

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

Mayor Guerrero and City Council presented a proclamation to Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) acknowledging their 30th Anniversary of community organizing and environmental advocacy in the City of Huntington Park and the State of California. Robert Cabrales, Community Organizer for CBE, thanked City Council and dedicated this recognition to all the CBE volunteers and members of the community who have lost their lives due to environmental impacts. Ana Cano, CBE volunteer, thanked Mr. Cabrales on behalf of the CBE volunteers for his efforts in improving the quality of life in the community. Council Member Hernandez also thanked CBE for educating the community about pollution and saving the environment.

Mayor Guerrero and City Council presented a proclamation to Sandi Linares-Plimpton, Project Manager of the Shut Your Tap Water Conservation Campaign for Central Basin Municipal Water District, in support of expanding water conservation throughout Southern California and the Central Basin and encouraging city residents to “Shut Your Tap” to ensure that we never run out of water. Ms. Linares-Plimpton congratulated the City of Huntington Park for implementing this program, distributed refrigerator magnets with water conservation tips, and presented City Council with a proclamation to the City of Huntington Park for their extraordinary commitment and leadership in water conservation.

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.

Ronald V. Garcia and Dante D’Eramo, representing The Greater Huntington Park Area

Chamber of Commerce, invited City Council to attend a special lighting ceremony on Pacific Boulevard and Gage Avenue on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. and the 58th Annual Holiday Christmas Parade on November 22, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Don Brabant, Vice President of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, presented a check in the amount of \$1,500 to Chief of Police Wadley for the Huntington Park Police Explorers and Reserve Officers.

The following organizers of LaRouche Political Action Committee urged City Council to support the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act: 1) Adrien Yule; 2) Joseph Elkins; and 3) Ramiro Bravo.

Ana Gutierrez addressed City Council on behalf of a group of individuals whose parked vehicles were hit by a motorist. Ms. Gutierrez questioned the police department's accident procedures and stated that vehicle insurance should be requested and a breathalyzer test should be given. Mayor Guerrero referred Ms. Gutierrez to Chief of Police Wadley regarding this matter.

Bill De Witt, Council Member of the City of South Gate on behalf of the Southeast Cities School Coalition, addressed City Council in support of the resolution on the agenda regarding the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition. Mr. De Witt stated that the southeast cities have been able to obtain better services since their formation and stressed the importance of working together to better serve the community.

Marisela Cervantes, Chief Executive Officer of the Southeast Cities School Coalition (SCSC), addressed City Council in support of the resolution on the agenda approving the first restated and amended joint exercise of powers agreement of the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition. Ms. Cervantes invited everyone to attend a job fair hosted by Yolie Flores, Board Member of the Los Angeles Unified School District at Huntington Park High School on December 13, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., and distributed flyers to City Council.

John Gates, Social Worker, addressed City Council in support of the Southeast Cities School Coalition (SCSC) and asked City Council to consider the joint powers agreement of the SCSC by adopting the proposed resolution.

Victor Gonzalez, Park Ranger with Alltech Protective Services, stated that aside from enforcing the Huntington Park Municipal Code, he also has been working with the youth in the community and introduced Jose Magaña, student at San Antonio School to City Council. Mr. Gonzalez informed City Council that Mr. Magaña has changed his life around, is no longer involved with drugs and is now earning outstanding grades at school. Mr. Magaña informed City Council of his career goals and thanked Mr. Gonzalez for believing in him.

Andy Molina, representing the Huntington Park Sister Cities Association, thanked City Council for supporting them throughout the years and everyone who attended the Southeast Churches Service Center Combined Southeast Care for the Hungry Alliance Harvest Ball on November 11, 2008. Mr. Molina presented a check towards the Christmas toy drive conducted by the Police Officers' Association and General Employees Association.

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

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider an ordinance amending provisions of Title 9 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code establishing condominium and condominium conversion standards and adopting the negative declaration associated with the project. 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 and hearing none, Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 832-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA, AMENDING PROVISIONS OF TITLE 9 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING CONDOMINIUM AND CONDOMINIUM CONVERSION STANDARDS AND ADOPTING THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 832-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 832-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider an ordinance amending the Municipal Code regulations as it pertains to the Downtown Huntington Park Specific Plan (DTSP) by adding live/work units to F.G. 458 Land Use Table and modifying the development standards pertaining to setbacks, height of structures and open space within the DTSP District-C Neighborhood. 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. Justin Barkley, representing the property owner of 6721 Zoe Avenue, addressed City Council in opposition to the proposed ordinance amending the municipal code pertaining to the DTSP and stated that he would like this property to be included in the DTSP. Mayor Guerrero referred Mr. Barkley to Director of Community Development Gray for clarification.

ORDINANCE NO. 833-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATIONS AS IT PERTAINS TO THE **DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK SPECIFIC PLAN (DTSP) BY ADDING LIVE/WORK UNITS TO FG. 4.58 LAND USE TABLE AND MODIFYING THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS PERTAINING TO SETBACKS, HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES AND OPEN SPACE WITHIN THE DTSP DISTRICT – C NEIGHBORHOOD** was read by title. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 833-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 833-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to approve the Consent Calendar, 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, November 3, 2008.

Approve minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Monday, November 10, 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 November 17, 2008.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Resignations from Sonia Bautista and Carlos Gutierrez as Arts and Culture Commissioners.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Hernandez for the City to make a special presentation to California State Assembly Member Fabian Nunez in recognition of his dedication and years of service to the community. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, **for the City to make a special presentation to California State Assembly Member Fabian Nunez in recognition of his dedication and years of service to the community**, 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 selection of a new design of the Combi buses and the Pacific Shuttle for the City's transportation program. **Following a discussion, Mayor Guerrero so ordered staff to look into advertising ideas for the new buses in the City's**

transportation program and report back to City Council.

Director of Finance Padilla requested to delay consideration of a **Dance and Entertainment Permit for Jose Alvarado, owner of La Casa Honduras Restaurant** located at 6030 Santa Fe Avenue. City Attorney Leal stated that based on a discussion with the attorney representing La Casa Honduras Restaurant, he concurs to withdraw the application at this time and then resubmit a new application. Armando Chavira, Attorney representing La Casa Honduras, stated that following a discussion with the City Attorney and the Chief of Police, he is requesting to withdraw the Dance and Entertainment Permit Application at this time. **Due to the withdrawal of the application, no action was taken.**

Director of Finance Padilla requested approval of the Authorization to Order Under State Contract agreement with SBC Global Services Inc., dba AT&T Global Services for telecommunication and long distance service for the City at the same low rate as the State of California. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Authorization to Order Under State Contract agreement with SBC Global Services Inc., dba AT&T Global Services for telecommunication and long distance service for the City at the same low rate as the State of California**, 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 a special event by the Business Improvement District and The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to host a Santa's Village on December 6, 13, and 20, 2008 on the Downtown public right-of-way on Zoe, Saturn, and Clarendon Avenues; and authorize \$25,000 from the BID budget to be used for special holiday marketing and promotion of events, including the aforementioned event. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve a request from the Business Improvement District and The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a special event and use the public right-of-way on Zoe, Saturn, and Clarendon Avenues for a Santa's Village on December 6, 13, and 20, 2008; and authorize \$25,000 from the BID budget to be used for special holiday marketing and promotion of events, including the aforementioned event; and approve \$3,000 of said funds to be paid to the Chamber of Commerce for the Santa's Village props and set up costs**, 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 Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Herk Edwards Inc. for Installation of Bleachers at Salt Lake Park Ball Diamonds #1, #3, and #4 for an amount of \$62,527. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Herk Edwards Inc. for Installation of Bleachers at Salt Lake Park Ball Diamonds #1, #3, and #4 for an amount of \$62,527**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Engineer Fu presented a report on identifying possible bicycle paths; and requests authorization for staff to pursue grants for bike racks. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **receive and file the report on identifying possible bicycle paths; and authorize staff to pursue grants for bike racks**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-75. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK RECOGNIZING **DECEMBER 18TH AS A DAY WITHOUT A BAG THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-75, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. B. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE FIRST RESTATED AND AMENDED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT OF THE SOUTHEAST

CITIES SCHOOLS COALITION was presented.

Marisela Cervantes, Chief Executive Officer of the Southeast Cities School Coalition (SCSC), stated that the SCSC is currently working on obtaining insurance and that the City's share amount for the upcoming year is \$25,892 to be used for operational purposes only; and requested adoption of the proposed resolution.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee of Council Members Hernandez and Noguez to work with the SCSC to modify language in the proposed agreement and bring back to City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m., in memory of Maria Guadalupe Andrade, cousin of Elba Padilla, Director of Finance/City Treasurer for the City of Huntington Park.

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk