

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, May 2, 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, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez; Absent: Vice Mayor Andy Molina.

Eric Garcia, Planning Manager, displayed a PowerPoint presentation on certain properties that were nominated by the Historic Preservation Commission for the distinguishing features of their structure. Mayor Hernandez and City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to the following property owners acknowledging their efforts in maintaining the historical distinguishing features of their properties/structures: 1) Chu Young Tscha, owner of property located at 3000 Florence Avenue; 2) Miguel Hernandez, owner of property located at 6035 Stafford Avenue; 3) Paul H. Cookson, owner of property located at 6618 Templeton Street; 4) John and Helen Padilla, owner of property located at 7009 Marconi Street (not present); 5) Gerardo Hernandez, owner of property located at 7010 Marconi Street; 6) Edgar and Gloria Reyes, owner of property located at 7013 Marconi Street; 7) Aurelio and Helen Valdez, owner of property located at 7016 Marconi Street; 8) Ciro Garza, owner of property located at 7019 Marconi Street; 9) Edilia Canova, owner of property located at 7023 Marconi Street; 10) Christian Mucke, owner of property located at 7024 Marconi Street (not present); and 11) Ana Gonzalez, owner of property located at 7029 Marconi Street (not present).

Robert Cabrales, representing Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the City's Lead Abatement Program and informed City Council that CBE has been working with City staff and the Los Angeles Community Legal Center for approximately one (1) year on the Lead Abatement Program, which will offer free home inspections to prevent lead poisoning. Mr. Cabrales also informed City Council that senior citizens and children are more at risk of getting lead poisoning and stressed the importance of outreaching to the community. Mr. Cabrales invited everyone to attend the community and youth meetings on Wednesdays and Mondays (respectively) at 6325 Pacific Boulevard, 3rd Floor.

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.

Laura Rosales, Principal of Middleton Primary Center, informed City Council that in an effort to cover the basic operation costs of Middleton Primary Center, they will be conducting a "Casino Night" Fundraiser at Leonardo's Restaurant on May 23, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Ms. Rosales distributed donation forms; and invited anyone interested to attend for an amount of \$25.00 per ticket or contact them for sponsorship opportunities.

Yolanda Alaniz, Youth Services Librarian at Huntington Park Library, informed City Council on the success of their "Dia De Los Niños/Dia De Los Libros" event on April 30, 2011 and thanked all the organizations who sponsored the event and the performers. Ms. Alaniz also thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for donating bags for the children who participated.

Liliana Ramirez and Ramiro Lopez, representing Roong-Fah #2 Thai-Chinese Food and BBQ Restaurant, invited City Council and City staff to their grand opening event at 2562 E. Gage Avenue on May 6, 2011. Mr. Lopez stated that they will be giving back to the community by donating to children with cancer and thanked City Council for their support.

Don Brabant, representing the City's All American City committee, invited City Council to attend the annual State of the City Address at the Family Center located at 3355 E. Gage Avenue on May 11, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. Mr. Brabant also invited City Council to attend the All American City Award Fundraiser at Robert Keller Park on May 11, 2011 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and informed City Council that Waste Management donated \$7,500 towards the endeavor.

Rudy Griego addressed his concerns to City Council regarding recent automobile thefts near Rugby Avenue and asked City Council to increase police surveillance in that area.

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 adoption of the Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. 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 **adopt the Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2011-2012; and authorized the City Manager to execute all required documents for transmittal to the HUD**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Molina.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 18, 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 May 5, 2011.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Status Report on the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition General Counsel Memorandum of the Amended Joint Powers Authority Agreement.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Vice Mayor Molina for discussion and/or action regarding the regulations for security at check cashing establishments. **There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez continued this item to the next Council meeting.**

City Clerk Ramirez requested appointment of a representative and alternate to the Independent Cities Financing Authority (ICFA), Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council, and Los Angeles County Sanitation District. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, **to appoint Council Members to the following organizations: 1) Independent Cities Financing Authority (ICFA-Gomez director and Hernandez alternate); 2) Los Angeles County Children's Planning Council-Gomez member; and 3) Los Angeles County Sanitation District-Hernandez member and Molina alternate**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Molina.

City Engineer Lind requested approval of a Quit Claim Deed between the City of Huntington Park and the Los Angeles Unified School District for a Water Utility Easement on Gage Avenue and Regent Street/Alameda Street. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Quit Claim Deed between the City of Huntington Park and the Los Angeles Unified School District for a Water Utility Easement on Gage Avenue and Regent Street/Alameda Street**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Molina.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of an Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Pyro Engineering dba Bay Fireworks for the production of the 2011 4th of July Fireworks Display. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve an Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Pyro Engineering dba Bay Fireworks for the production of the 2011 4th of July Fireworks Display for an amount not to exceed \$25,000**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Molina. **There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez directed Director of Finance Padilla to review the current resolution establishing a permit fee for the sale of fireworks based on 2% of the gross sales, verify the collection and accounting of the fee to confirm compliance, and report back to City Council.**

Acting Public Works Superintendent Bilodeau requested approval of an open purchase

order to Southern Counties Oil for the purchase of gasoline for all City vehicles for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010-2011 for an amount not to exceed \$72,000. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve an open purchase order to Southern Counties Oil for the purchase of gasoline for all City vehicles for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010-2011 for an amount not to exceed \$72,000**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Molina.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-16 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, **CONFIRMING THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE 2011-12 FISCAL YEAR** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-16, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Molina.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-17. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 70624** was presented. Council Member Perez left the dais at 6:47 p.m. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-17, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Guerrero, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Molina and Council Member Perez.

Council Member Perez returned to her seat at 6:48 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-18. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF **LA COUNTY'S PROJECT TRUST AND THE HEALTH AND EDUCATION COMMISSION'S EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH CITYWIDE SMOKING REGULATIONS** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-18, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Molina.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-19. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPOINTING THE REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDEPENDENT CITIES FINANCE AUTHORITY** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-19, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Molina.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m., in memory of Antonio Arevalo, father-in-law of Andy Molina, Vice Mayor for the City of Huntington Park.

Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk