

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, March 1, 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 Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Juan R. Noguez Gomez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Mayor Mario Gomez. Absent: None.

Presentation by Yolie Flores, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board Vice President, District 5 on the state of the District's budget and current reform efforts. Ms. Flores briefed City Council on various aspects of LAUSD's reform and distributed a packet to City Council. Ms. Flores gave City Council a status update on new schools in the City and stressed the importance of providing higher quality education at schools as well as early childhood education. Ms. Flores informed City Council of the financial crisis impacting LAUSD and stressed the need to retain native languages as well as promote multilingualism at homes and schools for better business opportunities in the future.

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.

Brett Drugge, Teacher at Henry T. Gage Middle School, informed City Council that he is taking his class on field trip to a museum and requested financial assistance as well as bus transportation. Mr. Drugge informed City Council that Henry T. Gage Middle School will be having their annual festival in the near future and invited City Council to attend. Mr. Drugge also informed City Council that the school will temporarily house a technology bus for students on June 1 and 16, 2010.

Maria Elena Arreola addressed City Council in support of Council Member Hernandez's efforts and years of service to the City of Huntington Park and asked City Council to consider Council Member Hernandez to serve as mayor at their reorganization.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, invited City Council to attend their Mayor's State of the City Address at the Family Center on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7:30 a.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, 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 Monday, February 8, 2010.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, February 16, 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 March 1, 2010.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Authorize staff to issue Requests for Proposals for the 2010 4th of July Fireworks Display.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Director of Finance Padilla displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the City's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Mid-year Budget Adjustments and requested approval. Council Member Hernandez left the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the City's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Mid-year Budget Adjustments**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Gomez for discussion and/or action regarding establishing a friendly relationship with Wuzhong District, Suzhou, Jiangsu Providence, the People's Republic of China. Motion by Molina, seconded by Noguez, to **direct the City Attorney and City staff to research the appropriate procedure to acknowledge establishing a friendly relationship with Wuzhong District, Suzhou, Jiangsu Providence, the People's Republic of China and report back to City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Vice Mayor Noguez for appointment of a City representative to the League of California Cities. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **appoint Council Member Molina as the City's delegate to the League of California Cities**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce requesting the establishment of a policy concerning City in-kind services and elimination of parking meter fees during their two (2) annual Downtown Festivals. Don Brabant, President of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, inquired about a policy that the City had been looking into last year concerning City in-kind services and waiver of fees associated with the Chamber's two (2) annual festivals. Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, asked City Council to consider coming to an agreement with them to provide in-kind services at no charge to the Chamber if performed during the City's normal business hours. **Following a discussion, City Council directed staff to review the City's Special Event Policy concerning billable fees and report back to City Council.**

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of Activity in Public Places Permit No. S10-01 requested by The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual Carnaval Primavera Downtown Street Festival along Pacific Boulevard between Gage and Slauson Avenues on April 9 through 11, 2010. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Molina, to **approve Activity in Public Places Permit No. S10-01 requested by The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual Carnaval Primavera Downtown Street Festival along Pacific Boulevard between Gage and Slauson Avenues on April 9 through 11, 2010**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of Activity in Public Places Permit No. S10-02 requested by Iglesia Sagrada Familia to conduct a street procession along Rugby Avenue, South Randolph Street, Middleton Street, and Zoe Avenue on April 2, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve Activity in Public Places Permit No. S10-02 requested by Iglesia Sagrada Familia to conduct a street procession along Rugby Avenue, South Randolph Street, Middleton Street, and Zoe Avenue on April 2, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Community Development Gray requested authorization for the Community Development Department to conduct a Census Day Event at Robert Keller Park and along Miles Avenue between Gage and Saturn Avenue on April 1, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and appropriation of \$2,500 for event costs as recommended by the Core Census Committee and the Health and Education Commission. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **authorize the Community Development Department to conduct a Census Day Event at Robert Keller Park and along Miles Avenue between Gage and Saturn Avenue on April 1, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and appropriation of \$2,500 for event costs as recommended by the Core Census Committee and the Health and Education Commission**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Public Works Fu requested that Project No. 09-008, City Yard Resurfacing & Compliance with NPDES, be awarded to Sialic Contractors Corporation dba Shawnan of Downey, in the amount of \$590,787.50. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, to **award**

Project No. 09-008, City Yard Resurfacing & Compliance with NPDES, to Sialic Contractors Corporation dba Shawnan of Downey, in the amount of \$590,787.50, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Public Works Fu requested approval of a Supplemental Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company for the construction and maintenance of a wrought iron fence along the southern side of the north barrel of Randolph Street. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, to **approve a Supplemental Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company for the construction and maintenance of a wrought iron fence along the southern side of the north barrel of Randolph Street**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Chief of Police Wadley requested approval of a Purchase Agreement between City NewsCasts and the Huntington Park Police Department for the purchase and maintenance of a City NewsCasts Media Information Center for a period of one (1) year. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Molina, to **approve a Purchase Agreement between City NewsCasts and the Huntington Park Police Department for the purchase and maintenance of a City NewsCasts Media Information Center for a period of one (1) year**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-3. A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT DEED FROM THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED GENERALLY SOUTH OF RANDOLPH STREET AND EAST OF COTTAGE STREET, AND AUTHORIZING RECORDATION OF THE EASEMENT DEED WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-3, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Resolution Nos.: 2010-4, 2010-5, and 2010-6 were presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-4. A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING AND CONFIRMING THE CITY OF SAN JULIAN, MEXICO, AS A SISTER CITY OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-5. A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING AND CONFIRMING THE CITY OF PUEBLA, MEXICO, AS A SISTER CITY OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-6. A RESOLUTION OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING AND CONFIRMING THE CITY OF YAHUALICA, MEXICO, AS A SISTER CITY OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK.

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution Nos.: 2010-4, 2010-5, and 2010-6, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

The meeting recessed at 7:08 p.m. and resumed into a **closed session** at 7:14 p.m., pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6 for CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Agency designated representative: Gregory D. Korduner, Employee organizations: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees' Association; and for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1) Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:15 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 7:25 p.m. Present: Vice Mayor Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Mayor Mario Gomez. Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

Assistant City Attorney Wolfsohn reported that in closed session for Conference With Labor Negotiators and Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, a status

report was given to City Council and no action was taken.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Mario Gomez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk