

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, February 22, 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 Mayor Gomez. Present: Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Andy Molina, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: None.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented Pastor Concepcion Roque from Ministry Mahanaim with a certificate of appreciation for his commitment and dedicated service to the community through their outreach programs and providing for those less fortunate. Pastor Concepcion Roque thanked City Council for the acknowledgement.

Janine Hamner, representing Waste Management, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the "Recycling is Natural" Campaign poster contest. Mayor Gomez and City Council presented certificates of recognition, laptops and printers to the following "Recycling is Natural" poster contest winners: 1) Ashley Orosco, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade winner from Huntington Park Elementary School; 2) Christopher Nava, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade winner from Miles Avenue Elementary; 3) Francis Daina Cardenas Clemente, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade winner from Huntington Park Elementary School; 4) Gisele Reyes, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade winner from Huntington Park Elementary School; and 5) Alejandro Hernandez, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade winner from Miles Avenue Elementary.

Erica Frausto, Business Improvement District Manager and Carolina Jovenich, representing Caroline Promotions, Inc., displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the 2011 Three Kings and Children's Fair Event. Mayor Gomez and City Council presented certificates of appreciation to the following participants and event volunteers: 1) Clinica Medica San Miguel (not present); 2) Discovery Familia (not present); 2) H&R Block; 3) Domino's Pizza (not present); 4) Paco's Tacos; 5) Chivas USA; 6) Bank of America (not present); 7) JC Penney (not present); 8) Consolidated Disposal; 9) Latino Family Media; 10) Telscape; 11) The Home Depot; 12) Warehouse Shoe Sales; 13) Kids Dental Place; 14) El Gallo Giro (not present); 15) Consulado General de Mexico en Los Angeles (not present); 16) Departamento de Educacion (not present); 17) Payless Shoe Source (not present); 18) Gabriela's Party Rental; 19) Nayzeth Beverly Hills (not present); 20) W Radio; 21) Telemundo; 22) Done Vida (not present); 13) KWHY Canal 22 (not present); 14) Sparkletts (not present); 15) Celina's Designs (not present); 16) La Raza (not present); 17) Latino FM (not present); 18) The Women's Club of Huntington Park; 19) Southeast Women's Organization; 20) Laguna Trade Group (not present); 21) Tinku (not present); 22) Fiesta Taxi; 23) Pollo Campero (not present); 24) Elsa O'Farrill; 25) Caroline Productions, Inc.; 26) On Call Productions; 27) Mariachi Monumental (not present); 28) El Nuevo Con Chile y Limon (not present); 29) Acceso Total; 30) Sajama; 31) Los Ponchos (not present); 32) A1 Party Rentals (not present); 33) Collateral Material (not present); 34) Wilcox Sound & Communications (not present); 35) Margarita Jones; 36) City of Huntington Park Public Works Department; 37) Southwest Water Company (not present); 38) Mag Sweeping; 39) LA Breaker (not present); 40) Stilt Circus; 41) Twinkle Time (not present); 42) Multi-Taskers LAYC Chapter; 43) Moda 15 Academy (not present); and 44) Concha Nacar de Perlop (not present).

The meeting recessed at 6:40 p.m. and resumed at 6:43 p.m.

Antonio Plascencia, representing the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Public School Choice Office, updated City Council on the outcome of a community meeting at Huntington Park High School on February 10, 2011. Mr. Plascencia also informed City Council that representatives from Interim Superintendent of LAUSD – Local District 6 Rowena Lagrosa's office and LAUSD Board District 5 Vice President Yoli Flores' office attended this meeting. Raquel Beltran, Executive Director of the League of Women Voters, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Public Schools Choice process and urged qualified voters to vote for a school plan for the Public School Choice schools.

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 the City lost power the morning of January 6, 2011 and due to Acting Public Works Superintendent Claude Bilodeau's trouble shooting skills, the event was able to take place as scheduled.

Janine Hamner, representing Waste Management, invited City Council to a press conference on February 23, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. to inform residents of City's efforts to alleviate illegal dumping of trash in the City and invited everyone to attend this kick off event.

Christina Dixon, Staff Analyst, informed City Council that they she will be working

with Waste Management to form a team of volunteers comprised of parents from Middleton Elementary School and community members to be involved in the taskforce to stop illegal dumping.

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

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

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, February 7, 2011.

Deny claim filed by Olga Padilla, Date of Incident: November 30, 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 February 22, 2011.

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Community Development Department requested approval of Activities in Public Places Permit No. (S11-02) requested by The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual "Carnaval Primavera" Downtown Street Festival along Pacific Boulevard between Gage and Slauson Avenues on April 1 through 3, 2011. Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, requested approval of their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Carnaval Primavera and stated that they will have free admission and entertainment to the public, and they are not requesting any waiver of fees for this event. Motion by Molina, seconded by Hernandez to **approve the Activities in Public Places Permit No. (S11-02) requested by The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual "Carnaval Primavera" Downtown Street Festival along Pacific Boulevard between Gage and Slauson Avenues on April 1 through 3, 2011**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Community Development Department requested approval of Ad-Hoc Committee funding recommendations regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public service projects for inclusion in the City's Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Annual Action Plan. Council Member Molina recused himself from this item and left the dais at 7:13 p.m. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Ad-Hoc Committee funding recommendations regarding the following Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public service projects for inclusion in the City's Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Annual Action Plan: 1) Los Angeles County Public Library-Huntington Park Library Homework Center \$15,000; 2) Southeast Rio Vista Family YMCA-Middle School Model United Nations Program \$15,000; 3) Steelworkers Oldtimers Foundation-Senior Nutrition Program \$20,000; 4) City of Huntington Park Department of Parks and Recreation--After-School Youth Program \$70,000; 5) City of Huntington Park Public Works Department-Graffiti Removal \$66,000; 6) Southeast Churches Service Center-**

**Emergency Food Program \$20,000; 7) The Salvation Army Southeast Communities-Family Services Program \$20,000; and 8) City of Huntington Park Police Department-Juveniles at Risk Boot Camp Program \$20,000**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Member Guerrero, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Molina.

Council Member Molina returned to his seat at 7:16 p.m.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented for discussion and/or action the City of Huntington Park Facility Use Fee Waiver Policy. **There being no objection, Mayor Gomez referred this item to the Budget Ad-Hoc Committee and legal counsel regarding delegation of authority to waive fees and report back to City Council.**

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented for discussion and/or action a request from the American Cancer Society for a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and the American Cancer Society to conduct their annual fundraiser “Relay for Life” event June 25 through 26, 2011; and a waiver of fees in the amount of \$1,080.51. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and the American Cancer Society to conduct their annual fundraiser “Relay for Life” event June 25 through 26, 2011; and a waiver of Permits and Inspection fees in the amount of \$676**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested discussion and/or action regarding the City’s 4th of July event. Gerardo Camacho, representing a non-profit soccer club, addressed City Council to request permission to use four (4) City soccer fields for his organization to play soccer during the weekend and they would be able to fundraise \$6,000 to \$10,000 towards the City’s 2011 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Dante D’Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, addressed City Council in support of the City conducting a 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and offered to be part of a committee and help locate funds for this event. Following a discussion, motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, **to authorize staff to secure sponsorship for the City’s 2011 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Display**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m., in memory of the following: 1) Francisca Cortez, aunt of Council Member Molina; 2) Lorenzo Cortez, uncle of Council Member Molina; and 3) Margarito Hurtado, son-in-law to Francisca and Lorenzo Cortez, aunt and uncle (respectively) of Council Member Molina.

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Mario Gomez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk