

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, December 15, 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: Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

Mayor Guerrero and City Council presented the 2008 Mayor's Christmas Awards certificates and City pins to the following: 1) 3rd place: Milagro Granillo, 6346 Malabar St.; 2) 2nd place: Maria Ramirez, 7040 Cedar St; and 3) 1st place: Raul & Guadalupe Galindo, 4214 E. 60th St.

Chief of Police Wadley presented a National Night Out plaque to the City for being selected to receive the 25th Annual National Night Out recognition from the National Association of Town Watch.

Yolanda Alaniz, Children's Librarian at the Huntington Park Library, briefed City Council regarding the County of Los Angeles Public Library's 29th Annual Bookmark Contest. Mayor Guerrero and City Council presented certificates of recognition and City pins to the following students who won the 29th Annual Children's Bookmark Contest 2008: 1) Brianna Sanchez- 2nd grade student at Walnut Park Elementary; 2) Delcy Hernandez – 5th grade student at Walnut Park Elementary; 3) Alondra Figueroa- 8th grade student at Henry T. Gage Middle School.

Cat Mostovoy, Chief Executive Officer of the Woodcraft Rangers, gave City Council a brief overview of a Health and Fitness Challenge in which many schools participated in. Mayor Guerrero and City Council presented City pins and certificates of recognition from the City and on behalf of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to Regional Winner Hope Street Elementary School and the following students for participating in the Health & Fitness Challenge: 1) 3rd place winner: Mario Velasquez, student at Miles Elementary School; 2) 2nd place winner: Steven Perez, student at Middleton Elementary; and 3) 1st place winner:

Victor Campos, student at Middleton Elementary. Chris and Courtney, representing Hope Street Elementary, introduced a group of students who recited a song for City Council.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8 for Conference With Real Property Negotiators, Property: 6548 Miles Avenue, Agency Negotiator: Assistant City Attorney David Alvarez, Negotiating Parties: The Judicial Council of the State of California, the County of Los Angeles and the City of Huntington Park, Under Negotiation: Transfer and Assignment of Lease. Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:20 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 6:25 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.

Roberta Benjamin, Regional Vice President of Aspire Public Charter School, teachers and parents of students attending the Aspire Public Charter School informed City Council that they had a food drive to help needy families and presented a check for 4,955 cans to the Salvation Army. Representatives from Salvation Army thanked the Aspire Public Charter School for their generous donation and wished everyone happy holidays.

Claude Bilodeau, representing the General Employees Association (GEA), updated City Council regarding the GEA and Police Officers Association (POA) Annual Christmas Toy Drive at El Club on Friday, December 12, 2008 and thanked the following for their assistance and donations: Mayor Guerrero, Huntington Park Sister Cities Association, Huntington Park Tow, Wes Lind and Public Engineering Services, City Manager Korduner and staff, Chief of Police Wadley and staff, Eloy Jordan, Andy Molina, and Angel Nieves. Mr. Bilodeau stated that they received a total of \$10,000 in donations this year.

Eloy Jordan, representing META 2000, informed City Council that they donated \$1,225 in addition to toys towards the GEA and POA Annual Christmas Toy Drive and encouraged businesses in the City to donate to the less fortunate. Mr. Jordan thanked the City, his wife, his employees, Huntington Park Police Department, City staff, Mayor Guerrero, City Council, and Ricardo Sanchez from 97.9 La Raza radio station for assisting with the toy drive.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, informed City Council of the success of the Santa's Village and invited everyone to attend the last Santa's Village on Saturday, December 20, 2008. Mr. D'Eramo also informed City Council that the 58th Annual Holiday Christmas Parade held on November 22, 2008 will be televised again soon for those who missed it and that they will be submitting it for an Emmy nomination. Mr. D'Eramo congratulated Mayor Guerrero and Andy Molina on their future posts and wished Council Member Romo farewell.

Ronald V. Garcia, President of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, informed City Council that Proposition 7, The Solar and Clear Energy Act failed. Mr. Garcia invited everyone to attend the Santa's Village event. Mr. Garcia thanked City Council for the City's partnership with the Chamber of Commerce for the replacement of the Christmas decorations and lighting along Pacific Boulevard and congratulated Mayor Guerrero and Andy Molina on their future posts.

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

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, 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, December

1, 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 December 15, 2008.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez requested appointment of a representative and alternate to the SCAG. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, to **appoint Mayor Guerrero to serve as the representative and Council Member Noguez as the alternate to the Southern California Association of Governments**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Manager Korduner requested approval of Third Amendment to Publishing Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Bee's Enterprises for the production, publishing and distribution of the City's newsletter. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Third Amendment to Publishing Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Bee's Enterprises for the production, publishing and distribution of the City's newsletter**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Manager Korduner requested discussion and/or action regarding an advertising program for the inside of the new Combi buses and the Pacific Shuttle; and requests selection of exterior design of the Combi buses and the Pacific Shuttle. **Following a discussion, Mayor Guerrero so ordered staff to come back to City Council following review of a memorandum regarding advertisement from Assistant City Attorney Alvarez.**

Director of Community Development Gray requested acceptance of the City's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Annual Action Plan schedule and authorize staff to extend three-year Subrecipient Agreements for non-profit organizations and City departments carrying out Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-funded public service activities. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **accept the City's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Annual Action Plan schedule and authorize staff to extend three-year Subrecipient Agreements to the following non-profit organizations and City departments carrying out Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-funded public service activities: 1) Los Angeles County Library-Huntington Park Library Homework Center; 2) Southeast Rio Vista Family YMCA Healthy Zone-After School Program; 3) Steelworkers Oldtimers Foundation-Seniors Nutrition Program; 4) St. Francis Medical Center Foundation-Healthy Community Initiatives; 5) City of Huntington Park-Parks and Recreation Department After-School Youth Program; 6) City of Huntington Park Field Services Department-Community Beautification Program for Graffiti Removal; 7) Southeast Churches Service Center-Emergency Food Program; 8) Salvation Army Southeast Communities-Family Services; and 9) L.A. Community Legal Center-Southeast Healthy Homes Program**, 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 Transfer Agreement between the Judicial Council of California by and through The Administrative Office of the Courts, and the County of Los Angeles for the Transfer of Responsibility for, Transfer of Title to, and Transfer of Leasehold Interest in the Huntington Park Courthouse. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Transfer Agreement between the Judicial Council of**

California by and through The Administrative Office of the Courts, and the County of Los Angeles for the Transfer of Responsibility for, Transfer of Title to, and Transfer of Leasehold Interest in the Huntington Park Courthouse, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Finance Padilla requested approval of a Promissory Note authorizing a loan in the amount of \$400,000 from the City of Huntington Park Economic Development Fund to the Community Development Commission for collateralization of a commercial loan to Sopp Ford from LACDC. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve Promissory Note authorizing a loan in the amount of \$400,000 from the City of Huntington Park Economic Development Fund to the Community Development Commission for collateralization of a commercial loan to Sopp Ford from Los Angeles County Community Development Commission**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-76. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING **FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 70561** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-76, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-77. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 96-72 AND ADOPTING **NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE LIEUTENANT** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-77, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-78. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-10 AND ADOPTING **NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE SERGEANT** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2008-78, 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** for Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1). Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:04 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:09 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 declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk