

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, March 2, 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 Vice Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Vice Mayor Mario Gomez. Absent: Mayor Elba Guerrero.

Vice Mayor Gomez presented a Proclamation declaring April 22, 2009 as Earth Day in the City of Huntington Park and presented Earth Day poster Contest Awards and City pins to the following students: 1) Category I-Kindergarten through First Grade: 3rd Place-Isabella Garcia, 1st Grade student at Huntington Park Elementary School; 2nd Place-Lillyn Amy Aguilar, 1st Grade student at Pacific Boulevard Elementary School; 1st Place-Roxanne Ramirez, 1st Grade student at Huntington Park Elementary School; 2) Category II-Second Grade through Third Grade: 3rd Place-Cesar Melendrez, 2nd Grade student at Huntington Park Elementary School; 2nd Place-Kimberly Cazarez, 3rd Grade student at Huntington Park Elementary School; 1st Place-Destiny Martinez, 3rd Grade student at Pacific Boulevard Elementary School; and 3) Category III-Fourth Grade through Fifth Grade: 3rd Place-Xoanna Cannady, 5th Grade student at Huntington Park Elementary School; 2nd Place-Estefany Delgadillo, 5th Grade student at Huntington Park Elementary School; and 1st Place-Alejandro Hernandez, 5th Grade student at Hope Street Elementary School.

Vice Mayor Gomez 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.

Adrien Yule, representing LaRouche PAC, briefed City Council on the Homeowners Protection Act and urged City Council to adopt a resolution endorsing the Homeowners Bank Protection Act.

Federico Gonzalez, representing LaRouche PAC, briefed City Council on the LaRouche PAC movement to urge cities to support the Homeowners Protection Act and distributed copies of a DVD to City Council.

Elisa Rudolph-Perez, representing the American Cancer Society, distributed copies of an American Cancer Society booklet circulated throughout the State of California and at the national level in which the Southeast Cities American Cancer Society Relay for Life was recognized. Mrs. Rudolph-Perez thanked the City for hosting the National Hispanic Cancer Awareness Month event in the past and invited City Council to attend this year's National Hispanic Cancer Awareness Month event at Las Trancas Restaurant in Bell.

Martin Delgado, Community Library Manager at Huntington Park Library, informed City Council of the various events scheduled for the months of March and April 2009, including the celebration of Women's History Month and It's Book Time with Ronald McDonald.

Hector Alvarado, member of United Parents in Action, addressed City Council in support of the proposed resolution regarding the Dream Act. Mr. Alvarado stated that

Assembly Member John Perez supports this resolution and urged City Council to adopt it.

The following individuals addressed City Council in support of the proposed Dream Act resolution: 1) Kenia Alcocer; 2) Asusena Costado; 3) Cindy Rodriguez; and 4) Lidia Juarez.

A representative from the office of Assembly Member John Perez informed City Council that Assembly Member John Perez supports the Dream Act legislation and thanked City Council in advance for their consideration.

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, **that the agenda item regarding the DREAM Act be moved forward for discussion and/or action**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-19. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK TO PRESIDENT OBAMA, SENATORS BOXER AND FEINSTEIN, AND OUR LOCAL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPPORT THE PASSAGE OF AND TO URGE THE OTHER CONGRESSPERSONS AND SENATORS TO VOTE FOR **THE DEVELOPMENT, RELIEF, AND EDUCATION FOR ALIEN MINORS ACT – THE DREAM ACT**, WHICH PERMITS STATES TO DETERMINE RESIDENCY FOR CERTAIN IMMIGRANT YOUTHS WHO ARE COLLEGE BOUND AND HAVE BEEN LONG TERM UNITED STATES RESIDENTS, FOR PURPOSES OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITHOUT REGARD TO IMMIGRATION STATUS, was presented. Motion by Romo, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-19, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

Vice Mayor Gomez called for any other oral communications.

Angelita Ramirez, Field Deputy for Congresswoman Lucille Royball-Allard, informed City Council that she is the new representative for the City and made herself available to answer questions.

Yvonne Correa informed City Council of an incident at her home this past Saturday with two board members of the Huntington Park Sister Cities Association. Ms. Correa conveyed how upset she was and asked City Council to get involved.

Council Member Hernandez left her seat at 6:51 p.m. and returned at 6:52 p.m.

Council Member Romo left her seat at 6:52 p.m. and returned at 6:53 p.m.

Diane Spalding addressed City Council in support of Yvonne Correa and expressed her concerns to City Council regarding the conduct of two members of the Huntington Park Sister Cities Association towards Ms. Correa.

A representative from Liberty Tax Service on Florence Avenue informed City Council that they just opened a new location here in the City and that they are very involved with stimulating the community as well as the economy; and introduced Douglas who informed City Council of the various events they host throughout the year, including free tax preparation classes and stated that they would like to be a good corporate citizen and get involved in the community.

Maria Elena Arreola addressed City Council in support of Yvonne Correa and expressed her concerns to City Council regarding the lack of etiquette displayed by a couple members of the Huntington Park Sister Cities Association.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, February 17, 2009.

Deny claim filed by Alberto E. Alvarado, Date of Incident: January 10, 2009 and refer to the City's insurance administrator.

Deny claim filed by Lupe Hernandez and Jesse Hernandez, Date of Incident: February 7, 2009 and refer to the City's insurance administrator.

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 March 2, 2009.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented correspondence from The LaRouche Youth Movement requesting the City of Huntington Park adopt a resolution endorsing the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act of 2007. Adrien Yule urged City Council in support of a resolution endorsing the Homeowners and Bank Protection Act of 2007. **There being no objection, Vice Mayor Gomez continued this item to the next Council meeting.**

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action a recommendation by the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board to appoint Marney Ferguson to the BID Advisory Board. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, to **appoint Marney Ferguson to the BID Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term ending June, 2011**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

City Engineer Fu requested that Project No. 09-004, Gas Tax Funded Street Improvement Project at Various Locations, be awarded to Haitbrink Asphalt Paving Inc., in the amount of \$310,055.55. Motion by Romo, seconded by Hernandez, to **award the contract for Project No. 09-004, Gas Tax Funded Street Improvement Project at Various Locations to Haitbrink Asphalt Paving Inc., in the amount of \$310,055.55**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

City Engineer Fu requested that Project No. 09-009, Replacement of Street Light Poles at Various Locations, be awarded to Freeway Electric, in the amount of \$102,096. Motion by Romo, seconded by Hernandez, to **award the contract for Project No. 09-009, Replacement of Street Light Poles at Various Locations to Freeway Electric, in the amount of \$102,096**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-20. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (LA-RICS) JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT (JPA)** THUS AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE LA-RICS AUTHORITY; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE JPA AGREEMENT, was presented. Motion by Romo, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-20, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-21. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A JOINT APPLICATION TO THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR A STATE ENTERPRISE ZONE FOR THE HARBOR GATEWAY COMMUNITIES ENTERPRISE ZONE**, was presented. Motion by Romo, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-21, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

ORDINANCE NO. 835-NS. AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **AMENDING HEARING AND APPEALS**, TITLE 9, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 17 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE was read by title. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Gomez, that reading in full of Urgency Ordinance No. 835-NS for first and final reading be waived and that Urgency Ordinance No. 835-NS be introduced and approved for first and final reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Members Noguez, Romo, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Guerrero.

Vice Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m., in memory of David Rodriguez, former Civil Engineering Technician for the City of Huntington Park.

Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk