

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, March 21, 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.

Vice Mayor Hernandez and City Council presented a Plaque to Mayor Mario Gomez in recognition of his outstanding leadership, guidance and service to the community during his term as Mayor in 2010-2011. Mayor Gomez thanked his colleagues and the community for supporting him.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-6. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, **RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011** DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW was presented.

WHEREAS, a General Municipal Election was held and conducted in the City of Huntington Park, California, on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, notice of the election was given in time, form and manner as provided by law; that voting precincts were properly established; that election officers were appointed and that in all respects the election was held and conducted and the votes were cast, received and canvassed and the returns made and declared in time, form and manner as required by the provisions of the Elections Code of the State of California for the holding of elections in general law cities; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk canvassed the returns of the election and has certified the results to this City Council, the results are received, attached and made a part hereof as "Exhibit A".

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the whole number of ballots cast in the precincts except vote by mail voter ballots and provisional ballots was 1,812.

That the whole number of vote by mail voter ballots cast in the City was 769, the whole number of provisional ballots cast in the City was 154, making a total of 2,735 ballots cast in the City.

SECTION 2. That the names of persons voted for at the election for Member of the City Council are as follows:

GRACIELA ORTIZ  
NICK M. IOANNIDIS  
MARIO GOMEZ  
VALENTIN PALOS AMEZQUITA  
EFREN MARTINEZ  
ROSA E. PEREZ  
IRVING PACHECO  
OFELIA HERNANDEZ

SECTION 3. That the number of votes given at each precinct and the number of votes given in the City to each of the persons above named for the respective offices for which the persons were candidates were as listed in Exhibit "A" attached.

SECTION 4. The City Council does declare and determine that Mario Gomez was elected as Member of the City Council for the full term of four years; Rosa E. Perez was elected as Member of the City Council for the full term of four years; and Ofelia Hernandez was elected as Member of the City Council for the full term of four years.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall enter on the records of the City Council of the City, a statement of the result of the election, showing: (1) The whole number of ballots cast in the City; (2) The names of the persons voted for; (3) For what office each person was voted for; (4) The number of votes given at each precinct to each person; (5) The total number of votes given to each person.

SECTION 6. That the City Clerk shall immediately make and deliver to each of the persons so elected a Certificate of Election signed by the City Clerk and authenticated; that the City Clerk shall also administer to each person elected the Oath of Office prescribed in the Constitution of the State of California and shall have them subscribe to it and file it in the

Office of the City Clerk. Each and all of the persons so elected shall then be inducted into the respective office to which they have been elected.

**SECTION 7.** That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

*CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF CANVASS AND COMPLETION OF MANUAL TALLY*

I, Rosanna Ramirez, City Clerk of the City of Huntington Park, do certify that I have canvassed the returns of the General Municipal Election held on March 8, 2011, and find that the number of votes given at each precinct and the number of votes given in the City to persons voted for, the respective offices for which the persons were candidates were as follows:

**City Council**

Precinct	Graciela Ortiz	Nick Ioannidis	Mario Gomez	Valentin P. Amezquita	Efren Martinez	Rosa E. Perez	Irving Pacheco	Ofelia Hernandez	Total Votes (Ballots) Cast
1	43	9	55	29	32	54	21	54	107
3	81	15	68	60	52	53	34	79	158
4	44	19	37	43	37	46	18	55	118
5	32	8	54	27	25	50	22	66	121
6	49	16	38	45	46	50	17	49	127
10	33	14	47	27	25	48	16	65	104
15	63	35	40	63	62	40	26	49	141
17	35	28	42	37	37	39	20	49	122
19	55	31	49	56	45	61	22	54	135
22	51	21	51	42	44	46	30	48	125
23	41	22	54	38	34	61	34	46	128
25	32	5	32	20	21	53	24	42	95
26	42	15	33	37	33	43	50	32	119
29	35	3	40	25	25	34	12	43	83
50	43	24	50	42	43	48	27	58	129
VBM 1st run	203	109	272	171	162	293	105	311	638
VBM/Prov 2nd run	93	37	122	82	86	132	47	139	285
Total Votes Cast	975	411	1084	844	809	1151	525	1239	2735

I have also conducted a manual tally of 1% of the precincts, or 1 precinct in accordance with §15360 of the Election Code. The results of the manual tally are as follows:

Office / Candidate City Council	Machine Tally	Manual Tally	Difference If discrepancy, how resolved
Graciela Ortiz	89	91	2 (machine did not count partially filled in oval. Voter intent is clear)
Nick Ioannidis	19	21	2 " "
Mario Gomez	80	82	2 " "
Valentin P. Amezquita	64	64	0
Efren Martinez	57	58	1 (machine did not count partially filled in oval. Voter intent is clear)
Rosa E. Perez	67	69	2 " "
Irving Pacheco	39	38	1 (machine picked up smudge in error)
Ofelia Hernandez	97	99	2 (machine did not count partially filled in oval. Voter intent is clear)

Number of Registered Voters: 15,407  
 Number of Ballots Cast: 2,735

Voter Turnout:

17.75%

Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-6, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Molina, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk/Elections Official Ramirez administered the Oath of Office to re-elected Members of the City Council Mario Gomez, Ofelia Hernandez, and newly elected Member of the City Council Rosa Perez; and presented Certificates of Election to each of them.

Mayor Gomez announced that this was the time for reorganization of the City Council.

Mayor Gomez vacated his position as Mayor.

Vice Mayor Hernandez called for nominations for Mayor.

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **nominate Vice Mayor Hernandez as Mayor**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Molina, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None. Absent: None.

Mayor Hernandez vacated her position as Vice Mayor and called for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **nominate Council Member Molina as Vice Mayor**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Molina, Gomez, Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None. Absent: None.

Mayor Hernandez 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.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, congratulated Mayor Hernandez on her new post and for receiving the most votes from the community. Mr D'Eramo thanked Council Member Gomez and Vice Mayor Molina for serving as the Chamber of Commerce liaisons. Mr. D'Eramo congratulated Council Member Gomez on his re-election and welcomed newly elected Council Member Perez. Mr. D'Eramo invited everyone to attend their Carnaval Primavera Downtown Festival on April 1-3, 2011.

Enrique Murillo, President of the American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 231, congratulated Council Members Perez, Gomez, and Mayor Hernandez on the outcome of the election. Mr. Murillo informed City Council that the former City Manager had asked him to help pass a measure to help with the City's budget crisis and it passed successfully, but now, once again, he received literature in the mail regarding the City's \$2 Million budget deficit. Mr. Murillo asked City Council to not cut funding for the Parks and Recreation Department and stated that the City should consider eliminating the Police Department prior to going bankrupt.

Ana Cano, congratulated City Council on their new posts and informed City Council that Karina Lezama received a scholarship for college and commended Ms. Lezama for her work and dedication.

Karina Lezama informed City Council that she will be attending San Jose State University and thanked Ana Cano for being her mentor and instrumental in her success and presented her with a plaque.

Andy Ibarra informed City Council that he ran a marathon the day before and thanked Mayor Hernandez for making it possible. Mr. Ibarra congratulated newly elected and re-elected Council Members.

Jose Zepeda, representing El Aviso Magazine, congratulated City Council on a successful election and stressed the importance of residents going out to vote. Mr. Zepeda invited City Council and Department Heads to attend El Aviso Magazine's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Promo Negocios Expo at Leonardo's Restaurant on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to network and promote businesses. Mr. Zepeda stated that the American Cancer Society will be there and that a booth has been dedicated to the City.

Yvonne Correa congratulated the elected Members of the City Council and stated that

the election campaigns were clean and that we are all here to work together.

Estela Gomez, wife of Council Member Gomez, congratulated Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Perez and Gomez for winning the election, especially Mayor Hernandez and Council Member Gomez for their last consecutive term on City Council.

Sergio Infanzion, Vice Mayor of the City of Bell Gardens, congratulated newly elected and re-elected Members of the City Council. Mr. Infanzion stated that it is important to choose a good leader to represent the people with integrity and stated that there is a lot of work ahead.

Alyce Minsky, Attorney and Owner of Law Offices of Alyce S. Minsky, informed City Council that they have been doing business in the City for 32 years and introduced staff. Ms. Minsky stated that they would like to be more involved in the community and are looking forward to working with the City and the Chamber of Commerce.

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

Mayor Hernandez invited comments by the City Council.

Council Member Perez thanked her family, her colleagues, and all the volunteers who helped with her campaign. Council Member Perez also thanked all the voters who went out to vote and stated that she looks forward to a good four years on City Council.

Council Member Gomez thanked his colleagues, Vice Mayor of the City of Bell Gardens Sergio Infanzion, and the residents who voted and informed themselves about their City.

Vice Mayor Molina congratulated Council Member Perez, Mayor Hernandez, and Council Member Gomez on the success of the election. Vice Mayor Molina thanked everyone who helped at the campaign headquarters and stated that he looks forward to continue working with City Council to put the community first.

Mayor Hernandez expressed thanks to her campaign volunteers, the voters who believe in her, her husband for helping at home with their family, Council Member Guerrero, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Perez and Gomez for all their support. Mayor Hernandez stated that along with City Council, she will continue to work as a team for the community, especially non-profit organizations, schools, and the youth.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Guerrero, to **adjourn this meeting at 7:00 p.m. to Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.**, in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Chavez, former President of the Huntington Park Youth Football and Cheer Association Inc., and husband of Yazmin Chavez, Personnel Assistant for the City of Huntington Park, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None. Absent: None.

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Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk