

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, August 17, 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 and City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to the following six (6) industries in the community that complied with all Sanitation Districts' industrial waste requirements in 2008: 1) Golden Tiger; 2) Alloy's Cleaning, Inc. (not present); 3) WGCI Garment Wet Processing Center (not present); 4) Aircraft X-Ray Laboratories (not present); 5) VIP Garment Care Co.; and 6) Hi-Grade Food Distributors (not present).

Rene Negron, representing Brandstrata, displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the City's Communications and Promotions Assessment Report. Mr. Negron stressed the importance of having a brand identity in order to promote consumer attraction and economic growth and stated that it is difficult to quantify success without a vision.

Don Brabant, President of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, displayed a PowerPoint presentation of their operations and partnership with the City of Huntington Park; and distributed copies of the presentation to City Council.

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, Youth Services Librarian at Huntington Park Library, informed City Council of the success of their Summer Reading Program events at the library and thanked the Chamber for their help with the program; and all who attended and donated to the events. Ms. Alaniz stated that the library will be hosting a "Victory Gardening in the Fall" event on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., and distributed flyers. Ms. Alaniz also informed City Council that they have been selected to receive funding towards new books and furniture for being considered a "Family Place". Ms. Alaniz expressed her opinion regarding Brandstrata's proposal on the City's Communications & Promotions Assessment Report and stated that longevity is an important part of the City's image.

Irene Settele, member of the Huntington Park High School Alumni Association, invited City Council to participate in the Huntington Park High School Centennial event celebration on September 12, 2009 and asked City Council to consider their request to approve temporary street closure of Miles Avenue between Belgrave and Randolph Streets to provide additional parking for the Huntington Park High School Alumni.

Bernice Arrants, member of the Huntington Park High School Alumni Association, informed City Council that the Huntington Park Alumni will play a football game following a motorcycle fundraiser as part of the Huntington Park High School Centennial event celebration; and invited City Council to attend.

Ronald V. Garcia, Southern California Edison Regional Manager Public Affairs, commended the City and the Police Department for a successful National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 4, 2009; and requested City Council support UC Berkeley's Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Small Business Technology Development Project.

Mr. Sanchez, representing Golden Tiger, thanked City Council for the certificate of recognition; and invited City Council to take a tour of their facility.

Eric Xavier, representing Center for Latino Policy Research at UC Berkeley, addressed City Council regarding their request on the agenda for a letter of support for their Southeast Los Angeles Small Business Technology Development Project. Mr. Xavier briefed City Council regarding the project and the importance of training and educating the business owners in the community regarding technology.

Cesar Zaldivar-Motts, representing Southeast Community Development Corporation (SCDC), addressed City Council in support of UC Berkeley's Southeast Los Angeles Small Business Technology Development Project. Mr. Zaldivar-Motts informed City Council that SCDC recently submitted an application for Federal funding in order to purchase more computers for the community.

Francisco Torres thanked City Council and City staff for working hard at providing services for Huntington Park residents. Mr. Torres expressed support for UC Berkeley's proposed project and expressed his concerns regarding the education of youth and local opportunities for individuals in the technology field.

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 the 2009 Local Implementation Report for the Congestion Management Program (CMP), and adoption of a resolution certifying the City's conformance with all elements of the CMP. 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. 2009-96.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE **CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP)** AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089 was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-96, 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 special meeting of the City Council held Wednesday, July 29, 2009.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, August 3, 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 August 17, 2009.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**Approve the Revocable Permit to the American Youth Soccer Organization for use of the Salt Lake Park Youth Soccer Fields to practice and play youth soccer, commencing August 1, 2009 through April 27, 2010, Monday through Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Gomez for discussion and/or action regarding the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition including membership and funding. Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, to **continue membership with the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition and restore funding for membership**, 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 Council Member Hernandez to form an Ad-Hoc Committee to ensure public awareness on water conservation. **There being no objection, Mayor Gomez directed the "Green" Committee comprised of Council Members Guerrero and Hernandez to include research on ways to ensure public awareness on water conservation and report back to City Council.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Molina to research the process for Huntington Park to become an All-America City. **There being no objection, Mayor Gomez directed staff to research the process for Huntington Park to become an All-America City and report back to City Council at the next City Council meeting.**

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action an Activity in Public Places Permit No. S09-23 to The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual "Sabor de Mexico Lindo" Downtown Street Festival along Pacific Boulevard between Randolph Street and Florence Avenue on October 2-4, 2009. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve Activity in Public Places Permit No. S09-23 to The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the**

**annual “Sabor de Mexico Lindo” Downtown Street Festival along Pacific Boulevard between Randolph Street and Florence Avenue on October 2-4, 2009**, carried as follows: 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 a request from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce for the City to co-sponsor the “Sabor de Mexico Lindo” Downtown Street Festival (S09-23) by waiving all City departmental service charges. Dante D’Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, informed City Council that they have been downsizing their events to cut down on the costs and asked City Council to co-sponsor this event. Don Brabant, President of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, introduced their accountant Mr. Shields who presented the Chamber’s year tax returns showing a deficit in their budget. Council Member Noguez left his seat at 7:29 p.m. **Following a discussion, Mayor Gomez so ordered this item continued.**

Council Member Noguez returned to his seat at 7:31 p.m.

Director of Community Development Gray requested that City Council approve a letter of support to the Center for Latino Policy Research at UC Berkeley for their Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Small Business Technology Development Project. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, to **approve a letter of support to the Center for Latino Policy Research at UC Berkeley for their Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) Small Business Technology Development Project**, carried as follows: 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 a recommendation by the Health & Education Commission for the City to collaborate with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health to establish a Point of Dispensing (POD) at Salt Lake Park in the month of November 2009 to dispense the H1N1 flu vaccine; and authorize use of the Community Center at Salt Lake Park, subject to Director of Parks and Recreation Department approval. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **authorize the City to collaborate with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health to establish a Point of Dispensing (POD) at Salt Lake Park in the month of November 2009 to dispense the H1N1 flu vaccine; and authorize use of the Community Center at Salt Lake Park, subject to Director of Parks and Recreation Department approval**, carried as follows: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Acting Director of Field Services Fu requested approval of Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement for Operation and Maintenance of Potable Water Facilities and Sewer Collection System between the City of Huntington Park and SWWC Services, Inc. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement for Operation and Maintenance of Potable Water Facilities and Sewer Collection System between the City of Huntington Park and SWWC Services, Inc.**, carried as follows: 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 correspondence from Diane Spalding requesting reappointment to the Arts & Culture Commission. Motion by Molina, seconded by Noguez, to **reappoint Diane Spalding to the Arts and Culture Commission for a four-year term ending September 2, 2013**, carried as follows: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Finance Department Padilla requested approval of Agreement for Provision of Professional Consulting Services by and between AK & Company and the City of Huntington Park for State Mandated Cost Claiming Services for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve Agreement for Provision of**

**Professional Consulting Services by and between AK & Company and the City of Huntington Park for State Mandated Cost Claiming Services for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**, carried as follows: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Finance Department Padilla displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the City's Budget for fiscal year 2009-2010.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-97. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING AND ADOPTING **BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-97, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-98. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE **CITY'S GANN LIMIT 2009-2010** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-98, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider establishing a fee for the review of mitigated negative declaration when prepared by an environmental consultant. 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. 2009-99. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ESTABLISHING A **FEE FOR THE REVIEW OF MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS WHEN PREPARED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT** was presented. Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-99, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-100. 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 Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-100, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6 for CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Agency designated representative: Gregory D. Korduner, City Manager, Employee organizations: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees' Association. Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:50 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 8:17 p.m. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Mayor Mario Gomez. Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session for Labor Negotiators, by a unanimous vote, City Council instructed the City Manager to initiate the reopening of labor negotiations with all employee bargaining units in the event that the Utility Users' Tax Ballot Measure E does not pass.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m., in memory of Mary Christine Petrovic, grandmother of Josette Espinosa, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Uvaldo Garza, father-in-law of Andy Ramirez, Parks and Trees Supervisor for the City of Huntington Park.

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Mario Gomez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk