

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, April 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 Mayor Hernandez. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor Andy Molina, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez; Absent: None.

Mayor Hernandez presented a Proclamation designating April 2011 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Huntington Park.

Mario Rivas, Recycling Coordinator, displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the

Huntington Park Earth Day 2011 Graphic Art Contest and informed City Council that the winners will receive tickets to a Los Angeles Lakers basketball game and an Anaheim Angels baseball game. Mayor Hernandez and City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to the following Huntington Park High School students for winning the Huntington Park Earth Day 2011 Graphic Art Contest: 1) “Best Graphic Poster”-Emma Martinez; 2) “Best Logo”-Anthony Zamora; 3) “Honorable Mention”-Jesse Becerra; 4) “Honorable Mention”-Melissa Castillo (not present); and 5) “Honorable Mention”-Jocelyn Macias (not present). Christina Dixon, Staff Analyst, informed City Council the Huntington Park Earth Day 2011 Graphic Art will be publicly displayed at City Hall and will be published in the El Aviso Magazine.

Katie Van Cleave, Policy Liaison with Project “TRUST” (Tobacco Reduction Using Effective Strategies & Teamwork), displayed a PowerPoint presentation and briefed City Council on the purpose of Project TRUST. Ms. Van Cleave informed City Council that there is a two-year, \$16 Million grant funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention dedicated to tobacco control and prevention and to make available smoking cessation resources. Ms. Van Cleave also informed City Council of youth access to tobacco and measures local cities are taking to prevent this issue.

David Reynosa, Community Organizer with Project “TRUST”, informed City Council of the statistics of secondhand smoke in Huntington Park based on surveys conducted at community workshops and events in the City. Mr. Reynosa also informed City Council of the chemicals, gases, and metals in cigarette smoke that are inhaled by smokers and non-smokers alike; and health consequences of secondhand smoke exposure. Mr. Reynosa informed City Council that smoking-related fires are the leading cause of fire deaths in residential buildings and briefed City Council regarding measures the City can take to prevent and restrict tobacco sales near schools, youth access to tobacco, and to provide smoke-free housing to residents.

Rowena Lagrossa, Interim Superintendent of Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) – Local District 6, distributed copies and displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the 2012 Williams Compliance Local District 6. Ms. Lagrossa informed City Council that all schools in the State of California must comply with the Williams Agreement, which requires the end of Concept 6 (three-track) calendars by the 2012 school year. Ms. Lagrossa also informed City Council of the Local District 6 schools that will open in 2012 to relieve overcrowding in the nearby schools, including South Region Elementary School #5 and South Region High School #7, which are located in Huntington Park. Ms. Lagrossa invited everyone to attend a community meeting at the South Gate High School Auditorium on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Lorena Padilla-Melendez, Director of Community Relations Department with LAUSD Facilities Services Division, addressed City Council to answer questions and stated that they are working on addressing various issues and concerns from the community before the schools open.

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.

Richard V. Loya, former Mayor and Council Member of the City of Huntington Park, addressed his concerns to City Council regarding the tobacco survey conducted by Project TRUST and urged City Council to be proactive and act immediately to take advantage of the two-year grant offered by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Alejandra Pineda addressed City Council in support of preventing and controlling secondhand smoke in multi-unit housing. Ms. Pineda urged City Council to take initiative and become proactive in the prevention and reduction of secondhand smoke exposure.

Franco Lomeli addressed his concerns to City Council regarding the high level of exposure to secondhand smoke at his apartment complex. Mr. Lomeli stated that his son suffers from allergies and he fears that the exposure to secondhand smoke will cause more serious respiratory problems such as asthma. Mr. Lomeli asked City Council to find a solution to this problem.

Carmen Mulgano addressed her concerns to City Council regarding Project TASK’s findings and urged City Council to protect the health of residents by taking some of the same measures that other cities have already taken in efforts to prevent and control the harmful

effects of secondhand smoke and youth access to tobacco.

Don Brabant, President of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, thanked City Council for attending the Annual Arrival of the Easter Bunny event on Saturday, April 16, 2011. Mr. Brabant, Financial Planner for the All-America City Campaign, informed City Council that Huntington Park is one of the finalists for the All-America City Award and that they will be fundraising at the Civic Center on May 11, 2011 so that they can compete in the finals on June 15-17, 2011 in Kansas City, Missouri.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider the approval of the 2010 Annual Housing Element Progress Report. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Hernandez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Hernandez declared the **public hearing** closed.

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **approve the 2010 Annual Housing Element Progress Report and authorize staff to submit the report to the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Office of Planning and Research**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Abstain: Vice Mayor Molina; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider the adoption of a Negative Declaration (Environmental Assessment) associated with the vacation of a portion of 65th Street, between Alameda Street and Wilson Avenue. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Hernandez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Hernandez declared the **public hearing** closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-12. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, **ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF 65TH STREET, A PUBLIC STREET, BETWEEN ALAMEDA STREET AND WILSON AVENUE**, IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-12, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Thursday, March 31, 2011.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 4, 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 April 18, 2011.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Accept letter of resignation from Avygail Sanchez as Planning Commissioner,

effective March 31, 2011.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Gomez to increase his Professional Development Expense Account in order to attend the California Contract Cities 52nd Annual Municipal Seminar on May 12 through 15, 2011 in Indian Wells, CA. Motion by Molina, seconded by Perez, to **approve payment for the registration and 2-night lodging in order for Council Member Gomez to attend the California Contract Cities 52nd Annual Municipal Seminar on May 12 through 15, 2011 in Indian Wells, CA**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Acting City Manager Cisneros requested approval of the City of Huntington Park 457 Plan and Trust Restated and Amended Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust/Custodial Document for Public Employees; and the City of Huntington Park 457 Plan Participation Loan Program. Martha Castillo, Personnel Supervisor, informed City Council that this loan program allows current City employees to take out a loan of up to 50% from their respective personal Deferred Compensation account. Motion by Molina, seconded by Perez, to **approve the City of Huntington Park 457 Plan and Trust Restated and Amended Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust/Custodial Document for Public Employees; and the City of Huntington Park 457 Plan Participation Loan Program**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Acting City Manager Cisneros requested nominations for the 46th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) Awards Program on May 23, 2011. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **nominate Father Rody Gorman as the City's honoree to participate in the 46th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) Awards Program on May 23, 2011**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Engineer Lind requested that Project No. 11-002, Street Improvements at Hope Street and Cudahy Street between State Street and California Avenue, be awarded to Nobest, Inc., in the amount of \$327,415.98. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **award Project No. 11-002, Street Improvements at Hope Street and Cudahy Street between State Street and California Avenue to Nobest, Inc., in the amount of \$327,415.98**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Member Perez; Absent: None.

City Engineer Lind requested approval of the First Amendment to Agreement for "Replacement of Concrete at Various Locations (Maintenance Agreement)" between the City of Huntington Park and Nobest Inc. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to **approve the First Amendment to Agreement for "Replacement of Concrete at Various Locations (Maintenance Agreement)" between the City of Huntington Park and Nobest Inc.**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested that the Salt Lake Trail and Irrigation Project Design be awarded to David Evans and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$67,085. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Molina, to **approve the City of Huntington Park Contract Services Agreement with David Evans and Associates, Inc. for the Salt Lake Trail and Irrigation Project in the amount of \$67,085**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council

Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Estrella Communications, Inc. for the Telemundo Sports Experience event at Salt Lake Park on Sunday, June 12, 2011. Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Estrella Communications, Inc. for the Telemundo Sports Experience event at Salt Lake Park on Sunday, June 12, 2011**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-13. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON **DECLARING THE WEEDS NOW GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN LOTS AND PARCELS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE**, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 39560 ET SEQ. **AND FIXING A TIME FOR HEARING PROTESTS AND ORDERING THE ABATEMENT OF SUCH NUISANCES** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-13, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-14. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INDEPENDENT CITIES RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY'S GOVERNING BOARD AND ITS SEPARATE RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-14, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-15. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, **AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY (CALRECYCLE) CITY/COUNTY PAYMENT PROGRAM TO FUND BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING AND LITTER ABATEMENT PROJECTS** was presented. Motion by Molina, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-15, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk