

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, July 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 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.

Mayor Noguez and City Council presented a proclamation designating August 3, 2010 as National Night Out in the City of Huntington Park to Chief of Police Cisneros.

Mayor Noguez called for any other oral communications to address the City Council on any matter of City business.

Robert Cabrales, representing Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) and the I-710 Corridor Advisory Committee, distributed a letter and informed City Council that the Coalition for Environmental Health and Justice (CEHAJ) is composed of a group of environmental organizations committed to promoting clean air and improving the quality of life along the 710 freeway. Mr. Cabrales also thanked City Council and City staff for their involvement in the Local Advisory Committee efforts. Mr. Cabrales commended Council Member Molina for helping pass the Corridor Advisory Committee's proposal to the Policy Committee. Mr. Cabrales briefed City Council on the importance of conducting a Health Impact Assessment (HIA).

Jennifer Ganata, representing the Coalition for Environmental Health and Justice (CEHAJ), informed City Council that by including a comprehensive Health Impact Assessment (HIA) process, the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will meet the federal and state law under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the I-710 Freeway Project.

Jonathan Farias, representing the youth group working with Communities for Environmental Justice, informed City Council that the Coalition for Environmental Justice (CEHAJ) previously requested that a comprehensive health analysis be included in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the 710 Freeway Project and urged the City's Policy committee to advocate inclusion of alternative technology in the screening process to reach the highest emission reduction.

Ana Haney, member of Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), thanked City Council for allowing the Coalition for Environmental Health and Justice (CEHAJ) to meet at City Hall on the I-710 Freeway Project.

Ronald V. Garcia, Southern California Edison (SCE) Regional Manager Public Affairs, announced that SCE will be hosting an event co-sponsored by The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce for small businesses, service organizations, churches, and other non-profit organizations to show them how to apply for different grants, including an energy conservation grant, and economic assistance programs.

A gentleman addressed City Council to inquire regarding obtaining concealed weapon permit in the City of Huntington Park.

Elena Rodriguez, representing the Coalition for Environmental Health and Justice (CEHAJ), informed City Council that her child has asthma and thanked City Council for allowing the CEHAJ to meet at City Hall and for voting for the Corridor Advisory Committee's proposal.

Marta Cota, representing the Coalition for Environmental Health and Justice (CEHAJ), informed City Council that as an asthmatic parent of an asthmatic child, living in a healthy environment is vital and commended City Council for supporting the Corridor Advisory Committee's proposal.

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

PowerPoint presentation conducted by Yolie Flores, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board Vice President, District 5 on the LAUSD Public School Choice 2.0. Ms. Flores briefed City Council on the criteria for categorizing schools as focus schools by LAUSD's standards, in which Huntington Park High School qualified as a focus school. Ms. Flores informed City Council of Huntington Park High School's student demographics in

2008-2009 as well as their Academic Performance Index (API) scores from 2006 to 2009. Ms. Flores also informed City Council of new schools opening in the fall of 2011 and methodology and list of upcoming campuses to be release on May 24, 2010. Ms. Flores stressed the importance of providing higher quality education at schools and distributed copies of the presentation, timeline of schools opening in 2011, and a list of letters of intent for Huntington Park High School for the Public School Choice 2.0.

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to approve the Consent Calendar with Vice Mayor Gomez abstaining on the minutes of the special and regular meetings of the City Council held, Tuesday, July 6, 2010, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, July 6, 2010.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, July 6, 2010.

Deny claim filed by Cyrus Cardan, Date of Incident: January 1, 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 July 19, 2010.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Korduner requested discussion and/or action to schedule a Special City Council Meeting to conduct a Budget Study Session on Monday, July 26, 2010. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez so ordered approval to schedule a Special City Council Meeting to conduct a Budget Study Session on Monday, July 26, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.**

Director of Finance Padilla requested approval of a Dance and Entertainment Permit for Sandra G. Martinez Estrada, dba Rio Lempa No. 2 Restaurant. The Police, Community Development and the Fire Departments have submitted approvals. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **deny the Dance and Entertainment Permit for Sandra G. Martinez Estrada, dba Rio Lempa No. 2 Restaurant; and directed staff to further research this item and report back to City Council.**

Director of Public Works Fu requested that Project No. 10-002, Neighborhood Preservation Street Improvement Project, be awarded to Kalban Inc., of Sun Valley, in the amount of \$436,167.51. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, **to award the contract for Project No. 10-002, Neighborhood Preservation Street Improvement Project, to Kalban Inc., of Sun Valley, in the amount of \$436,167.51**, 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 approval of Communications Site Lease Agreement between T-Mobile West Corporation and the City of Huntington Park for the lease

of the Huntington Park Library parking lot. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Communications Site Lease Agreement between T-Mobile West Corporation and the City of Huntington Park for the lease of the Huntington Park Library parking lot**, 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 approval of Amendment No. 10 to Agreement for Sweeping of Public Streets by and between the City of Huntington Park and Al Perez dba MAG Sweeping for a rate adjustment effective September 1, 2010. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez continued this item.**

Director of Public Works Fu requested approval of an open purchase order for the purchase of gasoline for all City vehicles, including the Police Department for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$190,000. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve an open purchase order for the purchase of gasoline for all City vehicles, including the Police Department for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$190,000**, 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 discussion and/or action regarding consolidation of the Parks and Recreation, Arts and Culture, and Youth Commissions. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **authorize consolidation of the Parks and Recreation, Arts and Culture, and Youth Commissions into one (1) commission**, 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 presented correspondence from Yvonne Correa requesting reappointment for a four-year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission. **Following a brief discussion, no action was taken due to consolidation of commissions.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-45. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON **FIXING THE RATE OF TAXES TO PAY THE COST OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 AND LEVYING TAXES FOR SAID RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-45, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-46. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON ESTABLISHING AND ORDERING THE **LEVY AND COLLECTION OF THE ANNUAL SPECIAL TAX FOR CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK STREET LIGHTING, PARKS AND LANDSCAPING SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-46, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-47. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON GIVING **NOTICE OF ITS INTENTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-47, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 856-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 20 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM

INSURANCE COVERAGE AMOUNT REQUIRED BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES was read by title. City Clerk Ramirez informed City Council that in order to meet the requirements of the City's insurance pool, the minimum amount of insurance required for public transportation vehicles must be increased to \$1 Million. Marco Soto, representing Fiesta Taxi, informed City Council that per the City's last Request for Proposals (RFP), the insurance limit was previously \$350,000, same as the City of Los Angeles, South Gate, Bell, and other nearby cities. Mr. Soto also informed City Council that increasing their insurance coverage amount would impose a potential taxicab meter rate increase to the stakeholders. Following a discussion, motion by Noguez, seconded by Molina, **to direct staff to survey surrounding cities' insurance coverage amounts including limits for public transportation vehicles 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 857-NS, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 5 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 40 REGARDING THE **PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE PARTICIPATION IN AND CONDUCT OF SIDEWALK SALES** was read by title. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 857-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 857-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Gomez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

There being no objection, Mayor Noguez **removed from Identification of Items in Progress, Item No. 3- City Clerk Ramirez to prepare a formal survey regarding costs and voter turn-out associated with the consolidation of the City's General Municipal Election with the County of Los Angeles and report back to City Council**.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6 for CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Agency designated representative: City Manager, 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 Noguez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:32 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 8:00 p.m. 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.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session for Conference with Labor Negotiators, a status report was given to City Council, no action taken; and for Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, a status report was given to City Council, no action taken.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m., in memory of the following: 1) Luis Peraza Villela, father of Catalina Peraza, Finance Assistant I for the City of Huntington Park; 2) John Leon, father-in-law of Jorge A. Cisneros, Chief of Police for the City of Huntington Park; 3) Saul Casas, cousin of Annie Ruiz, Revenue Collections

Supervisor for the City of Huntington Park; and 4) John Matthew Arenas, father in law of Yvonne Moreno, Administrative Assistant for the Office of the City Council for the City of Huntington Park.

John R. Noguez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk