

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, October 5, 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.

Sergeant Lisner displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the Huntington Park Police Explorers at the Central Coast Explorer Competition in Paso Robles held September 25 and 26, 2009. Mayor Gomez and City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to the following Huntington Park Police Explorers for placing 1st at the “Night Time Traffic Stop” event and 4th place at the “Night Time Suspicious Subject” event at the Central Coast Explorer Competition: 1) Richard Aguilar, Explorer Sergeant; 2) Maria Jimenez, Explorer Lieutenant; 3) Benji Jacinto, Explorer Corporal; 4) Bryan Zepeda, Explorer Sergeant; 5) Diana Silva, Explorer Captain; 6) Alejandra Hernandez, Explorer; 7) Hector Jacinto, Explorer; 8) Karen Mondragon, Explorer Lieutenant; 9) Fernanda Rodriguez, Explorer Corporal; and 10) Nancy Gonzalez, Explorer.

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.

Claude Bilodeau, representing the General Employees Association (GEA), addressed City Council in support of the November 3, 2009 Special Municipal Election Measure E to increase the Utility Users’ and Communication Users’ tax rates in the City in order to maintain a flow of revenues necessary to fund essential City services and thanked City Council for unanimously endorsing it. Mr. Bilodeau stated that numerous services and programs such as street sweeping, trash collection, janitorial services at City facilities, recreational programs for children and senior citizens, police services, and emergency response programs would be affected if Measure E does not pass. Mr. Bilodeau urged everyone to support Measure E.

Enrique Murillo, representing Americans Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Chapter 231, addressed City Council in support of Measure E and asked City Council to research the possibility of building a center for the senior citizens.

Nick Ioannidis addressed City Council in support of Measure E and stated that City employees work hard for the community and suggested the City look into reducing expenditures in other areas of the budget, not City personnel. Mr. Ioannidis invited City Council to attend the National Immigrants’ Day celebration on October 28, 2009 at 2669 E. Gage Avenue.

Elisa Rudolph-Perez, Legislative Ambassador with the Southeast Cities American

Cancer Society (ACS) Relay for Life, informed City Council that 17 representatives advocated for the southeast cities in Washington D.C. Mrs. Rudolph-Perez thanked City Council for supporting their endeavors in the past with regards to community outreach for Cancer awareness, educational forums, Relay for Life, and various fundraisers, including the sale of daffodils to raise proceeds that go toward the fight against cancer. Mrs. Rudolph-Perez invited City Council to the Huntington Park Library to enjoy an art exhibition by her brother Herman Sillas on October 17, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

George Cole addressed City Council in support of Measure E. Mr. Cole informed them that most neighboring cities currently have a 10% Utility Users' Tax in place and that the City of Huntington Park is proposing an increase that will be relatively lower than the surrounding cities. Mr. Cole stated that the community of Huntington Park should come together to partake in finding a solution to the deficit in the City budget prior to letting it impact City services.

Alex Young asked City Council how much funding the State of California will be taking from the City of Huntington Park and asked City Council not to consider reducing City staff or eliminating services until the total deficit in the City budget is determined. City Manager Korduner stated that he would meet with Mr. Young regarding this matter.

Christina Dixon, Staff Analyst for the Field Services Department, addressed City Council in support of the Measure E. Ms. Dixon informed City Council that grants from the State of California have been cut and therefore, the Field Services Department budget has already been affected. Ms. Dixon encouraged individuals to outreach regarding Measure E to Huntington Park residents.

Martin Delgado, Community Library Manager at Huntington Park Library, informed City Council of the following events scheduled for October 2009, in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month: 1) Discussion of "Mica Chueca: Novela en Cuentos para la Plebada inmigrante" by Pablo Jaime Sainz on October 6, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.; 2) a Spanish Art Lecture by Angel Marrero of Las Meninas, Ministerio Velado y Develado" on October 10, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.; and 3) An Art Exhibition and Discussion with Herman Sillas on October 17, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Yolanda Alaniz, Youth Services Librarian at Huntington Park Library, informed City Council of the following events: 1) a special workshop called "College...How to go, how to pay" on October 20, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.; 2) Halloween activities on October 27, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.; 3) a Financial Responsibility Workshop on October 24, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.; and 4) two tax workshops on November 14 and 17, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to approve the Consent Calendar with Vice Mayor Noguez abstaining on Item No. 8 of the Minutes of the Traffic Authority Meeting held September 24, 2009, 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, September 21, 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 Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated October 5, 2009.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Minutes of the Traffic Authority Meeting held September 24, 2009.

City Manager report on California Contract Cities Association 29th Annual Fall Seminar September 25 though 27, 2009, in accordance with Assembly Bill 1234.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Korduner requested approval of Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Memorandum of Understanding for Collecting and Reporting Data for the National Transit Database for Report Year 2007 between Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the City of Huntington Park. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, to **approve Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program Memorandum of Understanding for Collecting and Reporting Data for the National Transit Database for Report Year 2007 between Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the City of Huntington Park**, 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 appointment of a Planning Commissioner. Motion by Molina, seconded by Gomez, to appoint Daniel Calderon to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term ending January 16, 2010, LOST as follows: Ayes: Council Member Molina and Mayor Gomez; Noes: Council Members Hernandez and Guerrero; Abstain: Council Member Noguez; Absent: None. **There being no objection, Mayor Gomez so ordered staff to contact Daniel Calderon and Avygail Sanchez to see if either one of them is interested in withdrawing their application to serve on Planning Commission. Also, there being no objection, Mayor Gomez directed the City Attorney to create a procedure for selecting a commissioner in the event of a tie vote and report back to City Council.**

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action a recommendation to approve an Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Mia Productions for Services Relating to the Huntington Park Business Improvement District's Children's Fair event on January 6, 2010. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, to **approve an Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Mia Productions for Services Relating to the Huntington Park Business Improvement District's Children's Fair event on January 6, 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 presented for discussion and/or action designs for the new community center building at Westside Park. Dexter Galang, Project Designer of HMC Architects, displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed Raul Perez community center at Westside Park and stated that they have worked with City staff, the Los Angeles Unified School District, and the community on this project. The meeting recessed at 7:21 p.m. for an introduction by Carlos Fernandez, Teacher of Principals of American Democracy at Huntington Park High School, and his students. The meeting resumed at 7:23 p.m. Mr. Galang distributed copies of the Westside Park community center preliminary design to City Council. **There being no objection, City Council so ordered the following modifications be made to the design of the proposed community center: arched windows; inclusion of a main arched entryway, replacement of glass wall on the north elevation, and substitution of exposed brick; and to report back to City Council with a revised design.**

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Parks and Recreation Summer 2009 Review. Mrs. Espinosa updated City Council on the programs at the park including: youth sports, classes for the youth and adults, skate park, summer camp, and the after school nutritional program.

Acting Director of Field Services Fu requested approval of a purchase order to Bobcat Company for the purchase of a Skid-Steer Loader and Trailer for the Field Services Department. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, to **approve purchase order to Bobcat Company for the purchase of a Skid-Steer Loader and Trailer for the Field Services Department**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-103. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 81-72 AND **ADOPTING A NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-103, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m., in memory of Myrna English Kaholokula, grandmother of William Kaholokula, Accounting Supervisor for the City of Huntington Park.

Mario Gomez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk