

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, April 7, 2008.

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: Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba

Guerrero. Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

Lieutenant Bonzer briefed City Council on the process for nominating Police Department Employees of the Year. Chief of Police Trevis, Assistant Chief of Police Lozano and Assistant Chief of Police Wadley presented certificates to the following Huntington Park Police Department Employees of the Year: 1) Mario Bojorquez, Reserve Officer of the Year; 2) Chet Heron, Police Volunteer of the Year; 3) Richard Maretti, Police Officer of the Year; 4) John Castro, Police Employee of the Year; and 5) Maria Jimenez, Police Explorer Scout of the Year.

Mayor Guerrero and City Council presented a Proclamation designating April 13-19, 2008 as "Week of the Young Child" to Marisela Cervantes, Executive Director of the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition (SCSC). Ms. Cervantes informed City Council that the SCSC was recognized by the American Society for Public Administrators with an award in government innovation and invited the community to a Town Hall meeting with California State Assembly Member Hector De La Torre at Teresa Hughes Elementary School in Cudahy on May 1, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The Vice President of Business Development at Los Angeles Universal Preschool informed City Council that they will be opening a preschool in the City of Huntington Park in the fall of 2008.

Mayor Guerrero presented a Proclamation designating April 2008 as Fair Housing Month to Director of Community Development Gray.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE and 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 6:43 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 7:00 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.

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.

Andy Molina, President of Huntington Park Sister Cities Association, invited City Council to attend an event in Sister City Rosarito, Mexico on April 19, 2008. Mr. Molina informed City Council that the Huntington Park Sister Cities Association will be conducting an expo and a Cinco de Mayo Festival at Salt Lake Park and expressed interest in utilizing the Baseball Diamonds. Mr. Molina asked City Council to support their endeavors.

Mark Arminni, representing The Mexican International Circus of Las Vegas, expressed his interest in using Westside Park to conduct a circus in the City of Huntington Park and asked City Council for their consideration. Mr. Arminni stated that he would like to donate some of the proceeds to the City and that they would like to be placed on the Council agenda for future consideration.

Hector Elizalde, Director of Public Affairs and Community Relations for the City of Vernon, introduced himself to City Council and informed Mayor Guerrero that he will be making presentations regarding programs available to the community and upcoming youth programs.

Isabel Velderrain, resident of Huntington Park, addressed her concern to City Council regarding the lack of security at City events. Ms. Velderrain stated that she was the victim of an unpleasant incident while attending the street fair on Sunday, April 6, 2008 and needed immediate police assistance. Ms. Velderrain urged City Council to look into this matter and to increase police patrol for family events.

Celina Garcia, resident of Huntington Park, addressed City Council in support of Ms. Velderrain and asked City Council to provide more security at City events.

Sam Perdomo, representing Waste Management, informed City Council that a Waste Watch Program has already been implemented at no cost to the City. Mr. Perdomo stated that the Waste Management refuse collection drivers are to notify the Huntington Park Police Department of criminal activity in the City and distributed program flyers.

Manuel Aldana, candidate for California State Assembly, introduced himself to City Council and gave a brief history of his educational background, distributed a copy of his biography, and asked City Council for support.

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

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to approve the Consent Calendar, 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 17, 2008.

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 April 7, 2008.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM- Received and filed

Council Member Hernandez report on NALEO Conference “The Growing Epidemic, Child Overweight Rates on the Rise in California” held March 14-16, 2008.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Noguez asked that the information received at the NALEO Conference “The Growing Epidemic, Child Overweight Rates on the Rise in California” held March 14-16, 2008 be referred to the Health and Education Commission.

City Clerk Ramirez requested appointment of City Council Members to the following committees and/or organizations: 1) California Cities Home Ownership Authority; 2) California Contract Cities Association; 3) Central Basin Water Association; 4) Five Cities Committee on Aging; 5) Gateway Cities Council of Governments; 6) I-710 Committee; 7) Independent Cities Association; 8) League of California Cities; 9) L.A. County Library District; 10) L.A. County Sanitation District No. 1; 11) L.A. County Vector Control District; 12) L.A. County Children’s Planning Council Service Planning Area 7; 13) Orange Line Development Authority; 14) Arts & Culture Commission; 15) Chamber of Commerce; 16) Health & Education Commission; 17) HUB Cities Consortium; 18) HP Sister City Association; 19) Southeast Community Development Corp.; 20) Youth Commission; 21) Southeast Cities Schools Coalition. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero appointed City Council Members to the following committees and/or organizations: 1) Gateway Cities Council of Governments – Guerrero delegate and Romo alternate; 2) Independent Cities Association – Gomez director and Romo alternate; 4) Orange Line Development Authority – Noguez delegate and Guerrero alternate; 5) Arts & Culture Commission – Noguez liaison; 6) Chamber of Commerce – Hernandez liaison and Gomez alternate; 7) Health & Education Commission – Guerrero liaison; 8) HUB Cities Consortium – Noguez liaison and Gomez alternate; 9) HP Sister City Association – Guerrero liaison and Hernandez alternate; 10) Youth Commission – Romo liaison and Guerrero alternate; 11) Southeast Cities Schools Coalition – Hernandez member and Gomez alternate; 12) Historic Preservation Commission – Noguez liaison; and for all other**

committees and/or organizations to remain the same, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Mayor Guerrero for the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to develop a Master Calendar for Citywide Events. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero appointed an Ad Hoc Committee of City staff and herself to develop a Master Calendar for Citywide Events.**

City Clerk requested approval of an Engagement Agreement with Richards, Watson and Gershon and a Conflict of Interest Waiver with regard to the Jose G. Hernandez v. Jeffers et. al. matter and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Engagement Agreement with Richards, Watson and Gershon and a Conflict of Interest Waiver with regard to the Jose G. Hernandez v. Jeffers et. al. matter and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors inviting the City of Huntington Park to participate in the County of Los Angeles Single-Use Bag Reduction and Recycling Program. Motion by Romo, seconded by Gomez, **for the City of Huntington Park to participate in the County of Los Angeles Single-Use Bag Reduction and Recycling Program**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action a report on the painting of utility boxes in the City with decorative scenes. **Following a discussion, City Council directed staff to send a letter to Huntington Park High School and the Middle Schools inviting artists to submit decorative scenes to be considered by the Arts and Culture Commission as paintings on the utility boxes in the City and direct the Arts and Culture Commission to report back with recommendations and identification of utility box locations for this program.**

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging call for nominations for honorees to participate in the 43rd Annual Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) Awards Program on Thursday, May 8, 2008. **There being no objection, City Council nominated Alice Lipscomb as the City's honoree for the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging 43rd Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Luncheon Awards Program on Thursday, May 8, 2008.**

City Manager Korduner requested authorization for staff to join in the effort to recover the Administration Fees the County of Los Angeles is collecting on property tax transfers. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, **to authorize staff to join in the effort to recover the Administration Fees the County of Los Angeles is collecting on property tax transfers**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Acting Director of Finance Padilla requested approval to issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Roel Yonly Mazariegos dba Fiesta Taxi Cooperative, Inc. to operate a taxicab business in the City of Huntington Park, subject to Police Department background investigation approval. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Roel Yonly Mazariegos dba Fiesta Taxi Cooperative, Inc. to operate a taxicab business in the City of Huntington Park, subject to Police Department background investigation approval**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval of a Service Agreement with ChoicePoint

Government Services Inc. to provide access to public records via the internet; and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the agreement. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve a Service Agreement with ChoicePoint Government Services Inc. to provide access to public records via the internet; and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the agreement**, 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 a Special Event to conduct four (4) marketing and promotional events in the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) area and temporarily close Zoe Avenue and Clarendon Street for said events, as recommended by the Downtown Huntington Park Marketing Strategy Ad-Hoc Committee. Jeannette Marquez, Business Improvement District Manager, briefed City Council on the proposed events and stated that the purpose of these events is to promote businesses in the City. Following a discussion, **no action was taken**. City Council recommended that the Downtown BID Ad-Hoc Committee look into using parking lots to conduct their events.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Estrella Communications, Inc. for the Telemundo Sports Experience at Salt Lake Park on June 21 and 22, 2008. Jeff Wynn, representing Channel 52 Telemundo, stated that this year they are proposing to expand the Sports Experience event and to promote it on the radio and television. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Estrella Communications, Inc. for the Telemundo Sports Experience at Salt Lake Park on June 21 and 22, 2008**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Interim Director of Field Services Viramontes requested approval of an appropriation in the amount of \$8,000 from the Solid Waste Management Fund Used Oil Recycling Revenue Fund Account to the Supplies & Expenses Account; and approval of a purchase order to Delta Four for custom used oil and oil filter recycling containers in the amount of \$5,596. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve an appropriation in the amount of \$8,000 from the Solid Waste Management Fund Used Oil Recycling Revenue Fund Account to the Supplies & Expenses Account; and a purchase order to Delta Four for custom used oil and oil filter recycling containers in the amount of \$5,596**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Engineer Fu requested approval of Change Order No. 1 for the Remodel of City Hall Phase II, Project No. 06-011, and authorize the City Manager and City Engineer to execute. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve Change Order No. 1 for the Remodel of City Hall Phase II, Project No. 06-011, and authorize the City Manager and City Engineer to execute**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-16. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPOINTING THE REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDEPENDENT CITIES LEASE FINANCE AUTHORITY** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-16, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-17. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INDEPENDENT CITIES RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARD AND ITS SEPARATE RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-17, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent:

Council Member Hernandez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-18. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING **AMENDMENT NO. 7 TO THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE INDEPENDENT CITIES LEASE FINANCE AUTHORITY** AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-18, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-19. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK DECLARING THE **WEEDS** NOW GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN LOTS AND PARCELS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 39560 ET SEQ. AND FIXING A TIME FOR HEARING PROTESTS AND ORDERING THE ABATEMENT OF SUCH NUISANCES was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-19, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-20. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING THE **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-20, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-21. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK IN **OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 98** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-21, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

ORDINANCE NO. 824-NS. AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A **MORATORIUM** ON THE REGISTRATION AND APPROVAL OF ANY ENTITLEMENT RELATING TO **NEW NEWS RACKS IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, that reading in full of Urgency Ordinance No. 824-NS for first and final reading be waived; and that Urgency Ordinance No. 824-NS be introduced and approved for fist and final reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6, **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; and pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957, **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**, Title: City Manager. Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:20 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 9:05 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 reported out the following on the closed session items: 1) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6, **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 given to City Council; 2) Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE, City Council on a 4-0 vote placed an employee on unpaid leave; 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, City Council on a 4-0 vote authorized staff to retain Richards, Watson & Gershon as the legal counsel for this matter; and 4) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Title: City Manager, a status report was given to City Council.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk