

Minutes of the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, July 13, 2009.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Juan R. Noguez Gomez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Mayor Mario Gomez. Absent: None.

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.

Corinna Luevano, Secretary to the General Employees Association (GEA), thanked City Council and Director of Finance Padilla for working diligently on the City budget during these difficult times and stated that the GEA would be glad to meet with City Council and help come up with ways to generate revenue.

Christina Dixon and Mario Lopez, representing the General Employees Association (GEA), addressed City Council to offer assistance with regards to the City budget.

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

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to establish as “**subsequent need**” item, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park in support of public schools choice within the Los Angeles Unified School District and for City Council to send a letter of support to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education in support of the public school choice resolution, as the items arose after the posting of the agenda, necessitating City Council's immediate consideration and/or action, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-93. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHOICE WITHIN LAUSD was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-93 and **authorize a letter of support to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education in support of the public school choice resolution**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Finance Padilla displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed City of Huntington Park Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

City Council and City staff discussed the following budget items as possible cost-saving measures: 1) use of Emergency Preparedness funds for the purchase of the Parks and Recreation Department generator; 2) reduction of City Council Professional Development Expense and Membership & Dues Accounts; 3) reduction of Human Resources Department Memberships and Meetings Account for employee functions; 4) reduction of Human Resources Department Mini Bonus Performance Account; and 5) review of conferences and memberships to various organizations. City Council requested a breakdown of legal services by law firm.

Following a discussion, motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, to **schedule a special budget study session to conduct review of the City Budget by department for approximately 30 minutes each and to present said schedule at the July 20, 2009 City Council meeting**, 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 Vice Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding the State Budget crisis and the possibility of implementing a hiring freeze and/or revenue raising measures. City Manager Korduner stated that raising the City's Utility Users' Tax to 9 ¾% would generate approximately \$2 Million in revenue.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Mario Gomez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk