

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, February 17, 2009.

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, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Vice Mayor Mario Gomez.

Edward Cisneros, representing the Los Angeles County District Supervisor Gloria Molina's Office, briefed City Council regarding the Los Angeles County Proposition A Cities Excess Funds Grant and thanked City Attorney Leal, Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa, and Management Analyst Danny Bueno for working with him on this matter.

Sergeant Lisner displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the 2009 Chandler Police Department Explorer Tactical Competition in Arizona and presented certificates of recognition to the following members of the Huntington Park Police Explorer Post for participating and placing 3rd in said competition: 1) Captain Diana Silva; 2) Israel Martinez; 3) Corporal Karen Mondragon; 4) Corporal Maria Jimenez; 5) Theresa Aguilar; 6) Brian Zepeda; 7) Corporal Richard Aguilar; 8) Benji Jacinto; 9) Nancy Gonzalez; and 10) Jocelyn Mondragon.

Chief of Police Wadley introduced the following new Huntington Park Police Department Employees: 1) Peggy Fonseca, Code Enforcement Officer; 2) Elba Jimenez, Code Enforcement Officer; 3) Luisana Candelario, Communications Operator; 4) Miguel Fuentes, Police Officer; 5) Jesus Gutierrez, Police Officer; and 6) Irma Escarrega-Martinez, Communications Operator.

Chief of Police Wadley announced the promotion of the following Huntington Park Police Department personnel: 1) Lieutenant Alfred Martinez and 2) Sergeant Neil Castelli

A representative from the California Highway Patrol presented Automobile Club of Southern California 10851 (Auto Theft) Awards to the following Police Officers: 1) Frankie Valle and 2) Christopher Wiggins.

Sam Peña, representing Consolidated Disposal Service, presented a PowerPoint presentation of "Over the Top", a program to assist with unsightly overflow and litter. The program included working with the Business Improvement District (BID) to inform business owners of different options available and informing customers when there is continual overflow.

City Clerk Ramirez 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 (3). Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:35 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:48 p.m. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Vice Mayor Mario Gomez.

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.

Claude Bilodeau, informed City Council of the success of their Annual Christmas Toy Drive and on behalf of the General Employees Association (GEA) and the Police Officers Association (POA) presented plaques to Eloy Jordan and Andy Molina for their support and assistance with said event. Andy Molina, representing Huntington Park Sister Cities Association, expressed the importance of giving back to the community.

Nicole James, representing La Rouche Political Action Committee, informed City Council that they have a revised version of the Homeowners Bank Protection Act and distributed copies to City Council. Ms. James stated that the new directive is to declare bankruptcy on the financial system and encouraged City Council to support their endeavor.

Enrique Murillo, representing American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), addressed his concern to City Council regarding the size and location of the storage room used by the seniors at the Community Center.

Adrien Yule, representing La Rouche Political Action Committee, stated that the financial system is collapsing and read the new revised version of the Homeowners Bank Protection Act and urged City Council to support them in this movement.

Frank Anguiano, owner of Heaven Sent Flowers and Gifts on State Street, thanked City Council, the Police Department, and the Code Enforcement Division for their prompt response to his previous request for City Council to look into the City Planning Department's issuance of special permits to sell flowers in the City. Mr. Anguiano stated that the surrounding cities should also look into eliminating illegal street vendors.

Janine Hamburg, representing Waste Management, introduced herself to City Council and announced that she is the new representative for the Los Angeles area.

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

City Clerk Ramirez announced that the **appeal hearing** to consider an appeal of a Planning Commission decision denying Case No. 1892-VAR, a request for a Variance to deviate from the development standards for a Wireless Telecommunications Facility at 7812 State Street within the Neighborhood Commercial (C-N) Zone, will be continued to March 16, 2009.

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the Consent Calendar, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, February 2, 2009.

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 February 17, 2009.

Accept the City of Huntington Park Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2008.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Authorize staff to issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Salt Lake Park Baseball Field #4 Renovation Project.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – Received and filed

Community Development Department report regarding Special Event Permit Policy for Valentine's Day and Mother's Day outdoor sales.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez requested approval of a Lease and Order Agreement with Ricoh Americas Corporation for the lease of two (2) copy machines (black/white and color) for City Hall; and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve a Lease and Order Agreement with Ricoh Americas Corporation for the lease of two (2) copy machines (black/white and color) for City Hall; and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that the item on behalf of Mayor Guerrero and Vice Mayor Gomez requesting discussion and/or action regarding the selection of the exterior design of the Combi buses and the Pacific Shuttle for the City's transportation program, was continued.

City Manager Korduner requested discussion and/or action regarding the City's Dial-A-Ride Service Contract. Motion by Romo to authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the City's Dial-A-Ride Service, **DIED** due to lack of a second. Marco Soto, representing Administrative Cooperative Services Inc., informed City Council that the last time they requested a meter rate increase was in August 2008 and that they have maintained their rates since. **There being no objection, Mayor Guerrero directed staff to report back to City Council in 30 days with Dial-A-Ride ridership data.**

Director of Finance Padilla requested approval of a purchase order to Sungard Public Sector for management of the City's financial software. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve a purchase order to Sungard Public Sector for management of the City's financial software**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Council Member Hernandez left her seat at 7:08 p.m.

Director of Finance Padilla displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the City's Mid-year budget adjustment for 2008-2009 and requested approval.

Council Member Hernandez returned to her seat at 7:10 p.m.

Council Member Romo left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the City's Mid-year budget adjustment for 2008-2009**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Romo.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of an Activity in Public Places Permit (S09-01) request by The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual "Carnaval Primavera" Downtown Street Festival along Pacific Boulevard April 3 through 5, 2009. City Clerk Ramirez announced that she received written correspondence from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce requesting waiver of certain fees associated with the Carnaval Primavera. Ronald V. Garcia, President of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, addressed City Council to request waiver of Field Services fees, Building fees, and parking meter loss of revenue associated with the Carnaval Primavera. Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, stated that they are requesting that the proposed services rendered by City staff be accomplished during normal working-hours to avoid overtime. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Activity in Public Places Permit (S09-01) request by The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual "Carnaval Primavera" Downtown Street Festival along Pacific Boulevard April 3 through 5, 2009; and waive the Field Services fees and the loss of parking meter revenues**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Romo.

Director of Community Development Gray requested that City Council authorize the Health and Education Commission to serve as the 2010 Core Census Committee. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **authorize the Health and Education Commission to serve as the 2010 Core Census Committee**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Romo.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested authorization for staff to develop an agreement with Urban Associates, Inc. for the Westside Park Transfer, Park Design and

Planning. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **authorize staff to develop an agreement with Urban Associates, Inc. for the Westside Park Transfer, Park Design and Planning**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Romo.

Director of Field Services Viramontes requested that Bid Proposal M-111, be awarded to Maurice J. Sopp & Sons, and approve a purchase order in the amount of \$116,090.55 for the procurement of three (3) replacement vehicles. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **award Bid Proposal M-111, to Maurice J. Sopp & Sons; and approve a purchase order in the amount of \$116,090.55 for the procurement of three (3) replacement vehicles**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Romo.

Director of Field Services Viramontes requested approval of Amendment to Agreement for Building Maintenance Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Advanced Building Maintenance to include the Police Department Annex. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve Amendment to Agreement for Building Maintenance Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Advanced Building Maintenance to include the Police Department Annex**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Romo.

Director of Field Services Viramontes requested approval to purchase an Articulated Hydraulic Crane from Reynolds Buick/Pontiac/GMC Truck, Inc. of West Covina. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **authorize the purchase of an Articulated Hydraulic Crane from Reynolds Buick/Pontiac/GMC Truck, Inc. of West Covina**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Romo.

Resolution Nos.: 2009-15, 2009-16, 2009-17, and 2009-18 were presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-15. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING THE **APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR PROPOSITION A CITIES EXCESS FUNDS FOR THE SALT LAKE PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-16. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING THE **APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS FOR THE SALT LAKE PARK TRAIL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-17. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING THE **APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS FOR THE SALT LAKE PARK SOCCER CIRCLE RENOVATION PROJECT.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-18. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING THE **APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS FOR THE SALT LAKE PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION PROJECT.**

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution Nos.: 2009-15, 2009-16, 2009-17, and 2009-18, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Romo.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session for Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (3), a status report was given to City Council by legal counsel and no action was taken.

Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m., in memory of Freddy Hernandez, brother of Yvonne Correa, Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

Elba Guerrero, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk