

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, May 17, 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, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Mayor John R. Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Mario Gomez.

Mayor Noguez and City Council presented a certificate of adjournment to the Navia Family in memory of Elvira Sandoval, longtime resident of the City of Huntington Park and grandmother of Michael Navia, Senior Officer of the Huntington Park Police Department. Senior Officer Navia thanked City Council for the acknowledgment.

Mayor Noguez and City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to the following local community organizations and City departments for participating and assisting with the Census Day event on April 1, 2010: 1) Los Angeles Community Legal Center; 2) Southeast Community Development Corporation; 3) United States Census Bureau representatives; 4) The Salvation Army; 5) Southeast Churches; 6) YMCA; 7) The Huntington Park Women's Club; 8) Fair Housing Foundation; 9) The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce; 10) Communities for a Better Environment (CBE); 11) Oldtimer's Foundation; 12) Dana Carlos of "Be the Match"; 13) Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder; 14) SCDC Youth Neighborhood Action Council; 15) St. Francis Medical Center; 16) Multi-Taskers Volunteer Service Group; 17) City of Huntington Park-Department of Public Works; 18) City of Huntington Park-Parks and Recreation Department; 19) City of Huntington Park-Police Department; 20) Special Emergency Response Team (SERT); 21) Health and Education Commission/Core Census Committee; 22) Neighborhood Improvement; 23) Business Improvement District (BID); 24) Huntington Park-Police Department Youth Services; 25) Police Explorer Nancy Gonzalez; 26) Police Explorer Hector Jacinto; 27) Police Explorer Corporal Terry Aguilar; 28) Police Explorer Sergeant Richard Aguilar; 29) Police Explorer Sergeant Bryan Zepeda; and 30) Police Explorer Maria Jimenez; and 31) Assistant Planner Gabriela Silva.

Mayor Noguez and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition and flowers to Leocadia Lucero, Huntington Park nominee for the 2010 Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) Awards Program at The Dorothy Chandler Pavilion on May 10, 2010. Ms. Lucero thanked City Council for the Certificate of Recognition and informed City Council that the OARD awarded her two (2) tickets to Walt Disney World.

Mayor Noguez and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition and flowers to Katherine Ochoa for her 36 years of service as a teacher at the Miles Early Education Center in honor of May 2010 as Teacher Appreciation Month. Ms. Katherine thanked City Council for the recognition.

Presentation by Doug Dove, President of Bartle Wells Associates regarding the City's Water and Sewer Rates Study for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Mr. Dove informed City Council that the City of Huntington Park has not increased its water rate since 2007 and is currently lower than the surrounding cities. Mr. Dove presented City Council with graphs projecting increases in water and sewer rates in the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year, including a three (3) tier water rate structure designed to categorize customers by water usage.

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.

Beatriz Figuero, representing Class of 1970 Huntington Park High School Alumni, addressed City Council regarding a 40-year high school reunion she is organizing and asked City Council for sponsorship.

Alma Rosa addressed City Council on behalf of senior citizens residing at the Rugby Plaza Senior building in support of Father Isidro Cortez and distributed a petition to City Council requesting that Father Cortez be allowed to continue administering mass services for the seniors at the Rugby Plaza.

Father Isidro Cortez, Priest of the Chapel located in the Rugby Plaza Senior Building,

informed City Council that the Rugby Plaza is under new management and addressed his concerns regarding the closure of the chapel. Father Cortez expressed the importance of having a chapel in the building for the senior citizens who have difficulties walking and asked City Council for assistance in obtaining several religious items he left in the chapel he would like returned to him.

Enrique Murillo, representing the Americans Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Chapter 231, addressed City Council in support of Father Isidro Cortez, Priest at the Rugby Plaza Chapel; and asked City Council to look into the Rugby Plaza chapel closure.

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

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with Resolution No. 2010-19, this is the time and place set to consider a resolution confirming the Annual Report for the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District and levying the assessment for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year. 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-23. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, **CONFIRMING THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-23, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

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

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 3, 2010.

**Deny claim filed by Jerome R. Krieger, Date of Incident: April 17, 2010** 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 May 17, 2010.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – Received and filed

Public Works Department notification of Consolidated Disposal Service, LLC Consumer Price Index and disposal cost rate change for commercial solid waste management, effective July 1, 2010, per the terms of the agreement.

Community Development Department report on the I-710 Local Advisory Committee meeting held April 13, 2010.

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Vice Mayor

Gomez for the City to host a friendship luncheon for the visitors of Wuzhog District, Suzhou, Jiangsu Providence, the People's Republic of China during their visit scheduled for June 15 and 16, 2010. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez continued this item to the next City Council meeting.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Guerrero for discussion and/or action concerning Senate Bill 1070, which was adopted by the State of Arizona. Motion by Molina, seconded by Hernandez, to **direct the City Attorney to prepare a resolution opposing Senate Bill 1070 and report back to City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Director of Finance Padilla presented for discussion and/or action the Dance and Entertainment Permit for Martha A. Peralta, dba El Flamingo Bar located at 3256 E. Gage Avenue. The Police, Community Development, and the Fire Departments have submitted approvals. **Following a discussion, Mayor Noguez so ordered this item continued for further review.**

Director of Community Development Gray requested that City Council support Communities for a Better Environment's proposal to the Environmental Protection Agency for the Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program and authorize staff to provide in-kind services and other non-fiscal means for the program. Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, to **support Communities for a Better Environment's proposal to the Environmental Protection Agency for the Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program and authorize staff to provide in-kind services and other non-fiscal means for the program**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested discussion and/or action regarding a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and American Cancer Society to conduct their "Relay for Life" event on June 19 and 20, 2010; and a request from the American Cancer Society for the City to waive fees associated with the event. Eve Rodriguez, Chair of the ACS Southeast Cities Relay for Life, thanked City Council for supporting their endeavor and invited City Council and the Chief of Police Wadley to attend this 24-hour event on June 19 and 20, 2010. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and American Cancer Society to conduct their "Relay for Life" event on June 19 and 20, 2010**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Director of Public Works Fu presented for discussion and/or action the Third Amendment to Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Graffiti Protective Coatings, Inc. for graffiti removal services for the City of Huntington Park. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve the Third Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Graffiti Protective Coatings, Inc. for graffiti removal services for the City of Huntington Park**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Director of Public Works Fu requested that Bid Proposal M-113 for the purchase of a Standby Generator with trailer be awarded to PDQ Enterprises, Inc., of Santa Fe Springs in the amount of \$21,601. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the purchase of a Standby Generator with trailer from PDQ Enterprises, Inc., of Santa Fe Springs in the amount of \$21,601**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Director of Public Works Fu requested that Project No. 10-015A, "Miscellaneous Potable Water Pump Motors" be awarded to Layne Christensen Co., of Fontana in the amount

of \$104,743. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, that **Project No. 10-015A, “Miscellaneous Potable Water Pump Motors” be awarded to Layne Christensen Co., of Fontana in the amount of \$104,743**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Director of Public Works Fu requested that Project No. 10-005A, “Rehabilitation of Water Well #17” be awarded to General Pump Company of San Dimas, in the amount of \$67,940. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, that **Project No. 10-005A, “Rehabilitation of Water Well #17” be awarded to General Pump Company of San Dimas, in the amount of \$67,940**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-24. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, **SUPPORTING THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD’S LEADERSHIP IN PROMOTING CLEAN AND ENERGY EFFICIENT MOTOR VEHICLES, ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, ZERO EMISSION TECHNOLOGIES AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE IN CALIFORNIA** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-24, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-25. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, **SUPPORTING THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD’S LEADERSHIP IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES FOR MEETING CALIFORNIA’S GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TARGETS, AND IN PROMOTING EMISSION REDUCTIONS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-25, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-26. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, **RECOGNIZING A RELATIONSHIP OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AND THE CITY OF SUZHOU, CHINA** was presented. Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-26, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

ORDINANCE NO. 853-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 2, OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE **RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR CHECK CASHING, CURRENCY EXCHANGE, MONEY ADVANCE AND MONEY TRANSFER USES WITHIN THE CITY** was read by title. Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 853-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No.853-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

ORDINANCE NO. 854-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 8 **OFF-STREET PARKING STANDARDS AND CHAPTER 4-4.9 OFF-STREET PARKING STANDARDS OF THE DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK SPECIFIC PLAN** was read by title. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Molina, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 854-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 854-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT, Title: Chief of Police; and 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 7:15 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 7:59 p.m. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Mayor John R. Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Mario Gomez.

City Attorney Leal reported that in the closed session for Public Employee Appointment, Title: Chief of Police, City Council by unanimous vote appointed Jorge A. Cisneros as Chief of Police for the City of Huntington Park. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve Agreement for Employment for Chief of Police between the City of Huntington Park and Jorge A. Cisneros with the inclusion of non-substantive modifications**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Gomez.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m., in memory of Elvira Sandoval, longtime resident of the City of Huntington Park and grandmother of Michael Navia, Senior Officer of the Huntington Park Police Department.

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John R. Noguez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk