

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, July 20, 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.

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.

Marial Sanders, Planning Commissioner, addressed her concerns to City Council regarding META2000's request for a fee waiver on the 2009 El Grito event on the City Council agenda after the City placed a moratorium on special event fee waivers. Ms. Sanders also informed City Council that she is resigning her position as Planning Commissioner because she will no longer be a resident of the City and distributed copies of her resignation letter to City Council. Ms. Sanders thanked City Council for the opportunity to serve on the Planning Commission and stated that she enjoyed it and will continue to shop in the City.

Claude Bilodeau, General Employees' Association (GEA), asked City Council to support the resolution on the agenda calling a special election to submit a measure related to the City's Utility and Communication Users' Taxes. Mr. Bilodeau stated that the City had made promises to their constituency to increase public safety, increase park programs, remove graffiti and keep the City clean; and stated that this resolution would help maintain all of these services. Mr. Bilodeau offered to assist the City Council on behalf of the GEA in support of the proposed resolution.

Erica Frausto, Business Improvement District Manager, addressed City Council in support of the proposed Activity in Public Places Permit No. S09-04 and requested City Council approval of the Business Improvement District Summer Concerts.

Betsy Cardenas, representing State of California Assembly Member John A. Perez, apologized to City Council on behalf of Mr. Perez for not attending the City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and for cancelling the budget study session. Ms. Cardenas invited City Council to attend a meet and greet at the Oldtimers Foundation on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Jorge Amador informed City Council that the City made sidewalk repairs on Arbutus Street but left out his driveway approach and that when he addressed it to the City he was treated unfairly. Mr. Amador stated that he is a longtime resident and that this was the first time he had asked the City for help. Mr. Amador distributed pictures of his driveway approach and asked City Council to rectify this type of staff behavior.

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 any public comment regarding the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2009 Local Solicitation Grant application and budget detail. 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 Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Fiscal Year 2009 Local Solicitation Grant application and budget detail**, 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 Molina, 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, July 6, 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.

**Deny claim filed by Carlos Aguirre**, Date of Incident: June 8, 2009 and refer to the City's insurance administrator.

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated July 6, 2009.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**Approve the amendment to the City of Huntington Park Displacement Policy** to incorporate requirements set forth in the amended Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan (RARAP).

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Molina for development of a Business Recognition Award Program. **There being no objection, City Council formed an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Council Members Hernandez and Molina to work with the Business Improvement District and The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to explore the development of a Business Recognition Award Program and report back to City Council at the next meeting with criteria.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Vice Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding possible consolidation of the City's General Municipal Election with the County of Los Angeles as a cost saving measure. City Clerk Ramirez stated that a survey conducted three (3) years ago showed there was no cost savings to the City since the City receives reimbursement for the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and Community College District placing items on the back of our March City ballot, therefore cutting the City's costs in half. **There being no objection, Mayor Gomez directed staff to conduct a formal survey regarding costs and voter turn-out associated with the consolidation of the City's General Municipal Elections with the County of Los Angeles and report back to City Council.**

City Clerk Ramirez requested approval of Richards Watson Gershon Retainer Agreement and Letter of Representation; and authorize the City Manager to execute the Joint Representation Conflict of Waiver letter regarding the Administrative Claim Natural Resources Defense Council vs. Los Angeles County. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Richards Watson Gershon Retainer Agreement and Letter of Representation; and authorize the City Manager to execute the Joint Representation Conflict of Waiver letter regarding the Administrative Claim Natural Resources Defense Council vs. Los Angeles County**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez requested approval of the Fourth Amendment to Claims Service Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and NovaPro Risk Solutions, L.P., for a one (1) year period ending July 1, 2010. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Fourth Amendment to Claims Service Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and NovaPro Risk Solutions, L.P., for a one (1) year period ending July 1, 2010**, 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 for discussion and/or action a request from Mayor Gomez to incorporate a Film and Arts Festival in conjunction with The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce Sabor de Mexico Lindo Downtown Festival in October 2009. **Following a brief discussion, Mayor Gomez so ordered this item be received and filed.**

City Manager Korduner requested approval of Dial-A-Ride Services Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Administrative Services Cooperative, Inc. Motion by

Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the Dial-A-Ride Services Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Administrative Services Cooperative, Inc., with the noted correction to Section 18, changing the term to a four-year term with two (2) three-year extensions**, 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 requested to schedule a Special City Council Meeting for Monday, July 27, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., to discuss and/or take action on the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. **There being no objection, City Council scheduled a Special City Council Meeting for Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., to discuss and/or take action on the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.**

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of Activity in Public Places Permit No. S09-24 to the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District (BID) to conduct a Summer Concert on a portion of Clarendon Avenue, July 24, 2009 and August 28, 2009, subject to approval from all applicable City departments and local public agencies; and subject to the applicant providing full payment to the City of its full costs prior to the permit issuance. Erica Frausto, Business Improvement District Manager, addressed City Council in support of the Summer Concerts on July 24, 2009 and August 28, 2009. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve the Activity in Public Places Permit No. S09-24 to the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District (BID) to conduct a Summer Concert on a portion of Clarendon Avenue, July 24, 2009 and August 28, 2009, subject to approval from all applicable City departments and local public agencies; and subject to the applicant providing full payment to the City of its full costs prior to the permit issuance**, 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 the First Amendment to Professional Service Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Comprehensive Housing Services for the administration of the Residential & Commercial Rehabilitation Programs for a term of six (6) months ending December 20, 2009. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the First Amendment to Professional Service Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Comprehensive Housing Services for the administration of the Residential & Commercial Rehabilitation Programs for a term of six (6) months ending December 20, 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 presented for discussion and/or action the Communications and Promotions Draft Report; and for City Council to provide staff with comments to be incorporated in said final report. Mr. Gray informed City Council that Brandstrata was contracted to prepare an assessment on the cost effectiveness of the City's marketing/promotions activities and City sponsored events and briefed City Council on their methodology which included a quantitative and qualitative analysis; and stakeholder interviews. Mr. Gray also informed City Council that this draft report is preliminary in determining the cost effectiveness of the City's marketing/promotions activities and City sponsored events; and that due to the economy and making it difficult to quantify. **There being no objection, Mayor Gomez so ordered this item be received and filed.**

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of Second Amendment to City of Huntington Park Contract Services Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Unified Nutrimeals, Inc., (formerly NDK Foods, Inc.) for the Summer Food Service, Breakfast and After School Snack Programs in Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Second Amendment to City of Huntington Park Contract Services Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Unified Nutrimeals, Inc., (formerly NDK Foods, Inc.) for the Summer Food Service, Breakfast and After School Snack Programs in Fiscal Year 2009-2010**, 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 requested discussion and/or action regarding the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and META2000 for the 2009 El Grito event, subject to City Attorney approval; and a request from META2000

for the City to waive all applicable fees related to this event. City Clerk Ramirez distributed copies of a proposal from META2000 dated July 20, 2009 to City Council and City staff regarding the Facility Use Agreement for 2009 El Grito event. Eloy Jordan, representing META2000, requested City Council consideration of their proposal. Council Member Noguez left the meeting at 7:04 p.m. and returned to his seat at 7:06 p.m. **Following a discussion, Mayor Gomez so ordered this item continued to the Special City Council meeting on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-94. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING THE SECOND RESTATED AND AMENDED **JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT OF THE SOUTHEAST CITIES SCHOOLS COALITION** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-94, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. B. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF A **SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009**, AND TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES GENERAL AND SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON THE SAME DATE; SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS AT SAID ELECTION A MEASURE RELATED TO THE CITY'S **UTILITY AND COMMUNICATION USERS' TAXES**; AND DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY NECESSITATING SUCH ACTION was presented.

The meeting recessed at 7:35 p.m. and reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-95. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF A **SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009**, AND TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES GENERAL AND SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON THE SAME DATE; SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS AT SAID ELECTION A MEASURE RELATED TO THE CITY'S **UTILITY AND COMMUNICATION USERS' TAXES**; AND DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY NECESSITATING SUCH ACTION was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-95, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 838-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING THE **OFFICIAL ZONING MAP** OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK was read by title. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 838-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 838-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.

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to remove the **TABLED item: Recommendation by the Historic Preservation Commission to award a Commercial Rehabilitation grant for property located at 6207, 6207A, and 6209 Pacific Boulevard**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.  
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Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m., in memory of Thomas A. Ybarra, former Council Member and Mayor Pro-Tem for the City of Vernon.

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Mario Gomez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk