

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, May 4, 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 Gomez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Mayor Mario Gomez. Absent: None.

Barry Milofsky, Historic Preservation Commissioner, introduced the Historic Preservation Commissioners present. Mr. Milofsky informed City Council that the Los Angeles Conservancy gave the City of Huntington Park a B+ grade in their 2008 Preservation Report Card and stated that their goal is to get an A grade. Mr. Milofsky also informed City Council that pictures of designated historical properties in the City are being displayed in the hallway of City Hall.

Eric Garcia, Planning Manager, displayed a PowerPoint presentation in recognition of National Historic Preservation Month, May 2009. Historic Preservation Commissioner Barry Milofsky and City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to the following for maintaining historically distinguished features of their property: 1) 7030 Marconi Street (not

present); 2) 6830 Rita Avenue (not present); 3) 6522 Stafford Avenue (not present); 4) 6703 Santa Fe Avenue, Salvador Avila. Mr. Avila thanked City Council for the recognition.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a proclamation to Arlene Savage, Chair of the 2010 Core Census Committee, in partnering with the US Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010. Ms. Savage thanked City Council for the proclamation.

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.

Yolanda Alaniz, Children's Librarian at the Huntington Park Library, thanked City Council for their consideration and support with regards to the donation of monies to purchase incentive gifts for the children participating in the Huntington Park Library's Summer Reading Program.

Britney Lozano informed City Council that the Parks and Recreation Summer Camp has been educational and that this year will be her 4<sup>th</sup> year attending the camp.

Angel Nieves, President of the Huntington Park Sister Cities Association, thanked City Council and the Police Department for attending and assisting with their Cinco De Mayo event on Saturday, May 2, 2009.

Mayor Gomez 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 public comment on regarding the substantial amendment to the 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan for the use of HUD Funds. Council Member Molina recused himself from the public hearing and left the dais at 6:17 p.m. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Gomez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Gomez declared the **public hearing** closed. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Annual Action Plan transmittal to HUD and authorize the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Member Guerrero, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Molina.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider public comment on the City's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Annual Action Plan. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Gomez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Gomez declared the **public hearing** closed. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the City's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Annual Action Plan and authorize the City Manager to execute all required documents for transmittal to HUD**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Member Guerrero, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Molina.

Council Member Molina returned and took his seat at 6:22 p.m.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with Resolution No. 2009-41 this is the time and place set to consider any protest or public comment regarding the abatement of weeds growing upon and in front of certain lots and parcels of land in the City of Huntington Park in accordance with California Government Code Section 39560 *Et Seq.* The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Gomez declared the **public hearing** open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Gomez declared the public hearing closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-51. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **ORDERING THE ABATEMENT OF NOXIOUS AND DANGEROUS WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN LOTS AND PARCELS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK** IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 39560 *ET SEQ* was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-51, carried as follows: Ayes: Council

Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 20, 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 May 4, 2009.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

City Manager report on City Council Goal Setting Workshop.

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from HP Tow, Inc. requesting a 7 year extension to the existing Agreement for Furnishing of Towing and Storage Service and Designation as an Official Police Garage for the City of Huntington Park. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Molina, to **approve in concept, a 7 year extension to the existing Huntington Park Tow Service Agreement for Furnishing of Towing and Storage Service and Designation as an Official Police Garage for the City of Huntington Park, with the stipulation that a “performance clause” be included; and directed the City Attorney to prepare the agreement and report back to City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Member Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: Council Members Hernandez and Guerrero; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from the American Cancer Society (ACS) Southeast Cities Relay for Life requesting the City's assistance in securing a location for the presentation of the 9th Annual Southeast Cities Relay for Life on June 6 and 7, 2009. Salvador Velasco, representing the American Cancer Society Southeast Cities Relay for Life, informed City Council of the activities scheduled for this event involving a multitude of participants from the community as well as the surrounding cities, therefore necessitating a large space to accommodate a stage, tents for approximately 40 teams, and a large cancer survivor tent. Eve Rodriguez, Chair of the ACS Southeast Cities Relay for Life, informed City Council that they visited the City's recommended potential sites for the event but that unfortunately they were unsuitable and requested use of Salt Lake Park for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Cities Relay for Life. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to **authorize use of Salt Lake Park for the presentation of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Cities Relay for Life on June 6 and 7, 2009**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Gomez for discussion and/or action regarding the Special Event Park Use Policy. **There being no objection, Mayor**

**Gomez appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Council Members Guerrero and Hernandez to develop criteria for the various types of events to be incorporated in the City's Special Event Park Use Policy and report back to City Council with recommendations.**

City Manager Korduner requested City Council discuss and/or take action to reschedule the City Council meeting of May 18, 2009 to June 1, 2009. Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, to **reschedule the City Council meeting of May 18, 2009 to June 1, 2009**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of Third Amendment to Contract Services Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and PCR Services Corporation to increase the contract amount associated with the preparation of an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for a proposed charter school at 6724 Alameda Street. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Molina, to **approve the Third Amendment to Contract Services Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and PCR Services Corporation to increase the contract amount associated with the preparation of an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for a proposed charter school at 6724 Alameda Street**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Member Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: Council Member Guerrero; Abstain: Council Member Hernandez; Absent: None. Council Member Hernandez stated that she abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of Third Amendment to a Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Pacific Charter School Development for costs related to an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the development of a public charter elementary school at 6724 Alameda Street. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Molina, to **approve the Third Amendment to a Reimbursement Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Pacific Charter School Development for costs related to an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the development of a public charter elementary school at 6724 Alameda Street**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Member Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: Council Member Guerrero; Abstain: Council Member Hernandez; Absent: None. Council Member Hernandez stated that she abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Director of Community Development Gray requested appointment to the Planning Commission. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **appoint Eduardo Carvajal to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term ending January 16, 2011**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: Council Member Hernandez; Abstain: Vice Mayor Noguez; Absent: None. Motion by Hernandez, to appoint Cuauhtemoc Moreno to the Planning Commission, DIED due to lack of a second.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of First Amendment to Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Studio One-Eleven for Architectural Consulting Services. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve the First Amendment to Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Studio One-Eleven for Architectural Consulting Services**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented for discussion and/or action options for the 4th of July Fireworks Show. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to authorize the following: 1) **allocate an additional \$10,000 to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July budget**; 2) **approve a 3-day carnival for the event**; 3) **Waive the bidding process**; 4) **Authorize the City Attorney to prepare an agreement for the event**; and 5) **Authorize staff to contract Pyro Spectaculars for production of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show at a cost of \$25,000**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Field Services Viramontes presented for discussion and/or action a request from Huntington Park Sister Cities for the City to donate a vehicle to Sister City Jalpa, Zacatecas. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the donation of the following two (2) City surplus vehicles to the Huntington Park Sister Cities: 1) 2000 Ford and 2) 1991 Chevrolet**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Engineer Fu requests approval of Change Order No. 1 for “Gas Tax Funded Street Improvement at Various Locations”, Project No. 09-004. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve a Change Order No. 1 for “Gas Tax Funded Street Improvement at Various Locations”, Project No. 09-004, and authorize the City Manager and the City Engineer to execute**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-52. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE **DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010** was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-52, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 836-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE **OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK** was read by title. Motion by Molina, seconded by Noguez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 836-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 836-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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Mario Gomez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk