

Minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, December 7, 2010.

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Vice Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: None.

Vice Mayor Gomez called for oral communication to address the City Council on any matter of City business.

Ronald V. Garcia, Southern California Edison Regional Manager Public Affairs, informed City Council that Edison will be working on electrical equipment from the 1930's, which is in need of repairs. Mr. Garcia stated that some Edison customers will experience a service interruption Sunday, December 12 through Monday, December 13, 2010 and that notices have been sent to those who will be affected.

Filemon Vargas distributed a copy of the letter that he wrote to President Obama regarding the City's financial status and asked to meet with City Council regarding this matter.

Frank Stein, member of the Business Improvement District (BID), addressed the following concerns to City Council: 1) the dim street lighting in the downtown area; 2) the need for additional security in the downtown area; and 3) the need for additional shuttle transportation for patrons.

Erica Frausto, Business Improvement District Manager, distributed flyers and invited everyone to Santa's Village on December 11 and 18, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; and the Children's fair along with the Three Kings event on January 6, 2011.

Don Brabant, President of the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, thanked City Council and City staff for assisting with the Christmas Lane Parade and presented Chief of Police Cisneros with a check for the Huntington Park Police Reserve Officers.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, thanked City Council, Police staff and volunteers, Director of Public Works Fu and staff, and all those who assisted with the presentation of the Christmas Lane Parade. Mr. D'Eramo stated that the parade will be televised on Channel 36, Chanel 58, and Local Cable Channel 3. Mr. D'Eramo distributed DVDs of the parade to City Council, Chief of Police Cisneros, and Director of Public Works Fu.

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

Christina Dixon distributed recycle bags to City Council and briefed City Council on the success of the "Say No To Drugs" poster contest. Vice Gomez presented Certificates of Recognition to the following students of Miles Avenue Elementary who participated in the "Say No To Drugs" poster contest: 1) Gabriela Nunez; 2) Destiny Chaidez; 3) Andrea Rosas (not present); 4) Doris Salazar; 5) Joshua Cruz; 6) Nina Luna; and 7) Yamilex Uriarte.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of the City Council held Thursday, November 4, 2010.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, November 15, 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 December 6, 2010.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Minutes of the Traffic Authority meeting held November 23, 2010.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Director of Community Development Gray requested appointment of an Ad-Hoc Committee to make recommendations regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded public service projects to be included in the City's 2011-2012 Annual Action Plan. Council Member Molina recused himself from this item and left the dais at 6:12 p.m. **There being no objection, Vice Mayor Gomez appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Council Members Guerrero and Hernandez to make recommendations regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded public service projects to be included in the City's 2011-2012 Annual Action Plan process and authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP).**

Council Member Molina returned to his seat at 6:14 p.m.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of Activity in Public Places Permit No. S10-24 requested by the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District (BID) to conduct a Santa's Village event on Zoe Avenue between Pacific Boulevard and Rugby Avenue on December 11, 2010; and a private parking lot on the southeast corner of Pacific Boulevard and Randolph Street on December 18, 2010. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve an Activity in Public Places Permit No. S10-24 requested by the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District (BID) to conduct a Santa's Village event on Zoe Avenue between Pacific Boulevard and Rugby Avenue on December 11, 2010; and a private parking lot on the southeast corner of Pacific Boulevard and Randolph Street on December 18, 2010**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, established as "**subsequent need**" item, a request from The Salvation Army to approve closure of alley between Marconi Street and Passaic Street to conduct a food and toy giveaway on December 23, 2010 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., as the item arose after the posting of the agenda, necessitating City Council's immediate consideration and/or action, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None. Maria Ramirez, representing The Salvation Army, informed City Council that approximately 2000 less fortunate individuals attended their Thanksgiving food drive this year and requested approval of alley closure to accommodate more or less the same amount of attendees at their food and toy giveaway on December 23, 2010 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **There being no objection, City Council directed Council Member Molina and City staff to work with The Salvation Army to develop a feasible plan so that The Salvation Army could conduct their food and toy giveaway on December 23, 2010 and report to City Council.**

Director of Community Development Gray requested City Council authorize staff to make a provisional appointment of a Housing and Community Development Assistant and authorize the recruitment and hiring of the full-time permanent position. Following a discussion, **City Council so ordered this item continued to the next City Council meeting.**

Director of Finance Padilla requested approval of an Amendment to the City of Huntington Park PARS Retirement Enhancement Plan. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve an Amendment to the City of Huntington Park PARS Retirement Enhancement Plan**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Finance Padilla requested approval to issue a Pawnbroker Permit for Eugene Geykher, owner of Latukr LLC, dba Fortuna Jewelry & Loan located at 2701 E. Gage Avenue, #104, with operational guidelines as outlined by the Department of Justice and Huntington Park Police Department. Following a discussion, motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to **approve issuance of a Pawnbroker Permit for Eugene Geykher, owner of Latukr LLC, dba Fortuna Jewelry & Loan located at 2701 E. Gage Avenue, #104, with operational guidelines as outlined by the Department of Justice and Huntington Park Police Department**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief of Police Cisneros requested approval of Facilities Use Agreement for Local Agency Use of Weapons Firing Range between Rio Hondo Community College District and the Huntington Park Police Department. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve a Facilities Use Agreement for Local Agency Use of Weapons Firing Range between Rio Hondo Community College District and the Huntington Park Police Department**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief of Police Cisneros requested discussion and/or action regarding an Agreement for an Interim Assistant Chief of Police. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **direct the City Attorney to review the agreement for an Interim Assistant Chief of Police and report back to City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-83. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2009-101 AND **ADOPTING A NEW SCHEDULE OF FINES FOR PARKING RELATED VIOLATIONS** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-83, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-84. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 16TH 2010 AS A DAY WITHOUT A BAG THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AND JOINING THE DAY WITHOUT A BAG CAMPAIGN SPONSORED BY HEAL THE BAY AND VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS** was presented. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2010-84, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Molina, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT, Title: Acting City Manager. Vice Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:55 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, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Vice Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session regarding Public Employee Appointment, Title: Acting City Manager, **City Council on a 4-0 vote appointed Chief of Police Cisneros as Acting City Manager and directed the City Attorney to prepare an agreement and report back to City Council.**

Vice Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m., in memory of the

following: 1) Javier Topete, Folklorico Dance Instructor for the City of Huntington Park; 2) Ausencia Gomez, aunt of Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor of the City of Huntington Park; 3) father of Lazaro Sanchez; and 4) Jack Kyser, longtime Chief Economist at the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation.

Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk