

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, January 19, 2010.

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 Vice Mayor Noguez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Vice Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Mayor Mario Gomez.

Vice Mayor Noguez 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.

Francisco Ibarra, Reference Librarian at the Huntington Park Library, informed City Council that the library will be conducting a Fashion Industry Career Workshop for teens on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 1:00 p.m., and distributed flyers.

Robert Cabrales, representing Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) and the I-710 Corridor Advisory Committee, informed City Council that the I-710 Corridor Advisory Committee has been working on an environmental assessment of the proposed 710 freeway expansion project area. Mr. Cabrales briefed City Council on the importance of conducting an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in order to determine the positive and negative environmental effects of the proposed project. Mr. Cabrales also thanked City Council for appointing him to the I-710 Corridor Advisory Committee and stated that he looks forward to coming up with solutions on the proposed project.

Suzette Aguirre, representing Communities for Environmental Justice, addressed City Council on the proposed 710 freeway project and the potential health related issues. Ms. Aguirre also addressed the public safety and quality of life concerns in connection with the I-710 freeway expansion.

Ms. Perez, representing the Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma, informed City Council that the potential 710 freeway project may have a negative impact on the health of the residents due to higher vehicle traffic therefore resulting in higher emissions from vehicles that may result in more respiratory problems. Ms. Perez expressed the importance of conducting a comprehensive analysis such as an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to reduce the risk of health related issues.

Alejandro Rodriguez addressed his concerns to City Council regarding the potential health hazards associated with the proposed 710 freeway project that could result in financial hardship for low-income families.

Isella Ramirez, representing Communities for Environmental Justice, addressed City Council regarding the 710 freeway expansion project. Ms. Ramirez stated that under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) are required. Ms. Ramirez stressed the importance of conducting a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) and briefed City Council of the health risks associated with failure to conduct such assessment.

David Papa, representing Communities for Environmental Justice, expressed his concerns with the proposed 710 freeway project and ensuring that a full assessment be done by means of a Health Impact Assessment (HIA); an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Johnny, student at Huntington Park High School, addressed City Council in support of the 710 freeway project and asked that the community be involved in this project due to the amount of residents that may be affected.

Ms. Tobares, representing the youth group working with Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), addressed City Council in support of the 710 freeway project and asked City Council to ensure that a full assessment be done by conducting a Health Impact Assessment (HIA); an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Rosemary De La Rocha, Producer at Telemundo Channel 52, urged City Council to join the American Red Cross fundraiser to collect funds for Haiti scheduled for Sunday, January 24, 2010; and distributed flyers.

Janine Hamburg, representing Waste Management, informed City Council that she will be off of work due to medical reasons and that Susan Moulton will be the City's contact until she returns to work.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, invited everyone to attend the Chamber's Networking-Breakfast on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 7:30 a.m.; and distributed flyers.

Vice Mayor Noguez 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 public comment on adopting an ordinance amending the Huntington Park Zoning Map; an ordinance approving a Development Agreement to construct and operate a public charter school on property located at 58th Street and Pacific Boulevard; and a resolution adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration Environmental Assessment associated with the project. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Vice Mayor Noguez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications. Ramiro Viramontes, representing Pacific Charter Schools Development, informed City Council that they have been working diligently with City staff to come to an agreement on whether the school should be constructed in one (1) or two (2) phases. Alexis Perdomo, representing a business owner in the proposed project area, addressed their concerns with the proximity of the proposed school playground to an industrial business, as well as surrounding businesses. Mr. Perdomo stated that his client is not opposed to the construction of the proposed school but rather concerned with the potential health risks associated with locating a school campus in an industrial business area and having two (2) phases as opposed to one (1) for said project. Mr. Perdomo requested that a full environmental study be conducted. Dr. Rupert-Benjamin, Superintendent of Pacific Charter School, thanked City Council for supporting the proposed school project. A woman addressed City Council to

oppose the location of the proposed school project and expressed her concerns. Evelyn Perez, student at Centennial High School, addressed City Council in support of the proposed school project and asked City Council to approve the proposed school project. Vice Mayor Noguez called for any other oral communications and hearing none, declared the **public hearing closed**. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, **to form an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, and Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa to work with Pacific Charter Schools Development to address issues regarding the proposed phases on the project and report back to City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Vice Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Gomez.

Vice Mayor Noguez excused himself from the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 21, 2009.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, January 4, 2010.

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 January 19, 2010.

Accept the City of Huntington Park Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2009.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Director of Community Development Gray requested that City Council accept the Consolidated Plan for 2010-2011 through 2014-2015 and the associated Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Annual Action Plan schedule; and authorize staff to extend the Three-Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subrecipient Agreements for public service activities. Council Member Molina recused himself from the public hearing and left the dais at 6:43 p.m. Vice Mayor Noguez returned to his seat at 6:43 p.m. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, **to accept the Consolidated Plan for 2010-2011 through 2014-2015 and the associated Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Annual Action Plan schedule; and authorize staff to extend the Three-Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Subrecipient Agreements for public service activities**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, and Vice Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Molina and Mayor Gomez.

Vice Mayor Noguez excused himself from the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Council Member Molina returned to his seat at 6:45 p.m.

Council Member Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m., in memory of Daniel Perez, longtime friend of Mario Gomez, Mayor of the City of Huntington Park.

Juan R. Noguez, Vice Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk