

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, March 17, 2008.

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:00 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 and City Council presented a certificate of recognition to Francisco Ocegueda, Postmaster for the City of Huntington Park who is also the youngest ever to be appointed postmaster within the Los Angeles Postal District. Mr. Ocegueda thanked the Mayor and City Council for the recognition and stated that it is an honor to represent the City of Huntington Park. Mr. Ocegueda recognized Carlos Izquierdo for thirty (30) years of service to the United States Post Office located on Soto Street.

Mayor Guerrero and City Council presented a proclamation declaring April 2008 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and April 23, 2008 as "Denim Day" in the City of Huntington Park to Roxanne Smith, Director of Peace over Violence. Ms. Smith stated that Peace over Violence supports victims of violence through advocacy and education and

thanked City Council and the citizens of Huntington Park for the proclamation.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that this was the time for reorganization of the City Council.

Mayor Guerrero vacated her position as Mayor.

Vice Mayor Gomez presented a plaque to Council Member Guerrero in recognition of serving a term as Mayor in 2007-2008.

Vice Mayor Gomez called for nominations for Mayor.

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

Vice Mayor Gomez vacated his position as Vice Mayor.

Mayor Guerrero called for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **nominate Council Member Gomez as Vice Mayor**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, 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.

Moses Bolton, representing Le Rouge Committee, stated that the nation is in a financial crisis and asked City Council to do their part and help the constituency by adopting a resolution urging the United States Congress to implement a homeowner's protection plan.

Raymond Karen, representing Le Rouge Committee, urged City Council to adopt a resolution urging the United States Congress to implement a homeowner's protection plan. Mr. Karen informed City Council that Saturday, March 22, 2008, a national conference will be held to address this issue.

Cesar Zaldivar-Motts, Health and Education Commissioner, briefed City Council on Health and Education Commission's upcoming projects such as a children's health fair in April 2008, a senior health fair in October 2008, and a college scholarship program. Mr. Zaldivar-Motts also addressed City Council in support of appointing Victoria Herrera to the Health and Education Commission.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, congratulated Mayor Guerrero and Vice Mayor Gomez on the outcome of the reorganization and invited City Council to attend the Downtown Marketing Event Kickoff on Pacific Boulevard Saturday, March 22, 2008 between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Yvonne Correa addressed her concerns to City Council regarding a questionnaire she received from the Southeast Energy Project regarding the proposed Vernon Power Plant. Ms. Correa stated that residents should learn more about the affects of having a power plant near our community before answering questions.

Council Member Hernandez left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to approve the Consent Calendar with Vice Mayor Gomez abstaining on the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 3, 2008 and with a correction on the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 3, 2008, Page 48.254, Paragraph 7, changing Motion by Gomez to Motion by Guerrero, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 3, 2008.

Deny claim filed by Sun Woo Chung, Date of Incident: January 28, 2008 and refer to the City's insurance administrator.

Deny claim filed by Doris P. Saravia, Date of Incident: January 25, 2008 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 March 17, 2008.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Guerrero for discussion and/or action regarding establishing a program for the Huntington Park Walk of Fame. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee of Mayor Guerrero and Vice Mayor Gomez to work with staff regarding the feasibility of a Huntington Park Walk of Fame Program and report back to City Council.**

City Manager Korduner presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to appoint Eddie Benitez as a member and Andy Molina as the first alternate member to the Local Advisory Committee for the I-710 Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Study. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, to **appoint Eddie Benitez as a member and Andy Molina as the first alternate member to the Local Advisory Committee for the I-710 Environmental Impact Report /Environmental Impact Statement Study**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action a recommendation by the Health and Education Commission for appointment of Victoria Herrera to the Health and Education Commission. Victoria Herrera briefed City Council on her experience in the field of education and asked City Council to consider her appointment to the Health and Education Commission. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **appoint Victoria Herrera to the Health and Education Commission to fill an unexpired term ending September 6, 2009**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action the Draft Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2008-2009; and requests authorization for staff to initiate the 30-day public review period. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Draft Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2008-2009; and authorize staff to initiate the 30-day public review period**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of an Agreement between Los Angeles County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and the City of

Huntington Park Lead Safe Work Practices Notification Program; and authorize the Director of Community Development to execute the agreement and implement the program. Barbara Hairston, representing the County of Los Angeles Public Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, distributed literature regarding their early notification program at building and safety permit counters and stated that Huntington Park is at high-risk for lead poisoning. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve the Agreement between Los Angeles County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and the City of Huntington Park Lead Safe Work Practices Notification Program; and authorize the Director of Community Development to execute the agreement and implement the program**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Community Development Gray presented a request from the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$26,972.63 to AAA Flag and Banner for the purchase, installation, and removal of 340 spring street banners for the Downtown BID Area. Copies of the banner designs were distributed to City Council. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, **that banner design options nos. 1 and 2 be referred to the BID and The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce to make the final selection of the banner design; and approve a purchase order in the amount of \$26,972.63 to AAA Flag and Banner for the purchase, installation, and removal of 340 spring street banners for the Downtown BID Area**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce requesting to reimburse the City in two (2) payments for costs associated with the "Carnaval Primavera" Downtown Festival (Special Event Permit 8-06). Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the request from The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce to reimburse the City in two (2) payments for costs associated with the "Carnaval Primavera" Downtown Festival (Special Event Permit 8-06)**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Engineer Fu requested that Project No. 08-019, Construction of Wrought Iron Fence at Chesley Circle, be awarded to G. Coast Construction in the amount of \$28,745. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **award the contract for Project No. 08-019, Construction of Wrought Iron Fence at Chesley Circle to G. Coast Construction in the amount of \$28,745**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-14. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA RECITING THE FACT OF THE **SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2008, DECLARING THE RESULT** AND SUCH OTHER MATTER AS PROVIDED BY LAW was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-14, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-15. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPOINTING A HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-15, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez. Avygail Sanchez thanked Council Member Noguez for encouraging her to apply to the Historic Preservation Commission and stated it will be a pleasure to serve the City.

ORDINANCE NO. 823-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 4 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE,

BY INSERTING CHAPTER 18, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS FOR THE PLACEMENT OF **SIGNS ON CITY PROPERTY** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 823-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 823-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Mayor Guerrero recessed the City Council meeting at 7:46 p.m. for a reception.

Following the reception, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:57 p.m. Present: Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for the following: 1) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6 for Conference With Labor Negotiators, Agency designated representative: Jack Hoffman, Employee organizations: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees' Association; 2) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6, Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (4) and 3) Pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Name of Case: Jose G. Hernandez v. Donald L. Jeffers, Steven Skolnik, Thomas E. Jackson, the City of Huntington Park, and the Huntington Park Community Development Commission, Case No. BC382743. Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:58 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 9:06 p.m. by Mayor Guerrero. Present: Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the closed session items: 1) Conference With Labor Negotiators, Agency designated representative: Jack Hoffman, Employee organizations: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees' Association, a status report was provided to City Council; and 2) Conference With Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, a status report was provided to City Council.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m., in memory of Wayne Coover, former Parks and Recreation and Planning Commissioner for the City of Huntington Park.

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk