

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, October 20, 2008.

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00 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.

Eric Garcia, Planning Manager for the City of Huntington Park, displayed a PowerPoint presentation of certain properties in the City that have improved and/or maintained their appearance, in honor of National Community Planning Month. Mayor Guerrero and City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to the following property owners: 1) Jorge and Edith Padilla, 4067 Cudahy Street (not present); 2) Alfonso Magallon and Oscar Puerta, 6208 Hood Avenue (not present); 3) Jose A. Coronado, 3908 E. 61st Street (not present); and 4) Melina Chavez, 3927 Randolph Street (not present).

Celia Ayala, Chief Operating Officer for Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP), briefed City Council on the success of their efforts to make preschool accessible to children in the County of Los Angeles and introduced Rosy Ramos from the Human Services Association (HSA), who invited City Council to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Huntington Park Rita LAUP site at 6420 Rita Avenue on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. and distributed flyers. Ms. Ramos thanked City Council especially Council Member Hernandez, the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition, and 50th District Assembly Member Hector De La Torre for their support with making high quality preschools available. Ms. Ramos introduced Letty Rico, parent of a child enrolled in a LAUP school. Ms. Rico stated that her child has improved academically and socially due to the dedication of the teachers at LAUP and highly recommends it. Mayor Guerrero and City Council presented a certificate to Rosy Ramos on behalf of the Human Services Association for their dedication and mission to providing Universal Preschools to the children of Los Angeles County.

Marybeth Ayala, Project Analyst, displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the State of California Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Grant Program. Ms. Ayala gave a brief history of the grant program and their projects.

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, President of the American Association for Retired Persons (AARP), presented certificates to Mayor Guerrero and Council Member Romo for their outstanding services to the City of Huntington Park.

Sam Perdomo, representing Waste Management, informed City Council on the different services they offer and their commitment to being environmentally friendly. Mr. Perdomo informed City Council of their company goals.

Phillip Bagus, representing Guerra Cunningham Mortuary, invited City Council to attend The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer at his place of business located at 6351 Seville Avenue on Thursday, October 30, 2008.

Juan Suarez, representing Sturdisteel Company c/o Hanson Associates, addressed his

concerns to City Council regarding the bidding process for a City project for the Installation of Bleachers at Salt Lake Park Ball Diamonds. Mr. Suarez stated his bid is being rejected even though he was the lowest bidder and asked City Council to reconsider re-bidding this project. City Clerk Ramirez distributed a letter to City Council from Sturdisteel Company c/o Hanson Associates in protest to re-bid the installation of bleachers at Salt Lake Park Ball Diamonds #1, #3, and #4.

Andy Molina, representing Huntington Park Sister Cities Association, informed City Council that the association had a successful visit to Sister City Jalpa, Zacatecas and thanked Mayor Guerrero for attending. Mr. Molina also thanked City Council on behalf of Sister City Yahualica, Mexico for donating two (2) surplus vehicles in the past.

An Activist representing LaRouche PAC addressed City Council in support of the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act of 2007.

Federico Gonzalez, representing La Rouche PAC, stated that today's economy will have a major negative impact in the youth's futures as well as the next generations to come and urged City Council to get involved in minimizing foreclosures in the City by adopting a resolution in support of Homeowners and Bank Protection Act.

Nick Ioannidis invited City Council and everyone to attend the annual National Immigrants Day celebration on October 28, 2008.

Ronald V. Garcia, Southern California Edison Regional Manager Public Affairs, urged City Council to vote no on Proposition 7, The Solar and Clear Energy Act. Mr. Garcia congratulated Samantha Lubrani, Spanish Translator for the City of Huntington Park for her dedication and thanked City Council for their consideration of approving The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce's request for funding assistance in the amount of \$25,000 for the Christmas Lane Parade on November 22, 2008.

Anthony Saldaña, representing The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, addressed City Council in support of their request for funding assistance in the amount of \$25,000 for the Christmas Lane Parade.

Alan Egre, representing La Rouche PAC, stated that this country is in the middle of economic depression and distributed booklets to City Council on the Program for World Economic Recovery. Mr. Egre urged City Council to consider the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act.

Gilda Acosta, representing The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, addressed City Council in support of their request for funding assistance in the amount of \$25,000 for the Christmas Lane Parade. Ms. Acosta stated that the Huntington Park Christmas Lane Parade has been known to be the best parade in the surrounding cities and ensured City Council that it will be a secure event for families.

Council Member Noguez left his seat at 6:46 p.m. and returned at 6:50 p.m.

A gentleman, representing The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, stated they are anticipating a financial loss from conducting the Christmas Lane Parade again this year and asked City Council to co-sponsor the event in the amount of \$25,000.

Crystal Morales, President of the Huntington Park Women's Club, gave a brief history on the Women's Club and the different programs they offer. Ms. Morales requested approval of their request for an Activity in Public Places Permit in order to conduct the annual Three Kings Procession in conjunction with an annual Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District (BID) Children's Fair on January 6, 2009 and waiver of all associated City fees and department service costs in the amount of \$7,667.49.

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 with the exception that a payroll demand payable to the City of South Gate in the amount of \$25,891 be removed, 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, October 6, 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 October 20, 2008.

Approve the Property Tax Rebate benefit to full time employees who work and reside in the City of Huntington Park.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Reject all bids for Project No. 08-008, Outdoor Restrooms Renovation at Salt Lake Park and at Robert Keller Park, and authorize staff to re-design and re-bid the outdoor restroom renovation at Salt Lake Park only.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM –Received and filed

Minutes of the Traffic Authority meeting held October 1, 2008.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented correspondence from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce requesting funding assistance in the amount of \$25,000 for the 58th Annual Huntington Park Christmas Lane Parade and television production on Saturday, November 22, 2008. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, to **approve the request from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce for funding assistance in the amount of \$25,000 for the 58th Annual Huntington Park Christmas Lane Parade and television production on Saturday, November 22, 2008**, 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 Council Member Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding HUB Cities Consortium membership and outreach. Council Member Noguez removed this item from the agenda.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Romo to approve of an event at Robert H. Keller Park on November 3, 2008 in recognition of Native American Heritage Month. Motion by Romo, seconded by Noguez, to **approve an event at Robert H. Keller Park on November 3, 2008 in recognition of Native American Heritage Month; and for the City to co-sponsor the event by providing a speaker, microphone, and in-kind services for the event**, 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 designation of a member to the Board of Trustees of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **nominate Council Member Romo to the Board of Trustees of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District for a four (4) year term**, 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 the Tenth Amendment to Employment Agreement for Spanish Translation Services by and between Samantha L. Lubrani. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Tenth Amendment to Employment Agreement for Spanish Translation Services by and between Samantha L. Lubrani for a term ending October 31, 2009**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Finance Padilla requested approval of a refund of business license penalty fees in the amount of \$615.40 to Impak Corporation. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve a refund of business license penalty fees in the amount of \$615.40 to Impak Corporation**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Finance Padilla requested approval of the amended and restated City of Huntington Park PARS-ARS (Public Agency Retirement Services-Alternate Retirement System) documents; and direct PARS to prepare and file a Letter of Determination to the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) on behalf of the City. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the amended and restated City of Huntington Park PARS-ARS documents; and direct PARS to prepare and file a Letter of Determination to the IRS on behalf of the City**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Finance Padilla requested approval of budget adjustments to Fiscal Year 2007-2008 City Budget; and transfer of general fund surplus to various reserve funds at the conclusion of the 2007-2008 fiscal year end audit. Motion by Gomez to approve budget adjustments to Fiscal Year 2007-2008 City Budget; and transfer of general fund surplus to various reserve funds at the conclusion of the 2007-2008 fiscal year end audit, **DIED** due to lack of a second. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero continued this item to the next City Council meeting.**

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of Activity in Public Places Permit No. 08-39 to Women's Club of Huntington Park in order to conduct the annual Three Kings Procession in conjunction with an annual Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District (BID) Children's Fair along Pacific Boulevard between Florence Avenue and Randolph Street on January 6, 2009, subject to approval from applicable City departments, local public agencies; and consider a full waiver of all associated City fees and departmental service costs in the amount of \$7,667.49. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve Activity in Public Places Permit No. 08-39 to Women's Club of Huntington Park in order to conduct the annual Three Kings Procession in conjunction with an annual Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District (BID) Children's Fair along Pacific Boulevard between Florence Avenue and Randolph Street on January 6, 2009, subject to approval from applicable City departments, local public agencies; and approve a full waiver of all associated City fees and departmental service costs in the amount of \$7,667.49**, 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 Activity in Public Places Permit No. 08-43 to The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce in order to conduct their annual 2008 Christmas Lane Parade along Pacific Boulevard between Slauson and Florence Avenues on November 22, 2008, subject to approval from applicable City departments, local public agencies; and applicant's request for a full waiver of all associated City fees and department service costs in the amount of \$30,578.57. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve Activity in Public Places Permit No. 08-43 to The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce in order to conduct their annual 2008 Christmas Lane Parade along Pacific Boulevard between Slauson and Florence Avenues on November 22, 2008, subject to approval from applicable City departments, local public agencies; and approve a full waiver of all associated City fees and department service costs in the amount of \$30,578.57**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member

Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Council Member Noguez left the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

City Engineer Fu requested that Project No. 08-007, Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) for Parks and Recreation Building at Salt Lake Park, be awarded to Fix My AC Inc. of Irvine, in the amount of \$157,979.46. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **award Project No. 08-007, "Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) for Parks and Recreation Building at Salt Lake Park" to Fix My AC Inc. of Irvine, in the amount of \$157,979.46**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez.

Chief of Police Wadley requested approval of payment for Invoice No. 77-1351 in the amount of \$56,796.33 to American Homeland Solutions (AHS) for administrative investigation services. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve payment for Invoice No. 77-1351 in the amount of \$56,796.33 to American Homeland Solutions (AHS) for administrative investigation services**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa displayed a PowerPoint presentation the Parks and Recreation Department Summer 2008 Programs and Activities. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero ordered this item be received and filed.**

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested that all bids for the Installation of Bleachers at Salt Lake Park Diamonds #1, #3, and #4 be rejected, and authorize staff to re-issue Request for Proposals. City Attorney Leal stated that in this case the safest course of action is to throw out the bids and re-issue the Request for Proposals. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **reject all bids for the Installation of Bleachers at Salt Lake Park Diamonds #1, #3, and #4, and authorize staff to re-issue Request for Proposals**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-65. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 73-37 AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF **BUSINESS LICENSE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-65, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez.

Resolution Nos.: 2008-66, 2008-67, 2008-68, 2008-69, and 2008-70 were presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-66. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009**, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-67. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ADOPTING **REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS** SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-68. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF HUNTINGTON PARK REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-69. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK PROVIDING FOR A **SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION** FOR ELECTIVE OFFICES IN THE EVENT OF A TIE VOTE AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-70. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA CONSENTING TO AN **ELECTION CONSOLIDATION WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES**, INCLUDING THE **LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT** AND ORDERING THAT THE FOUR (4) SEATS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT APPEAR ON THE BALLOT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution Nos.: 2008-66, 2008-67, 2008-68, 2008-69, and 2008-70, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Noguez.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m., in memory of Ruben Ontiveros and Manuel C. Pasmant, cousin and uncle (respectively) of Yvonne Moreno, Administrative Assistant for the City of Huntington Park.

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk