

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, August 3, 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 Members Ofelia Hernandez, Elba Guerrero, Andy Molina, and Mayor Mario Gomez. Absent: Vice Mayor Juan R. Noguez.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a proclamation designating August 4, 2009 as National Night Out in the City of Huntington Park to Chief of Police Paul Wadley. Chief Wadley thanked City Council for the proclamation and announced that the Huntington Park Police Department Open House would be held in conjunction with the National Night Out and invited everyone to attend.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS: Property: 2061 Gage Avenue; Agency Negotiator: City Attorney Francisco Leal; Negotiating Parties: Los Angeles Unified School District and the City of Huntington Park; Under Negotiation: Terms and conditions of Exchange Agreement for Westside Park Project.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:06 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:20 p.m. Present: Council Members Ofelia Hernandez, Elba Guerrero, Andy Molina, and Mayor Mario Gomez. Absent: Vice Mayor Juan R. Noguez.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session, a status report was given to City Council and no reportable action was taken.

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.

Loyd A. Martin, Licensed Engineer and Real Estate Broker, informed City Council that he has presented the City with several development projects for affordable housing for the seniors and requested to meet with the City Council and staff. Mayor Gomez stated that his proposal would be placed on a future agenda.

Armando Lopez, representing H.P. Youth Football Organization, addressed City Council and thanked Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation, for accommodating them with the use of the park and field. Mr. Lopez stated that the organization and parents had concerns with safety at Westside Park and requested assistance from the City. Mayor Gomez stated that the Police Department could increase the police patrol in that area.

Enrique Murillo, President of A.A.R.P. addressed City Council and invited the City Council and Assembly Member John Perez to their monthly meeting.

Claude Bilodeau, General Employees Association President and City Employee, addressed the City Council in support of the approval of the agreement with the Davis Group for services regarding the Public Education and Outreach related to the City's Utility Users' and Communications Users' Taxes Ballot Measure on the November 3, 2009 Special Municipal Election. Mr. Bilodeau also commended the Police Department and the efforts of Sergeant Ron Davis, Police Officer Joseph Settles and Senior Officer Alex Escobar in apprehending the suspect responsible for removing the City's electrical wiring.

Erica Frausto, Business Improvement District Manager, addressed City Council on behalf of the BID Board, and thanked the Police Department for their efforts in crowd control and how well it was handled following the U.S.A. vs. Mexico soccer game.

Mike Stone and Kinuyo Iwashita, addressed City Council regarding the arrest of their son by the Police Department. They stated that their son was transferred to a facility in Los Angeles but his personal belongings remained here in the Huntington Park Police Department and were subsequently destroyed. Mr. Stone questioned the Police Department procedures for destruction of personal property. Mayor Gomez suggested they contact his office regarding this matter.

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 a proposed agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to exchange the property comprising Westside Park at 2061 Gage Avenue for properties located at 6200 South Alameda Street and 6208 South Alameda, and to enter into Ground Lease with the LAUSD for Westside Park. 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 **authorize staff to prepare an agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District for the Westside Park Property and present to City Council for approval**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Noguez.

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

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 13, 2009.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 20, 2009.

Deny claim filed by Gerardo Ramirez, Date of Incident: July 12, 2009 and refer to the City's insurance administrator.

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 August 3, 2009.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM - Received and filed

Letter of resignation from Marial L. Sanders as Planning Commissioner effective July 20, 2009.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Korduner requested approval of Consulting Services Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Davis Group for Public Education and Outreach Services related to the City's Utility Users' and Communications Users' Taxes Ballot Measure on the November 3, 2009 Special Municipal Election, subject to City Attorney approval. Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the Consulting Services Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Davis Group for Public Education and Outreach Services related to the City's Utility Users' and Communications Users' Taxes Ballot Measure on the November 3, 2009 Special Municipal Election, subject to City Attorney approval and to appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee of Mayor Gomez and Councilmember Guerrero to work closely with staff and the Davis Group on matters related to the Ballot Measure**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Noguez.

City Manager Korduner requested discussion and/or action regarding the 2009 League of California Cities Annual Conference Resolutions Packet. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **support all the Resolutions in the packet that will be addressed at the 2009**

League of California Cities Annual Conference, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Noguez.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Guerrero for the formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to review the Communications and Promotions Report presented by Brandstrata. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **form a committee comprised of staff from each department and coordinated by the Director of Department of Parks and Recreation to improve the City's Communication and Promotions and create a positive branding for the City**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Noguez.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Vice Mayor Noguez for the City to host a brunch for Sister City Playas de Rosarito, Baja CA, on Tuesday, August 11, 2009. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **authorize the City to host a brunch for Sister City Playas de Rosarito, Baja CA, on Tuesday, August 11, 2009**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Noguez.

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action a recommendation by the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board and The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce for the City to fund a portion of the 2009 Holiday season lighting and decorations lease for the downtown area in the amount of \$4,000. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve the recommendation by the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board and The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce for the City to fund a portion of the 2009 Holiday season lighting and decorations lease for the downtown area in the amount of \$4,000 from the Contract Business Program Account No.: 111-0240-466.56-54**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Noguez.

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action a recommendation by the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board to approve live entertainment in the Downtown Huntington Park Area in conjunction with Sidewalk Sales. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve live entertainment in the Downtown Huntington Park Area in conjunction with Sidewalk Sales**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Noguez.

City Engineer Fu requested approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between The Gateway Cities Council of Governments and the City of Huntington Park regarding the administration and cost sharing for the development of the Coordinated Implementation Plan for the Los Angeles River and Tributaries Metals TMDL (Reach I and Compton Creek). Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve the Memorandum of Agreement between The Gateway Cities Council of Governments and the City of Huntington Park regarding the administration and cost sharing for the development of the Coordinated Implementation Plan for the Los Angeles River and Tributaries Metals TMDL (Reach I and Compton Creek)**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Noguez.

Acting Director of Field Services Fu requested approval to purchase two (2) vehicles for the Police Department; and authorize staff to solicit bid proposals for this purchase. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Molina, to **approve the purchase of two (2) vehicles for the Police Department; and authorize staff to solicit bid proposals for this purchase**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Noguez.

Acting Director of Field Services Fu requested approval of an open purchase order to Southern Counties Fuels for the purchase of gasoline fuel for all City vehicles, including the Police Department, for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 in the amount of \$190,000. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve an open purchase order to Southern Counties Fuels for the purchase of gasoline fuel for all City vehicles, including the Police**

Department, for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 in the amount of \$190,000, carried as follows:
Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None;
Absent: Vice Mayor Noguez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested reappointment of Ralph Cervantes to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion by Molina, seconded by Hernandez, to **reappoint Ralph Cervantes to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a 4-year term ending July 5, 2013**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Noguez.

Council Member Hernandez stated that during these tough financial times, she recommends the following budget adjustments for consideration: 1) that employees not receive their annual salary increase; 2) restore the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition (SCSC) funds until they become self sufficient; and 3) allocate more funds for the Parks and Community Center so the facilities can remain open longer hours for the community.

Council Member Guerrero inquired on what methods and measures the City has established to go green and requested for staff to report back to City Council.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m., in memory of Tony Moreno, uncle of Juan R. Noguez, Vice Mayor for the City of Huntington Park; and Meg Bracken, longtime resident and parishioner of St. Mathias Church.

Mario Gomez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk