

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, November 2, 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 presented a proclamation congratulating the Water Replenishment District of Southern California on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Vice Mayor Noguez accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California and stated he would present it to them at their next meeting.

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.

Erica Frausto, Business Improvement District (BID) Manager, distributed flyers and informed City Council of a BID meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. with The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, Consolidated Disposal Services, Police Department Code Enforcement Division and Public Works Department on how to increase retail sales by keeping the downtown clean and safe during the holiday season.

Arlene Savage, Health and Education Commissioner, informed City Council of the success of a health fair held October 23, 2009 in which \$1,250 was raised towards the 2010 Census. Ms. Savage invited City Council to attend a Religious Leaders 2010 Census meeting at The Salvation Army in Huntington Park on November 4, 2009.

Cesar Zaldivar-Motts, Executive Director of the Southeast Community Development Corporation (SCDC), encouraged City Council to support the request for Santa's Village on December 12, 2009 and stated that the SCDC will be unveiling a new technology RV at that event.

Don Brabant, President of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, expressed his support for Measure E on the November 3, 2009 ballot and informed City Council that the Chamber of Commerce has been working diligently on reducing costs associated with the 2009 Christmas Parade. Mr. Brabant addressed the Chamber of Commerce's concerns with the proposed deferred fee payment agreement between the City and the Chamber of Commerce; and informed City Council that at their last meeting, the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, unanimously voted not to enter into said agreement. Mr. Brabant informed City Council that the basis for their decision is the good long standing relationship that the Chamber of Commerce has with the City and stated that they will continue to pay their bills the same way they have done in the past. Mr. Brabant requested that this agreement be removed from the agenda.

Jose Navarro informed City Council that he and a lot of his neighbors were not in favor of Measure E because the economy is bad, other State taxes have increased, and it is hard if you are on a fixed income. Mr. Navarro expressed his concern with local churches promoting Measure E to all their parishioners.

Claude Bilodeau, representing the General Employees' Association (GEA), informed City Council that based on the State of California's economic downfall, funding to the City was reduced and as a result, forced the City to go out to the constituency to propose Measure E as a way to maintain certain services for the community. Mr. Bilodeau stated that the City has always been frugal and has already trimmed their budget; and asked residents to support Measure E.

Enrique Murillo, representing the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), expressed support for Measure E on behalf of the AARP.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, invited City Council to attend the Christmas Parade on November 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. D'Eramo stated that Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina will be the Grand Marshall of the parade.

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

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, 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 regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, October 19, 2009.

**Approve a Lease Agreement with Pitney Bowes for the lease of new postage machine** and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

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 November 2, 2009.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**Approve a Revocable Permit Agreement with the Otero Adult Baseball League to use baseball fields located in Salt Lake Park** from November 1, 2009 to October 31, 2012.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Accept the Sobriety Checkpoint Mini Grant Program for 2009-2010** and authorize the Chief of Police to sign the necessary documents.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

City Manager report on the League of California Cities 2009 Annual Conference Resolutions Final Report.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of a Second Amendment to a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Administration of HOME CHDO funds by and between the City of Huntington Park and the Community Development Commission of the City of Huntington Park. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Molina, **to approve the Second Amendment to a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Administration of HOME CHDO funds by and between the City of Huntington Park and the Community Development Commission of 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 approval of Joint Powers Agreement and Sub-recipient Agreement between the City of South Gate and the City of Huntington Park for the purposes of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Director of Community Development Gray requested this item be continued. **There being no objection, Mayor Gomez so ordered this item continued.**

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of a special event request from the Huntington Park Business Improvement District to host a Santa's Village on December 5th, 12th, and 19th of 2009 in the Downtown and use the public right-of-way on Zoe, Saturn, and Clarendon Avenues. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Guerrero, **to approve a special event request from the Huntington Park Business Improvement District to host a Santa's Village on December 5, 12, and 19, 2009 in the Downtown and use the public right-of-way on Zoe, Saturn, and Clarendon Avenues for these events**, 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 approval of First Amendment to Agreement for Services Relating to the Huntington Park Business Improvement District's Children's Fair event by and between the City of Huntington Park and MIA Productions. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Guerrero, **to approve the First Amendment to Agreement for Services Relating to the Huntington Park Business Improvement District's Children's Fair event by and between the City of Huntington Park and MIA Productions**, 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 discussion and/or action on the request for an Activity in Public Places Permit (S09-31) by the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the 2009 Christmas Lane Parade along Pacific Boulevard between Slauson and Florence Avenues on November 21, 2009, subject to approval from all

applicable City departments and local public agencies. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Molina, to **approve Activity in Public Places Permit (S09-31) by the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the 2009 Christmas Lane Parade along Pacific Boulevard between Slauson and Florence Avenues on November 21, 2009, subject to approval from all applicable City departments and local public agencies**, 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 review, discussion and/or action on draft revisions to the news rack ordinance. Eric Garcia, Planning Manager, displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the draft revisions to the news rack ordinance and made himself available to answer any questions. **There being no objection, Mayor Gomez so ordered this item received and filed.**

Director of Finance Padilla presented for discussion and/or action a Deferred Fee Payment Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **authorize staff to invoice The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce for costs and fees associated with Sabor de Mexico Lindo Street festival held October 2 to 4, 2009**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Public Works Fu requested approval of Second Amendment to Agreement for Public Pay Telephone Services between the City of Huntington Park and G.L.Crowther Company Inc. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the Second Amendment to Agreement for Public Pay Telephone Services between the City of Huntington Park and G.L.Crowther Company Inc.**, 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 requested approval of the Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Micon Construction, Inc. for Salt Lake Park Playground Improvement Project, in the amount of \$447,855. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve the Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Micon Construction, Inc. for Salt Lake Park Playground Improvement Project, in the amount of \$447,855**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Resolution Nos.: 2009-105, 2009-106, 2009-107, and 2009-108 were presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-105. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-73.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-106. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-71.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-107. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE POLICE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-72.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-108. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR**

EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE **NON REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES** AND  
REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-74.

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution Nos.: 2009-105, 2009-106, 2009-107, and 2009-108, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-109. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK TO JOIN THE **LAUNCHING OF THE BRAG ABOUT YOUR BAG® AND THE DAY WITHOUT A BAG CAMPAIGNS** THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES was presented. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution No. 2009-109, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 842-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING PROVISIONS OF TITLE 9 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE, REGARDING **STANDARDS FOR EXTERIOR COLORS** was read by title. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 842-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 842-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, 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 6:50 p.m., in memory of Olivia Lopez, mother of Jeanette Lopez, Building Permit Clerk with Public Engineering Services.

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Mario Gomez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk