

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, June 2, 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: 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 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.

Collin Chambers addressed his concerns to City Council regarding individuals tampering with refuse receptacles in the City and inquired if there is a law prohibiting such an act and for the City to enforce it.

Andy Molina, President of Huntington Park Sister Cities Association, invited City Council to attend the 2nd Annual Tardeada Taquiza at the Senior Park on June 21, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and distributed flyers of said event.

Enrique Murillo, President of the American Association of Retirement Persons (AARP) Chapter 221, presented a certificate to Director of Community Development Henry Gray for his outstanding time and service to the City of Huntington Park.

Dr. Glavinoch, Director of the Emergency Room at Mission and Community Hospitals, updated City Council regarding the status of Mission and Community Hospitals in Huntington Park. Dr. Glavinoch stated that representatives from Mission and Community Hospitals will be presenting a request for Assembly Bill 2702 funds to the State of California

Senate and asked City Council for support in their endeavor.

Ms. Montanez, on behalf of Huntington Park Library, informed City Council of upcoming events and invited City Council to attend the Grand Opening of a Senior Area at the Huntington Park Library on June 14, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Sam Peña, representing Consolidated Disposal, informed City Council that they will be launching a pilot program for multi-family recycling with joint cities; and that they are also working with the City's Code Enforcement Division to remove graffiti from the commercial refuse receptacles.

Leticia Martinez, Chair of the American Cancer Society Southeast Cities Relay for Life, invited City Council to attend the 2008 Relay for Life event June 7 and 8, 2008 and distributed flyers. Ms. Martinez informed City Council that they will be conducting a Cancer Prevention Study III at the event.

Nick Ioannidis expressed his dissatisfaction with the customer service provided by a security guard at City Hall and asked City Council to rectify this matter.

Jeannette Marquez, Business Improvement District Manager, introduced the members of the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board and requested approval of the annual report for the Downtown Huntington Park BID and levying the assessment for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year.

Rafael Rangel, property owner of a proposed restaurant at 7127 Pacific Boulevard, thanked City Council for working with them and allowing them to make payments for the in-lieu parking fees associated with the development of a restaurant.

Eloy Jordan, Event Coordinator for META 2000, addressed City Council regarding their request to conduct the 2008 El Grito event; waiver of fees associated with the 2007 and 2008 El Grito events; and a City donation. Mr. Jordan stated that the event is for the community and surrounding cities and that it serves as advertisement for businesses in the City.

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

Mayor Guerrero presented Certificates of Recognition to the following City's Student Government Day participants: 1) Luis Salazar; 2) Karen Zapien; 3) Sonia Diaz; 4) Alyssa Duran; 5) Hermenia Mazariegos; 6) Priscila Papias; 7) Vianey Fernandez; and 8) Jackelyne Galvez. Ms. Papias thanked City Council, Department Heads, and City staff on behalf of the Huntington Park High School Key Club for the opportunity to participate in the City's Student Government Day and presented City staff with thank you cards.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of Case: Keith Walker, WCAB No. RIV 0012064; WCAB No. RIV 0012066; WCAB No. RIV 0012067; WCAB No. RIV 0012068; and WCAB No. RIV 0012069. Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:37 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 7:14 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.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the Consent Calendar with Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Romo abstaining on the minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 19, 2008 and minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 19, 2008, 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 special meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 19, 2008.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 19, 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 June 2, 2008.

Adopt the **City's Statement of Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.**

Accept the **City's Financial Statements and Single Audit Report** for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2007.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Set a public hearing date of July 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. for the Congestion Management Program (CMP) 2008 and CMP Local Implementation Report.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

City Manager report on International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Spring Convention in Las Vegas May 18 through 21, 2008.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Romo for discussion and/or action regarding the change of existing building codes to require new commercial construction to have water sensors installed in bathrooms. Motion by Romo, seconded by Gomez, **for staff to report back to City Council with the necessary documents that would require new commercial construction to have water sensors installed in bathrooms and a "Green" building concept**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Guerrero for discussion and/or action for the City to co-sponsor a Senior Health Fair on Friday, October 24, 2008. Arlene Savage, Health and Education Commissioner, stated that the event will be at the main building at Salt Lake Park from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Motion by Romo, seconded by Gomez, **for the City to co-sponsor a Senior Health Fair at Salt Lake Park on Friday, October 24, 2008**, 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 Agreement between GBG Consulting, LLC and the City of Huntington Park to provide an Interim Director of Field Services. **Following a discussion, Mayor Guerrero directed staff to bring this item back to City Council with a copy of the original agreement with GBG Consulting, LLC.**

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested discussion and/or action regarding the Facility Use Agreement for META 2000 to conduct "El Grito" event at Salt Lake Park from September 13 through 15, 2008, subject to City Attorney approval; and

consider waiver of fees for said event. Following a discussion, motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to approve the following: 1) **Facility Use Agreement for META 2000 to conduct El Grito event at Salt Lake Park from September 13 through 15, 2008, subject to City Attorney approval**; 2) **waiver of fees billed for the 2007 El Grito event in the amount of \$27,260**; and 3) **waiver of fees associated with the 2008 El Grito event in the amount of \$60,340**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: None. City Council urged the permittee to adhere to agreement Section 4.02, and the Huntington Park Municipal Code which prohibits alcohol and tobacco on public parks. Council Member Hernandez requested that City Council receive copies of all newspaper, radio, and /or television advertisement for the El Grito event.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented a request from META 2000 for a City donation in the amount of \$25,000 for the El Grito event September 13 through 15, 2008. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve a City donation in the amount of \$25,000 for the 2008 El Grito event September 13 through 15, 2008**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested appointment of a Youth Commissioner. Michael Parada addressed City Council to request appointment to the Youth Commission and briefed City Council on his goals for this commission. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **appoint Michael Parada to the Youth Commission for a one (1) year term ending June 2, 2009**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of Third Amendment to Concession Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Debbie Y. Kim. Eugene Kim representing Debbie Y. Kim addressed City Council to request that Debbie Y. Kim be allowed to make the interior repairs to the facility so they may continue to cook and sell hot foods, assume the costs of the renovation, and obtain a longer lease. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee of Council Member Noguez, Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa and Building Official/Assistant City Engineer Lind to identify the extent of the repairs required in order to bring the concession stand at the Robert Keller Park up to code and report back to City Council in 30 days.**

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider the adoption of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance and General Plan establishing the Downtown Huntington Park Specific Plan and adoption of a Negative Declaration associated with the proposed amendments. 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.

Council Member Noguez left his seat at 7:51 p.m. and returned at 7:57 p.m.

Council Member Hernandez left her seat at 7:52 p.m. and returned at 7:54 p.m.

Vice Mayor Gomez left his seat at 8:09 p.m.

Erik Justesen, representing RRM Design Group, displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the Downtown Huntington Park Specific Plan and made himself available for any questions.

Jose Rios, Business Improvement District Board Member, addressed City Council in support of the Downtown Huntington Park Specific Plan.

Vice Mayor Gomez returned to his seat at 8:15 p.m.

Rosario Sifuentes addressed her concerns to City Council regarding the Downtown Huntington Park Specific Plan, which include the displacement of residents from their homes in the projected area along with the financial hardship it would create for seniors and disabled residents. Ms. Sifuentes also addressed her concerns to City Council regarding events in the

City and asked City Council to reconsider minimizing the amount and size of events in the City.

Mayor Guerrero called for any other oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing closed. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **continue the public hearing** to consider the adoption of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance and General Plan **establishing the Downtown Huntington Park Specific Plan** and adoption of a Negative Declaration associated with the proposed amendments **to July 7, 2008**.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider a resolution confirming the Annual Report of Activities for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 for the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District (BID) which incorporates the BID's proposed budget and the levying of assessments for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. 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. Ed Lara, President of the BID Advisory Board, addressed City Council to request approval of the resolution confirming the 2007-2008 Annual Report of Activities and the levying of assessments for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Mayor Guerrero called for any other oral communications, and hearing none, declared the **public hearing** closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-19. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CONFIRMING THE **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR** was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-19, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from Huntington Park Lions Club and Huntington Park Victory Outreach Ministries requesting permission for the issuance of Firework Sales Permits. Rosa Diaz, representing Victory Outreach Ministries, briefed City Council regarding the services they provide to the community and requested approval of a firework sale permit for 2008. A gentleman addressed his concerns to City Council regarding illegal fireworks in the City and asked City Council to look into this matter. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the issuance of Firework Sales Permits for the July 2008 season to Huntington Park Lions Club and Huntington Park Victory Outreach Ministries**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None. Dr. Dina Lopez, representing the Huntington Park Lions Club, thanked City Council for approving their request for a firework sales permit.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of In-lieu Parking Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Rafael Rangel for the development of a proposed restaurant at 7127 Pacific Boulevard. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve the In-lieu Parking Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Rafael Rangel for the development of a proposed restaurant at 7127 Pacific Boulevard**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of the Third Amendment to Professional Services Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Jeannette Marquez, Business Improvement District Manager. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve the Third Amendment to Professional Services Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Jeannette Marquez, Business Improvement District Manager**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez and Romo; Noes: Mayor Guerrero; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray presented a request from the Historic Preservation Commission that City Council submit a formal request to Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) for the relocation of the "Little Old School House", currently

located in the City of Vernon, to Huntington Park High School. Wally Shidler, Historic Preservation Commissioner, briefed City Council on the history of the Little Old School House and requested that in honor of the Huntington Park High School (H.P.H.S.) Centennial, City Council submit a formal request to LAUSD for the relocation of the Little Old School House to H.P.H.S. **Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to approve the submittal of a formal request to Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) for the relocation of the “Little Old School House”, currently located in the City of Vernon, to Huntington Park High School.**

City Engineer Fu requested approval of Change Order No. 2 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 Hernandez, to **approve Change Order No. 2 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: 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 purchase and installation of five (5) servers for the Police Department in the amount of \$87,265.03. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the purchase and installation of five (5) servers for the Police Department in the amount of \$87,265.03**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-30. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING **DESTRUCTION OF ENUMERATED PUBLIC RECORDS PURSUANT TO GOVT. CODE §34090** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-30, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-31. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FIELD SERVICES FOR THE **COST OF ABATEMENT OF NOXIOUS AND DANGEROUS WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN LOTS AND PARCELS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT SECTION 39560 ET SEQ** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-31, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-32. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **ESTABLISHING A POLICY REGARDING EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT AND USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-32, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 827-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 Guerrero, that reading in full of Urgency Ordinance No. 827-NS for first and final reading be waived and that Urgency Ordinance No. 827-NS be introduced and approved for first and final 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** 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 9:00 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 9:32 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 on the closed session items, direction was given to staff.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk