

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, May 16, 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 Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez; Absent: Council Member Elba Guerrero.

Felipe Agredano, representing the Montebello Housing Development Corporation (MHDC), displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding their First-time Home-Buyer Program. Mr. Agredano briefed City Council regarding their organization and the success of their recent "Home Rescue Fair" at Huntington Park High School. Mr. Agredano informed City Council that they have been working with California State Senator Ron Calderon and the County of Los Angeles-Housing Economic Recovery Ownership Programs (HERO) to help families qualify for home loans. Vira Morales, informed City Council that they offer various services to families, including helping them qualify for low interest home loans and home owner classes, including foreclosure prevention education. Ms. Morales stated that these classes are currently being offered in different cities and asked for City Council's assistance in finding a location to conduct these classes in the City of Huntington Park in English and Spanish.

Antonio Plascencia, representing Local District 5 & 6 of the Los Angeles Unified School District, distributed handouts and informed City Council of the Public School Choice 3.0 focus schools in the southeast area as well as the criteria used to identify new focus schools. Mr. Plascencia also informed City Council that he has been working with Rowena Lagrossa, Interim Superintendent of Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) – Local District 6 and this year will be their third year improving overcrowding of schools and quality of education through the Los Angeles Unified School District Public School Choice.

Rowena Lagrossa, Interim Superintendent of Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) – Local District 6, informed City Council that on May 10, 2011, the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education approved recommendations to improve parent, student and community engagement. Ms. Lagrossa informed City Council of the Public School Choice process and timeline for the restructuring of Huntington Park High School, which is scheduled to commence July 5, 2011. Ms. Lagrossa informed City Council that the school will be divided into groups to better monitor progress during the PSC process and stated that the school faculty will have to undergo a re-interviewing process to ensure that the level of academics meets LAUSD's standards.

Eduardo Cisneros, representing Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board District 5 Vice President Yoli Flores' office, briefed City Council on the status of the new schools scheduled to open in the fall of 2012. Mr. Cisneros informed City Council that commencing fall 2012, all schools in the State of California will be on a traditional school calendar.

Bill Simmons, representing City Light & Power, addressed City Council regarding the following: current street lighting in the City of Huntington Park; the company's history and clientele; and services offered by City Light and Power.

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.

Don Brabant, representing the All America City Committee, thanked City Council, especially Vice Mayor Molina and City staff for assisting in their fundraising event held May 11, 2011. Mr. Brabant urged everyone to support their endeavor to participate in the All America City competition by donating funds in order to send representatives to Kansas City for the finals.

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

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Gomez for discussion and/or action regarding the following: 1) feature "Movies under the Stars" at Salt Lake Park; 2) the feasibility of establishing a Huntington Park Walk of Fame; and 3) a Latino Film and Arts Festival in the City of Huntington Park. Following a PowerPoint presentation by Dr. Ana Michel and Cristina Aguilar from MIA Productions; and a brief discussion, motion by Gomez, seconded by Perez, **to form an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Council Members Gomez and Perez to work with staff and research the feasibility of establishing "Movies under the Stars" at Salt Lake Park; a Huntington Park Walk of Fame; and a Latino Film and Arts Festival in the City of Huntington Park; and report back to City Council**, carried as

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

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with Resolution No. 2011-13 this is the time and place set to consider any protest or public comment regarding the abatement of weeds growing upon and in front of certain lots and parcels of land in the City of Huntington Park in accordance with California Government Code Section 39560 Et Seq. The City Clerk reported that one (1) written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk from the property owner of 2632 56th Street, Huntington Park. Mayor Hernandez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Hernandez declared the **public hearing** closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **ORDERING THE ABATEMENT OF NOXIOUS AND DANGEROUS WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN LOTS AND PARCELS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 39560 ET SEQ** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to adopt Resolution No. 2011-20, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with Resolution No. 2011-13 this is the time and place set to consider adoption of a Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Title 9 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code applicable to off-street loading standards. 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 866-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA **AMENDING PROVISIONS OF TITLE 9 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE APPLICABLE TO OFF-STREET LOADING STANDARDS** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 866-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 866-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Vice Mayor Molina abstaining on the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 2, 2011, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 2, 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 16, 2011.

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. **Following a brief discussion, Mayor Hernandez so ordered City staff and the City Attorney to review the existing regulations for security at check cashing establishments in the City and report back to City Council.**

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of Fourth Amendment to City of Huntington Park Contract for Service Agreement by and between Unified Nutrimeals, Inc. for the Summer Food Service, Breakfast and After School Snack Programs in Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to **approve the Fourth Amendment to City of Huntington Park Contract for Service Agreement by and between Unified Nutrimeals, Inc. for the Summer Food Service, Breakfast and After School Snack Programs in Fiscal Year 2011-2012**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero.

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 on Sunday, June 12, 2011. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to **approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Estrella Communications, Inc. for the Telemundo Sports Experience Event on Sunday, June 12, 2011**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of a Contract Services Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and David Evans and Associates, Inc. for the Salt Lake Park Trail and Irrigation Project Design. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to **approve the Contract Services Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and David Evans and Associates, Inc. for the Salt Lake Park Trail and Irrigation Project Design**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, established as “**subsequent need**” item, an application for Dance and Entertainment Permit for Leonardo’s Restaurant Leba Inc., located at 6617 Wilson Avenue. Mayor Hernandez recused herself from this item and left the dais at 7:13 p.m. The item arose after the posting of the agenda, necessitating City Council's immediate consideration and/or action, motion carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero and Mayor Hernandez. Director of Finance Padilla informed City Council that the Community Development, Police and Fire Departments have submitted approvals. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Molina, to **approve the Dance and Entertainment Permit for Leonardo’s Restaurant Leba Inc., located at 6617 Wilson Avenue, subject to the applicant complying with all conditions set forth in Planning Commission Resolution Nos.: 1811 and 1811A and Chief of Police approval of the security plan**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Member Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Guerrero and Mayor Hernandez.

Mayor Hernandez returned to her seat at 7:22 p.m. and declared the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk