

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

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 Vice Mayor Hernandez. Present: Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina and Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez; Absent: Mayor Mario Gomez.

Victor Dominguez, President of Southeast Rio Vista Family YMCA, informed City Council that participants of their Youth and Government Leadership Program recently returned from camp where they learned the process of developing legislative bills and introduced the delegations.

The following members of the Youth and Government Leadership Program informed City Council of their experience in writing a legislative bill and the complexity of its process: Delegation 1: 1) Andrew Franco; 2) Maribel Garcia; 3) Brian Espinal; 4) Metzil Evangelista; and 5) Cesar Olvera; and Delegation 2: 1) Omar Torres; 2) Lauren Trevizo; 3) Alex Ibarra; 4) Karina Robles; and 5) Zuleyma Parra.

Vice Mayor Hernandez opened oral communication, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on any matter of City business.

Alex Young addressed his concerns to City Council regarding recent incidents in which the fire alarm at Huntington Park High School went off and there were no responders. Mr. Young informed City Council that someone started a fire in a trashcan at the school and the Fire and Police Departments responded to this incident. Mr. Young asked Vice Mayor Hernandez and the Chief of Police to find out who is responsible for making sure that the fire alarm is deactivated when it is a false alarm.

Derrick Alatorre, Senior Public Information Specialist with Air Quality Management District (AQMD), informed City Council that the months of December through February are the highest fireplace usage months and suggested people find other alternatives to help ensure

better air quality and encouraged everyone to visit www.aqmd.gov for more information. Mr. Alatorre also informed City Council that in 2020 refuse collection companies will have to reduce pollution by using alternative vehicles.

Yolanda Alaniz, Youth Services Librarian at Huntington Park Library, informed City Council of their upcoming "Valentine Activity for the Love of Books" event from January 18 through February 12, 2011 and distributed flyers regarding this reading program.

Vice Mayor Hernandez 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 City's Housing and Community Development needs and priority Non-Housing Community Development needs for the City's 2011-2012 Annual Action Plan. City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Vice Mayor Hernandez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Vice Mayor Hernandez declared the **public hearing** closed.

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **receive and file the City's Housing and Community Development needs and priority Non-Housing Community Development needs for the City's 2011-2012 Annual Action Plan**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Vice Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: and Mayor Gomez.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 20, 2010.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, January 3, 2011.

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 January 18, 2011.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Molina to discuss and/or take action regarding lobbying services. **Following a discussion, City Council so ordered staff to conduct an analysis of the lobbying services currently being provided by the City's lobbyist and similar services available, if any, through the League of California Cities and report back to City Council at the next meeting.**

Community Development Department requested authorization to make a provisional

appointment of a Planning Intern to the Housing and Community Development Assistant position; and authorize the recruitment and filling of the full-time permanent position. **There being no objection, City Council directed staff to investigate the feasibility of contracting Karen Warner and Associates to provide said services as opposed to hiring a full-time permanent employee as the Housing and Community Development Assistant.**

City Engineer Lind requested that Project No. 11-003, Installation of New Traffic Signal at Gage Avenue & Arbutus Avenue and a Modification to an Existing Traffic Signal at Randolph Street & Maywood Avenue be awarded to California Professional Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$315,594; and authorize appropriation of Neighborhood Preservation Funds in the amount of \$400,000 for this project. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, **that Project No. 11-003, Installation of New Traffic Signal at Gage Avenue & Arbutus Avenue and a Modification to an Existing Traffic Signal at Randolph Street & Maywood Avenue be awarded to California Professional Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$315,594; and authorize appropriation of Neighborhood Preservation Funds in the amount of \$400,000 for this project**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Vice Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Gomez.

Chief of Police Cisneros requested approval of a Maintenance Agreement with VeriPic for software and technical support services to maintain the Police Department central server used to store photographic and video evidence. Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve a Maintenance Agreement with VeriPic for software and technical support services to maintain the Police Department central server used to store photographic and video evidence**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Vice Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Gomez.

Chief of Police Cisneros requested approval of Memorandum of Agreement for the Los Angeles Regional Integrated Law and Justice Project among the Regional Terrorism Intelligence and Integration System Participating Agencies. Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve a Memorandum of Agreement for the Los Angeles Regional Integrated Law and Justice Project among the Regional Terrorism Intelligence and Integration System Participating Agencies**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Vice Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Gomez.

City Attorney Leal 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). Vice Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:40 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez went in closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:19 p.m. Present: Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez; Absent: Mayor Mario Gomez.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session for Anticipated Litigation, no was action taken.

Vice Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m., in memory of Cesar A. Calderon, President and CEO of Soledad Enrichment Action.

Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk