

Minutes of the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, November 14, 2011.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor Andy Molina, Council Member Elba Guerrero, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez; Absent: Council Member Rosa E. Perez.

Mayor Hernandez announced that the special meeting was called for the purpose of unveiling the All-America City Quilt in Huntington Park City Hall November 14 through 22, 2011; and to discuss and/or take action regarding the First Quarter Financial Report for the City of Huntington Park.

Mayor Hernandez and City Council unveiled the All-America City Quilt in the lobby of City Hall.

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, and hearing none, declared oral communications closed.

Interim City Manager Romero presented City Council with the City's First Quarter Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and introduced Financial Advisor Michael Busch. Mr. Busch displayed a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the status of various revenue and expense accounts. Council Member Gomez left his seat at 5:53 p.m. and returned at 5:57 p.m. Mr. Busch recommended that the City work towards sustainability through cost containment, cost recovery, and comprehensive financial management policies.

Victor Dominguez, Executive Director of YMCA, informed City Council that the YMCA location at 6208 Seville Avenue has been sold and that they will no longer operate out of that facility but they will continue to provide youth and family services. Mr. Dominguez stated that the YMCA is currently putting together a strategic plan on how to deliver services to southeast cities which will also include youth in government and healthy family lifestyles. City Council requested that Mr. Dominguez keep them informed of their progress.

City Council requested the following details be included in the City's financial report: 1) Property Tax Revenue should be individually listed on the table of revenues; 2) Revenue from Franchise Fees should be listed by the source; and 3) Parking meter revenue should be defined.

Following a discussion, City Council recommended the following items be considered: 1) enhancement of sales tax revenue; 2) renegotiation of some existing contracts; 3) reconsider the proposal from City Light & Power; and 4) the upcoming proposed sewer and water rate increases.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk