

Minutes of the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, September 29, 2009.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 5:05 p.m. by Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Mayor Mario Gomez. Absent: Vice Mayor Juan R. Noguez.

Mayor Gomez announced that the special meeting was called for the purpose of discussing and/or taking action regarding presentations by Joseph Englanoff of CMH Associates and Joel Freedman of Avanti Hospitals requesting a letter of support concerning Community and Mission Hospitals in the City of Huntington 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, and hearing none, declared oral communications closed.

Joseph Englanoff of CMH Associates and Joel Freedman of Avanti Hospitals, addressed City Council to request a letter of support to acquire Community and Mission Hospitals in the City of Huntington Park. Tom Dean and Joseph Englanoff of CMH Associates presented their proposal to keep both hospitals open and informed City Council that they would not request City funding since they are privately funded; and requested a letter of support in selecting CMH Associates as the company to purchase the Community and Mission Hospitals.

Joel Freedman, Araceli Lonergan, and Jose Gonzalez of Avanti Group presented their proposal to City Council and informed City Council of their success and experience in managing a hospital and stated they were committed to adding more beds for patients. Mr. Freedman, Ms. Lonergan, and Mr. Gonzalez asked City Council's cooperation and support at a later date when applying for the required state licenses.

Daniel Suarez, Jose Lara, and Ricardo Chambi, local community doctors, submitted a letter from John L. Glavinovich, MD, Chariman of the Governing Board of Community and Mission Hospitals of Huntington Park requesting the City Council to defer any endorsements in regards to a potential sale of Community and Mission Hospitals until ruled by the Bankruptcy Court and requested that City Council review this matter further. Dr. Suarez, Dr. Lara and Dr. Chambi, presented their proposal and urged City Council to support them based on the fact that they are local doctors who are familiar with the needs of the community. Following a discussion among City Council, City staff and former Council Member Richard V. Loya, City Council directed staff to create a list of questions for the parties interested in the hospitals to respond and submit to Council for review and consideration.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Mario Gomez, Mayor

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Blanca De La Mora, Deputy City Clerk