Pastor Alex Canguro 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.

City Council and Helen Carrillo, Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator, presented the 2007 Mayor's Christmas Awards to the following: 1) 1st Place Winner-Raul and Guadalupe Galindo, 4214 E. 60th Street; 2) 2nd Place Winner-Socorro Orozco, 5326 Pacific Boulevard.; and 3) 3rd Place Winner – Juan Jose Rodriguez & Marcela Sedano, 6824 Hood Avenue. Each winner was presented with a lawn sign for display at their residence.

Chief of Police Trevis presented Life Saving Medals to Sergeant Omer Gosnell and Senior Officer Jesus Verdiell; and Letters of Commendation to Lieutenant Michael Leinen, Senior Officer Steve Castro, and Police Officer Marissa Larios for their actions during an incident that occurred September 28, 2007. Chief of Police Trevis also presented Letters of Commendation to Sergeant Patrick Kraut and Police Officer Frankie Valle for their actions during an incident that occurred September 3, 2007.

Sergeant Kinsey presented copies of the "Images of America - Huntington Park" book to City Council and announced that the book is on sale at Barnes & Noble and Target's online store.

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.

Miriam Laguardia, President of America Vive Performing Art Studio, addressed her concern to City Council regarding a sidewalk in front of the studio that is in need of repair; and expressed her interest in participating in City events.

Edward Cisneros introduced himself to City Council as the new field representative for Los Angeles County District Supervisor Gloria Molina's Office.

Mayor Guerrero 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 a resolution establishing rates for reclaimed water within the City limits of the City of Huntington Park. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Guerrero declared the **public hearing** closed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-72. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ESTABLISHING RATES FOR RECLAIMED WATER WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-72, 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 with Council Member Noguez abstaining on the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 3, 2007, 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, December 3, 2007.

**Deny claim filed by Ana R. Lopez, Date of Incident: November 6, 2007** and refer to the City's insurance administrator.

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 December 17, 2007.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Noguez to appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee to discuss billboards in the City of Huntington Park. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee of Council Member Romo and Vice Mayor Gomez, to explore the pros and cons of billboard advertisement as a potential source of revenue, identify feasible locations in the City, and report back to City Council in February 2008.**

City Manager Korduner requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for Prop A Incentive Reserve Fund Vehicle Replacement Projects between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the City of Huntington Park. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve a Memorandum of Understanding for Prop A Incentive Reserve Fund Vehicle Replacement Projects between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the City of Huntington Park**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Manager Korduner requested approval of a Second Amendment to the Publishing Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Bee's Enterprises. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Second Amendment to the Publishing Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Bee's Enterprises**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action Casual Dress on Thursdays for City of Huntington Park employees. **There being no objection, City Council approved Casual Dress on Thursdays for charitable fundraising at the discretion of the City Manager and directed the City Manager to report back to City Council with a sample casual dress policy for City of Huntington Park employees.**

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval of Agreement for Employment for Assistant Chief of Police by and between the City of Huntington Park and Paul L. Wadley. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Agreement for Employment for Assistant Chief of Police by and between the City of Huntington Park and Paul L. Wadley**, 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 the Sixth Amendment to Agreement for Furnishing of Towing and Storage Service and Designation as an Official Police Garage for the City of Huntington Park by and between Huntington Park Tow Service and the City of Huntington Park. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Sixth Amendment to Agreement for Furnishing of Towing and Storage Service and Designation as an Official Police Garage for the City of Huntington Park by and between Huntington Park Tow Service and the City of Huntington Park**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Engineer Fu requested that contract for the Replacement of Concrete at Various Locations (Maintenance Agreement), be awarded to Nobest, Inc. of Westminster, for a term of one (1) year with the option to extend for an additional four (4) one-year terms, subject to City Attorney approval. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **award the contract to Nobest, Inc. of Westminster for the Replacement of Concrete at Various Locations (Maintenance Agreement), for a term of one (1) year with the option to extend for an additional four (4) one-year terms, subject to City Attorney approval**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Engineer Fu requested that Project No. 08-016, Salt Lake Park Baseball Field Lighting Upgrade, be awarded to MS Navarro Engineering of Northridge in the amount of \$307,733, subject to City Attorney approval. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **award the contract to MS Navarro Engineering of Northridge in the amount of \$307,733, for Project No. 08-016, Salt Lake Park Baseball Field Lighting Upgrade, subject to City Attorney approval**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Field Services Poole presented for discussion and/or action a request from Huntington Park Sister Cities Association for donation of one (1) surplus 1995 Chevrolet Tahoe to Sister City San Julian, Jalisco, Mexico. Andy Molina, President of the Huntington Park Sister Cities Association, addressed City Council to request approval of donation of a vehicle to Sister City San Julian, Jalisco, Mexico. Following a discussion, **City Council directed staff to further research this item and report back to City Council.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-73. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING THE AMENDED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS** was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-73, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 821-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 4-09.07 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE AS IT RELATES TO **ALARM FEES** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 821-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 821-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, 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** for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1). Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:28 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 7:49 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 Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, status report was given, no action taken.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Elba Guerrero, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk