

Minutes of the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, March 23, 2009.

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, and Mayor Elba Guerrero. Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that the special meeting was called for the purpose of administering the Oath of Office to elected City Council Members and for the City Council reorganization.

City Clerk/Elections Official Ramirez announced that Resolution No. 2008-79 was adopted on December 17, 2008 which provided for the appointment to the offices of the City that were to be elected on Tuesday, March 3, 2009; whereas, as of the close of the nomination period on December 10, 2008 there were not more candidates than offices to be elected and whereas, a notice was posted on December 11, 2008 and published on December 17, 2008 in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to law; the City Council of the City of Huntington Park did resolve, declare, determine and order that pursuant to §10229 of the Elections Code of the State of California the following persons are being appointed to the offices to which they were nominated: Elba Guerrero and Andy Molina.

City Clerk/Elections Official Ramirez administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Member of the City Council Elba Guerrero and newly elected Member of the City Council

Andy Molina and presented Certificates of Election to each of them.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that this was the time for reorganization of the City Council.

Mayor Guerrero vacated her position as Mayor.

Vice Mayor Gomez called for nominations for Mayor.

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **nominate Vice Mayor Gomez as Mayor**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Noguez, and Molina; Noes: None. Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Vice Mayor Gomez vacated his position as Vice Mayor.

Mayor Gomez called for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **nominate Council Member Noguez as Vice Mayor**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Guerrero, Noguez, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None. Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Mayor Gomez presented a plaque and flowers to Council Member Guerrero in recognition of serving a term as Mayor in 2008-2009.

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.

The following individuals congratulated re-elected City Council Member Elba Guerrero, newly elected City Council Member Andy Molina and newly appointed Mayor Mario Gomez: City of Maywood Council Member Thomas Martin; Planning Commissioner Marial Sanders; A representative from the office of Assembly Member John Perez; City of Cudahy Vice Mayor Frank Gurule; Rosario Marin; Arts and Culture Commissioner Francisco Ybarra; Tina Gomez Estrada; Elisa Rudolph Perez; Richard; Enrique Murillo; Nick Ionnidis; Robert Carbales; Lupe Cruz and Ron Garcia representing the Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce; Henry Garcia; Anthony Larcara with City Light & Power; Saint Matthias Church Father Mario Torres; City of Maywood Vice Mayor Veronica Guardado; Estela Gomez; and Berta Lopez.

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

Council Member Molina stated that he was honored to be on the City Council and looked forward to serving the community; and introduced his family.

Vice Mayor Noguez thanked the community for all their support and stated his commitment to the City and support for Mayor Gomez.

Council Member Guerrero stated that it has been a privilege and honor to serve as Mayor the past 2 years and appreciated all the support from her colleagues. Council Member Guerrero also expressed thanks to her family, City Manager and City staff and all the local organizations for their support. Council Member Guerrero stated that she looks forward to working with the new Mayor and that she will continue working on public safety, the Neighborhood Watch Program, and keeping the City clean and going green.

Mayor Gomez thanked his family, his colleagues, and all the residents for their continued support and stated that he looks forward to his term as Mayor and serving the community.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Mario Gomez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk