

Minutes of the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Mayor Mario Gomez. Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez and Vice Mayor Juan R. Noguez Gomez.

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. Yvonne Correa addressed City Council stating that if META2000 wants to have alcohol at the El Grito event next year, she will continue to fight to keep alcohol out of the event at the park. Following a brief discussion, motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **deny the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and META2000 for the 2009 El Grito event**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez and Vice Mayor Noguez. Mayor Gomez stated that due to the current financial situation, the City would have to forego the El Grito event this year and that META2000 would be conducting this event in Walnut Park.

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.

Rosa Herrera stated that she is glad that the El Grito event has been cancelled in the City of Huntington Park.

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

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. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **implement a hiring freeze on new positions for fiscal year 2009-2010**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez and Vice Mayor Noguez.

City Council and City Staff discussed the City of Huntington Park proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Following a review of each department's budget the following direction was given to City staff: review of all contractual services and analyze outsourcing vs in-house; reduce new Street Light Pole project by \$150,000; cut \$25,000 for the El Grito event; cut \$62,000 for the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition; reduce Halloween Haunted House from \$20,000 to \$6,000; cut \$5,000 from Employee appreciation events; City Manager cut \$3,500 from his Membership and Meetings account; PD to analyze in-house IT Specialist vs contract; cut \$40,000 in Transit Operations Contractual Services; cut 2 new positions not yet filled – Code Enforcement Manager and Clerk Typist; all departments to voluntarily cut back on travel and conferences; cut \$1,500 dues to National Sister Cities Association; staff to reevaluate the SERT Team, CDBG contract services, 2 BID intern positions, PD Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator position duties, and the number of PD active motor officers.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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Mario Gomez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk