

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, April 21, 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.

Chief of Police Trevis and City Council presented a Medal of Valor to retired Huntington Park Police Department Sergeant Donald Bell, who thanked City Council for the recognition and his family for their support; and introduced some of his colleagues whom were present. City Council presented City pins to retired Huntington Park Police personnel who were present.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Mayor Guerrero to rename the Civic Center Park to the Robert Keller Park. Chief of Police Trevis addressed City Council regarding Robert Keller, the only Huntington Park Police Officer killed in the line of duty and stated that the case was recently reopened by the County of Los Angeles Sheriffs Department. Motion by Romo, seconded by Gomez, to **rename the Civic Center Park to the Robert Keller Park**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Chief of Police Trevis introduced Huntington Park Police Department Sergeant David Cassidy who announced that he was the recipient of the California DARE Officers Association President's Award and was invited to be a member of the California DARE Board of Directors. City Council congratulated Sgt. Cassidy for his achievements.

City Council presented a plaque to Huntington Park Police Department Sergeant James Kinsey in appreciation of his work towards the book titled "Images of America Huntington Park".

Chief of Police Trevis introduced the following new Huntington Park Police Department Explorers: 1) Lawren Barberena; 2) Nancy Gonzalez; 3) Alondra Cortez; 4) Fernanda Rodriguez; 5) Fabiola Florez; 6) Juan Marin; 7) Nolberto Davila; 8) Jocelyn Madragon; and 9) Uriel Torres.

Mayor Guerrero presented a Proclamation declaring April 21, 2008 as Earth Day in the City of Huntington Park and presented Earth Day poster Contest Awards and City pins to the following students: 1) Category I-Kindergarten through First Grade: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Chris Cortez, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade San Antonio Elementary School; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Cindy Ramirez, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade San Antonio Elementary School; 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Alejandra Casillas, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade San Antonio Elementary School; 2) Category II-Second Grade through Third Grade: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Mariana Yerena, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Pacific Boulevard Elementary School; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Alyssa Blanco, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Middleton Street Elementary School; 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Zurisdai Guzman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Middleton Street Elementary School; and 3) Category III-Fourth Grade through Fifth Grade: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Dayanara Frayre, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Hope Street Elementary School; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Marissa Espinoza, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Hope Street Elementary School; and 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Sarahi Martinez, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Hope Street Elementary School.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce and Ronald V. Garcia, President of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce presented prizes to the following winners of the 15th Annual Mardi Gras Mask Contest at the Carnaval Primavera Downtown Festival: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner – the youth at Robert Keller Park aka Civic Center Park; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner- Anai C. Torres of Los Angeles; and 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner - the youth at Freedom Park. Mr. Garcia distributed copies of a merchant survey issued at this event and informed City Council on the results of the survey and the success of the 15th Annual Carnaval Primavera Downtown Festival. Mr. D'Eramo and Mr. Garcia conducted a drawing for those who participated in the survey and congratulated the following winners: 1) Gladys Rojas; 2) Galdina Rodriguez; and 3) Martin Ramirez (alternate).

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.

Enrique Murillo congratulated The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce on the success of their 15th Annual Mardi Gras Mask Contest at the Carnaval Primavera Downtown Festival.

Andy Molina informed City Council of the success of the Huntington Park Sister Cities Association visit to Sister City Rosarito, Mexico.

Ronald Garcia, President of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, announced that they will be conducting a workshop on April 29, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. to help businesses stay in business and achieve their goals.

A gentleman stated that last May he applied to open a restaurant on Pacific Boulevard and needed additional parking spaces to put tables for customers. He stated that the in-lieu parking fees have created a financial hardship and asked City Council to reconsider the fee amount.

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, April 7, 2008.

Deny claim filed by Oscar E. Alvites, Date of Incident: February 14, 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 April 21, 2008.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Received and filed

Parks and Recreation Department update on the feasibility of developing Pocket Parks on the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Utility Corridor.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Noguez for the City to sponsor a table at the Oldtimers Foundation's Annual Gala Dinner to be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2008. Following a discussion, no action was taken.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Huntington Park Sister Cities Association to use a portion of Salt Lake Park for a Cinco de Mayo event on May 4, 2008; and consider waiving facility fees in the amount of \$500. Andy Molina, President of the Huntington Park Sister Cities Association, distributed copies of a presentation on the proposed Cinco de Mayo event at Salt Lake Park and asked City Council for approval. Motion by Romo, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Huntington Park Sister Cities Association to use a portion of Salt Lake Park for a Cinco de Mayo event on May 4, 2008, with the understanding that the exact location of the event is to be agreed upon by the Director of Parks and Recreation; and approve waiver of fees up to \$500 with the condition that the organization reimburse the City with event proceeds, if any**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval to renew 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 through June 2009. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the renewal 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 through June 2009**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of an agreement with Fireworks & Stage FX America, Inc. for 4th of July Fireworks Display at Salt Lake Park. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Fireworks & Stage FX America, Inc. for a Fireworks Display at Salt Lake Park on July 4, 2008**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Butler Amusements to conduct a carnival at Westside Park May 20-26, 2008. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Butler Amusements to conduct a carnival at Westside Park May 20-26, 2008**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested review of Concession Stand Design at Civic Center Park. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **mandate that the concession stand located at Robert Keller Park aka Civic Center Park be allowed to sell pre-packed food only; and that they be required to pay their utilities and possibly paint the concession stand, subject to City Attorney review of existing contract**, 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 Amendment No. 8 to Agreement for Sweeping of Public Streets by and between the City of Huntington Park and AI Perez dba Mag Sweeping to include South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Rule 1186 compliance requirements. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to

**approve Amendment No. 8 to Agreement for Sweeping of Public Streets by and between the City of Huntington Park and Al Perez dba Mag Sweeping to include South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Rule 1186 compliance requirements**, 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 City co-sponsorship of the Southern California Environmental Excellence Development Award in partnership with the South Bay Business Environmental Coalition and to solicit nominations. Christina Dixon, Staff Analyst for the Field Services Department, informed City Council that she would like to nominate Recycling Coordinator Mario Rivas to be recognized by the Southern California Environmental Coalition for helping preserve our environment. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve the City's co-sponsorship of the Southern California Environmental Excellence Development Award in partnership with the South Bay Business Environmental Coalition and to nominate Recycling Coordinator Mario Rivas for the 2008 SoCal Environmental Excellence Development Awards**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Engineer Fu requested consideration of Construction of a Public Restroom Facility at Pacific Boulevard, Project No. 08-013. Following a discussion, no action was taken.

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval of Cal-Photo User Agreement to access the State of California Department of Motor Vehicles photographs for investigative purposes and authorize the Chief of Police to execute. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Cal-Photo User Agreement to access the State of California Department of Motor Vehicles photographs for investigative purposes and authorize the Chief of Police to execute**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-22. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **FIXING THE RATE OF TAXES TO PAY THE COST OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 AND LEVYING TAXES FOR SAID RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008.** was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-22, 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. Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:13 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 8:50 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 in the closed session regarding Labor Negotiators, a status report was given to City Council.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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Elba Guerrero, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk