

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, April 5, 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 Noguez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Mayor John R. Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Barry Steinhart, representing Graffiti Protective Coatings (GPC), displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the Bus Stop Maintenance Program in the City. Mr. Steinhart informed City Council that the Bus Stop Maintenance Program commenced in January 2010 and that the purpose of the program is to present a nice image of the City's bus stop locations by cleaning and maintaining the sidewalks and bus stops on a daily basis. Mr. Steinhart also informed City Council that in effort to provide the highest quality of service, GPC developed an iPhone application that maps the bus stop locations and transmits photographs in real-time through Global Positioning System (GPS). Mr. Steinhart stated that this iPhone application is a great tool to monitor and maintain aesthetics of the bus stop locations and that it is free of charge to the City of Huntington Park.

Mayor Noguez and City Council presented a proclamation designating the month of April 2010 as Fair Housing Month to Maria Galindez, representing Fair Housing Foundation. Ms. Galindez briefed City Council on the history of the foundation and its purpose and thanked Mayor Noguez and City Council for the proclamation.

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.

Dante D'Eramo, Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, invited City Council to attend their "Small Business Tax Seminar" at the Hub Cities Consortium on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. Mr. D'Eramo also invited City Council to attend their 17th Annual "Carnaval Primavera Downtown Festival" on April 9, 10 and 11, 2010 and announced the King was Carlos Ponce.

Arlene Savage, Health and Education Commissioner, informed City Council of the success of the City's Census Day event at Robert H. Keller Park on Thursday, April 1, 2010 and thanked the following for assisting with the event: Police Department staff, Public Works Department staff, Parks and Recreation staff, the Health and Education Commission/Core Census Committee, Southeast Community Development Corporation, US Census Bureau representatives, the Salvation Army, Southeast Churches, YMCA, Huntington Park Women's Club, Fair Housing Foundation, Los Angeles Community Legal Center, The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, the Business Improvement District, Communities for a Better Environment, Oldtimers Foundation, Dana Carlos, Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder, Special Emergency Response Team (SERT), Middleton Parent Group, Southeast Communities Development Corporation Youth Group, St. Francis, and the Los Angeles Youth Group-Multi-Taskers. Ms. Savage also informed City Council that the Health and Education Commission-Core Census Committee is going to have a booth at the 17th Annual Carnival Primavera Downtown Festival where they will have additional Census forms.

Enrique Murillo, President of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Chapter 231, congratulated Arlene Savage for doing a great job with the Census Day event and thanked City Council for approving the request to waive fees for the Senior Bingo Program. Mr. Murillo presented a certificate of recognition to Chief of Police Wadley.

Ernestine Mansour, representing the Huntington Park Sister Cities Association, informed City Council that they will be having their Board installation at Don Chente's Restaurant on Sunday, April 11, 2010.

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 the 2009 Annual Housing Element Progress Report. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Noguez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Noguez declared the **public hearing** closed.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to **approve the City's 2009 Annual Housing Element Progress Report; and authorize staff to submit the report to the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Office of Planning and Research**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 15, 2010.

Deny claim filed by Juanita Gonzalez, Date of Incident: October 6, 2009 and refer to the City's insurance administrator.

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 April 5, 2010.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

City Manager report on Wi-Fi Internet Access at City Hall and Robert Keller Park.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez requested appointment of City Council Members to the following committees and/or organizations: 1) California Cities Home Ownership Authority; 2) California Contract Cities Association; 3) Central Basin Water Association; 4) Five Cities Committee on Aging; 5) Gateway Cities Council of Governments; 6) I-710 Committee; 7) Independent Cities Association; 8) Independent Cities Lease Finance Authority; 9) Independent Cities Risk Management Authority; 10) League of California Cities; 11) L.A. County Children's Planning Council Service Planning Area 7; 12) L.A. County Library District; 13) L.A. County Sanitation District 1; 14) Orange Line Development Authority; 15) Southern California Association of Governments; 16) Arts and Culture Commission; 17) Chamber of Commerce; 18) Health and Education Commission; 19) Historic Preservation Commission; 20) HUB Cities Consortium; 21) HP Sister Cities Association; 22) Youth Commission; 23) Southeast Cities Schools Coalition; 24) Southeast Community Development Corp. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez appointed Council Members to the following committees and/or organizations: 1) Business Improvement District Advisory Board - Gomez liaison and Molina alternate; 2) L.A. County Sanitation District No. 1 - Noguez member and Gomez alternate; and that all other previously appointed Council liaisons to various committees and/or organizations remain the same.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to change the date of the previously approved sidewalk sale from April 16 through 18, 2010 to April 9 through 11, 2010 to coincide with the annual Downtown Festival Carnaval Primavera. Motion by Molina, seconded by Gomez, to **approve a request from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to change the date of the previously approved sidewalk sale from April 16 through 18, 2010 to April 9 through 11, 2010 to coincide with the annual Downtown Festival Carnaval Primavera**, Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Guerrero to discuss and/or take action regarding the 2010 calendar of sidewalk sales in the City. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **reduce the number of sidewalk sales in the City of Huntington Park to once a month effective April 11, 2010 until a policy is adopted**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding the extension of the agreement for employment for the City Manager. **There being no objection, this item was continued.**

City Manager Korduner requested approval to purchase four (4) new buses for the City's Dial-A-Ride Program from Creative Bus Sales, Inc.; and approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$82,304.56 from Proposition A funds for said purchase. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the purchase of four (4) new buses for the City's Dial-A-Ride Program from Creative Bus Sales, Inc.; and approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$82,304.56 from Proposition A funds for said purchase**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Manager Korduner requested appointment of a Civil Service Commissioner for the City of Huntington Park. City Clerk Ramirez announced that Sandra Sifuentes withdrew her Civil Service Commission application. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **appoint Jose Zepeda to the Civil Service Commission to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2015**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Finance Padilla requested appointment of an Ad-Hoc Committee for the City's Water and Sewer Rate Study. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Guerrero with Council Members Hernandez, Molina, and Mayor Noguez as alternates for the City's Water and Sewer Rate Study**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of a proposal from Pyro Spectaculars, Inc., for the Production of the 2010 4th of July Fireworks Display. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the proposal from Pyro Spectaculars, Inc., for the Production of the 2010 4th of July Fireworks Display; and authorize staff to prepare an agreement and report back to City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of a Vending Machine License Agreement with Premier Vend Group, Inc. for the installation, operation, and maintenance of vending machines at Salt Lake Park and Freedom Park. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve a Vending Machine License Agreement with Premier Vend Group, Inc. for the installation, operation, and maintenance of vending machines at Salt Lake Park and Freedom Park**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Public Works Fu requested that a contract for Project No. 10-000, "Retrofit the Police Building Stand-By Generator", be awarded to MS Navarro Engineering of Northridge, CA, in the amount of \$59,500; and authorize an additional \$34,000 to cover this project. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to **award a contract for Project No. 10-000, "Retrofit the Police Building Stand-By Generator" to MS Navarro Engineering of Northridge, CA, in the amount of \$59,500; and authorize an additional \$34,000 to cover this project**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Public Works Fu requested that bid proposals for Project No. 10-015A, "Miscellaneous Potable Water Pump Motors at Various Locations", be rejected and authorize staff to re-bid this project. Motion by Molina, seconded by Gomez, to **reject all bid proposals for Project No. 10-015A, "Miscellaneous Potable Water Pump Motors at Various Locations and authorize staff to re-bid this project**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Public Works Fu requested that a contract for Project No. 10-016, "Installation of Wrought Fence along Randolph Street", be awarded to G. Coast Construction, Inc. of Encino, CA, in the amount of \$155,634; and authorize appropriation of funds for this project. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **award a contract for Project No. 10-016, "Installation of Wrought Fence along Randolph Street" to G. Coast Construction, Inc. of Encino, CA, in the amount of \$155,634; and authorize appropriation of funds for this project**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action a report on the City's Costs Recovery Policy for Activities in Public Places. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **receive and file a report on the City's Costs Recovery Policy for Activities in Public Places in which the Ad-Hoc Committee recommended not to revise the City's current Costs Recovery Policy for Activities in Public Places**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action a

request from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce for the City to co-sponsor and waive \$14,233.30 in loss of parking revenue and Public Works departmental service charges for the annual “Carnaval Primavera” Downtown Street Festival. Don Brabant, President of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, addressed City Council regarding their request for the City to waive departmental fees for this event and requested City Council consideration. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **waive the Public Works Department service charges for the annual “Carnaval Primavera” Downtown Street Festival**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray requests approval to solicit Request for Proposals from qualified non-profit organizations to implement the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP); and authorize staff to work with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to enter into an agreement, subject to City Attorney approval. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **authorize staff to solicit Request for Proposals from qualified non-profit organizations to implement the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), and work with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to enter into an agreement, subject to City Attorney approval**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray requested City Council receive and file the Draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan for 2010-2011 through 2014-2015 and Draft Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Council Member Molina recused himself from this item and left the dais at 6:50 p.m. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **receive and file the Draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan for 2010-2011 through 2014-2015 and Draft Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2010-2011**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Member Guerrero, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Molina.

Council Member Molina returned to his seat at 6:51 p.m.

Chief of Police Wadley requested approval of a Subrecipient Agreement by and between the City of Los Angeles and the City of Huntington Park to receive financial assistance in the amount of \$247,924.81 through the Fiscal Year 2009 Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Subrecipient Agreement by and between the City of Los Angeles and the City of Huntington Park to receive financial assistance in the amount of \$247,924.81 through the Fiscal Year 2009 Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief of Police Wadley requested approval of a City-County Municipal Services Agreement by and between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Huntington Park for animal care and control services. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve a City-County Municipal Services Agreement by and between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Huntington Park for animal care and control services**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-8. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON DECLARING THE WEEDS NOW GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN LOTS AND PARCELS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 39560 ET SEQ. AND FIXING A TIME FOR HEARING PROTESTS AND ORDERING THE ABATEMENT OF SUCH NUISANCES was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-8, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-9. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON APPROVING THE **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-9, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-10. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON **AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK MONIES IN LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-10, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Resolution Nos.: 2010-11, 2010-12, 2010-13, 2010-14, 2010-15, and 2010-16 were presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-11. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2000-5 AND ADOPTING **NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COORDINATOR.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-12. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON APPROVING AND ADOPTING **NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE RECORDS MANAGER.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-13. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2005-11 AND ADOPTING **NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF CITY CLERK.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-14. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 93-63 AND ADOPTING **NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CITY CLERK.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-15. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 93-64 AND ADOPTING **NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF JUNIOR DEPUTY CITY CLERK.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-16. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2005-39 AND ADOPTING **NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF RECORDS/IMAGING CLERK.**

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution Nos.: 2010-11, 2010-12, 2010-13, 2010-14, 2010-15, and 2010-16, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-17. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT **ARTHUR L. DECLERCQ, III, WAS DISABLED AND INCAPACITATED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF POLICE LIEUTENANT** FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISABILITY RETIREMENT was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-17, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-18. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT **MICHAEL R. CRAVEN IS NOT DISABLED AND INCAPACITATED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF POLICE SERGEANT** FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISABILITY RETIREMENT was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-18, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Assistant City Attorney Wolfsohn requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1). Mayor Noguez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:05 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 7:21 p.m. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Mayor John R. Noguez.

Assistant City Attorney Wolfsohn reported out that in closed session regarding Anticipated Litigation, no action was taken.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m., in memory of the following: 1) Guadalupe Herrera, mother-in-law of Craig Holmes, Journeyman/Electrician for the City of Huntington Park; 2) John Martinez Gonzalez, cousin of Yvonne Moreno, Administrative Assistant in the Office of the City Council for the City of Huntington Park; and Maria L. Martinez, mother of Lt. Martinez for the Huntington Park Police Department.

Pro bono

John R. Noguez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk