

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, March 5, 2012.

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 and City Council presented a plaque to the American Youth Soccer Organization's "Men in Blue" team and certificates to the following team members for winning 1st Place and Title at the Southern California Section 11 Finals on February 11 and 12, 2012: Humberto Morales, Player #2; Fabian Regalado, Player #3; Eduardo Muñoz, Player #4; Oscar Correa, Player #5; Steven Hernandez, Player #6; Christopher Oviedo, Player #7; Kevin Garcia, Player #8; Alejandro Hernandez, Player #9; Bernardo Reyes, Player #10; Salvador Garcia, Player #11; Manuel Gonzalez, Player #12; Luis Carino, Player #13; Anthony Leon, Player #14; Andrew Plascencia, Player #15; Maribel Garcia, Team Mom; Miguel Correa, Assistant Coach; and Rommel Plascencia, Coach. Mr. Plascencia and two (2) team members thanked the City of Huntington Park, Mayor Hernandez and Council Members for recognizing the Men in Blue team and informed City Council that they will be competing at the State Finals.

Mayor Hernandez and City Council presented a proclamation designating March 2012 as "March for Meals Month" in the City of Huntington Park to the Oldtimers Foundation. Irene Muro, CEO of the Oldtimers Foundation, informed City Council that the Oldtimers Foundation provides meals to individuals with disabilities and senior citizens who are homebound for a variety of reasons. Ms. Muro also informed City Council that senior nutrition programs provide opportunities for seniors to socialize and help combat loneliness and isolation. Ms. Muro commended City Council for taking a pledge along with other cities, counties and states by participating in the National March for Meals and thanked City Council for their support and leadership in this endeavor. Ms. Muro introduced the following Oldtimers Foundation staff: Laura Santoyo, Assistant Nutrition Program Director; Martin Nava, Interim Chief Operations Officer, and Jose Solache, Development/Public Relations Coordinator. Ms. Muro also informed City Council that the City will be participating in the Mayors For Meals Day on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, in which mayors and other elected officials deliver meals to seniors in their community and invited everyone to attend their pancake breakfast fundraiser

at the Oldtimers Foundation located at 3355 E. Gage Avenue on Sunday, March 25, 2012 and stated that 100% of the proceeds will go to the Oldtimers Foundation Senior Nutrition Program.

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.

Balle Dario Machuca addressed his concern to City Council regarding the lack of parking in the City and informed City Council that families, senior citizens and disabled individuals are affected by this issue. Mr. Machuca asked City Council if the City has a solution to this matter.

Sam Perdomo, representing All Cities Engineering, addressed City Council on the item on the agenda under the Office of the City Manager requesting approval of a consultant services agreement for City Engineer/Building & Safety Services with Transtech Engineers, Inc. Mr. Perdomo informed City Council that he attended a meeting with City staff in which he confirmed the following queries regarding All Cities Engineering: 1) their ability to accept a three-month interim contract; 2) that the price submitted by All City Engineering was firm-fixed; 3) their commitment to serve the City; and 4) his role in providing said services to the City. Mr. Perdomo also informed City Council that All Cities Engineering's price is \$24,960 a month firm-fixed. Mr. Perdomo informed City Council that he looked into Transtech Engineers' references and found three (3) negatives. Mr. Perdomo requested City Council reject all proposals and reconsider this matter.

Jerry Feldman, proprietor of Central Ford in South Gate, informed City Council that Central Ford in conjunction with Ford Motor Company will be conducting a "Drive One 4 Ur School" event at Huntington Park High School on Thursday, April 5, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mr. Feldman informed City Council that a \$20 donation will be given to Huntington Park High School for each household that participates in test-driving a Ford vehicle at this event giving the Huntington Park High School a chance to earn up to \$6,000. Mr. Feldman informed City Council that Central Ford has been in business for approximately 22 months and it is doing very well. Mr. Feldman distributed copies of a flyer regarding this event and asked for City Council's support by helping them promote this charitable event.

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

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, 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 following City Council meetings:

- a. Regular meeting held Monday, February 6, 2012
- b. Special meeting held Monday, February 13, 2012
- c. Regular meeting held Tuesday, February 21, 2012.

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 March 5, 2012.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Interim City Manager Romero requested approval of a Consultant Services Agreement for City Engineer/Building & Safety Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Transtech Engineers, Inc., subject to City Attorney approval. Following a brief discussion, motion by Perez, seconded by Guerrero, to approve a **Consultant Services Agreement for City Engineer/Building & Safety Services by and between the City of Huntington Park**

and Transtech Engineers, Inc., on a month to month basis, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Interim Community Development Director Wong requested approval of the Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the California Enterprise Zone Program and the Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone and authorize the Mayor to execute the final MOU, subject to City Attorney approval. Motion by Perez, seconded by Molina, to **approve the Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the California Enterprise Zone Program and the Harbor Gateway Communities Enterprise Zone and authorize the Mayor to execute the final MOU, subject to City Attorney approval**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Interim Community Development Director Wong requested City Council receive and file the Draft Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan and authorize a 30-day public review period of the documents. Vice Mayor Molina recused himself from this item at 6:29 p.m. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **receive and file the Draft Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Annual Action Plan and authorize a 30-day public review period of the documents**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Abstain: Vice Mayor Molina; Absent: None.

Interim Community Development Director Wong requested discussion and/or action regarding the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) Plan for Middleton Elementary School and Middleton Primary Center. Albert Fontanez, Senior Planner, briefed City Council on the proposed Safe Routes to School Plan for Middleton Elementary School and Middleton Primary Center. Following a discussion, motion by Perez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the Safe Routes to School Plan for Middleton Elementary School and Middleton Primary Center and allocate a 10% local match required for the State's Cycle 10 Safe Route to School grant application for Option "C" which will partially fund the SR2S plan up to \$250,350**, 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 presented for discussion and/or action a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and The American Cancer Society for their Relay for Life event June 23 through 24, 2012; and a request for waiver of fees in the amount of \$1,209.50. Council Member Perez left her seat at 6:45 p.m. to address City Council from the podium on behalf of the American Cancer Society Southeast Cities Relay for Life to request City Council approval of the facility use agreement for their Relay for Life event and waiver of fees for the facility rental and permit and inspection. Ms. Perez informed City Council that the American Cancer Society Southeast Cities Relay for Life will be able to pay the rental of the City generator fee in the amount of \$165 and the Special Event Park Use Permit Application fee in the amount of \$30. Motion by Molina, seconded by Gomez, to **approve a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and The American Cancer Society for their Relay for Life event June 23 through 24, 2012; and approved waiver of facility rental and permit and inspection fees in the total amount of \$1,044.50**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Perez. Council Member Perez invited everyone to attend the American Cancer Society Southeast Cities Relay for Life event June 23 through 24, 2012 at Salt Lake Park.

Council Member Perez returned to her seat at 6:51 p.m.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested authorization to work with Caroline Promotions, Inc. to conduct a Bike Safety Event in April 2012 during Month of the Child. Carolina Jovenich, representing Carolina Promotions, Inc., informed City Council that the proposed Bike Safety event will be in conjunction with the month of the child event. Ms. Jovenich informed City Council she is proposing to bring the "El Tour de La Alegrias" on a smaller scale to this event at no cost to the City; and requested City Council's permission to solicit sponsors for this event. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **authorize staff to**

work with Caroline Promotions, Inc. to conduct a Bike Safety Event in April 2012 during Month of the Child at no cost to the City and staff will come back to City Council with an agreement; and authorize Caroline Promotions to solicit sponsors for the event, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 882-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, **AMENDING TITLE FOUR OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN AND AROUND MULTI-UNIT RESIDENCES** was read by title. City Clerk Ramirez distributed copies of letters in support of this ordinance to City Council from the Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America; American Academy of Pediatrics; American Heart Association and American Stroke Association; American Lung Association in California; California School Nurses Organization Healthy Children Learn Better; and California Association of School Health Educators (CASHE). Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 882-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 882-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 883-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING TITLE 4, CHAPTER 7, SECTION 4-7.1622 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO **PROHIBITED PARKING OF MOTOR HOMES AND TRAILERS** was read by title. Motion by Molina, seconded by Gomez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 883-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 883-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Molina, Council Members Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6, for CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Agency designated representative: Interim City Manager, Employee organizations: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees; and for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (4). Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:02 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:44 p.m. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor Andy Molina, Council Member Elba Guerrero, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session, a status report was given to City Council for CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Agency designated representative: Interim City Manager, Employee organizations: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees; and for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (4).

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m., in memory of Elizabeth Middleton, Sister of Susan Crum, Office Assistance I for the City of Huntington Park.

Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk