

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, March 19, 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.

Ricardo Paz introduced Ricardito Paz who performed a song in honor of Mayor Hernandez.

Vice Mayor Molina presented a plaque to Mayor Ofelia Hernandez in recognition of her outstanding leadership, guidance and service to the community during her term as Mayor in 2011-2012. Mayor Hernandez thanked City Council, especially Vice Mayor Molina, for

their support and thanked the community for their support, trust and respect.

Mayor Hernandez vacated her position as Mayor.

Vice Mayor Molina called for nominations for Mayor.

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, **to nominate Vice Mayor Molina as Mayor**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Hernandez, Guerrero, Perez, and Vice Mayor Molina; Absent: None.

Mayor Molina vacated his position as Vice Mayor and called for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Perez, **to nominate Council Member Guerrero as Vice Mayor**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez, Hernandez, Guerrero, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Absent: None.

Council Member Perez thanked Council Member Hernandez, congratulated Mayor Molina and Vice Mayor Guerrero, and stated that she looks forward to new leadership.

Council Member Hernandez stated that Mayor Molina and Vice Mayor Guerrero will make a great team and that City Council will continue working together.

Council Member Gomez thanked Council Member Hernandez for a great job during her term as Mayor in 2011-2012 and congratulated Mayor Molina and Vice Mayor Guerrero on their new posts.

Vice Mayor Guerrero congratulated Mayor Molina and stated that she looks forward to working with him in this coming financially difficult year.

Vice Mayor Guerrero left her seat at 6:13 p.m.

Mayor Molina stated that we will continue to work collectively for the community with City Council, Department Heads, City staff, businesses, and non-profit organizations. Mayor Molina thanked his family, colleagues, and elected officials present for their support and stated that he is committed to get the job done and explore opportunities.

Mayor Molina 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.

Vice Mayor Guerrero returned to her seat at 6:14 p.m.

Enrique Murillo congratulated Mayor Molina and Vice Mayor Guerrero on their new posts and stated that he hopes City Council works together.

Balle Dario Machuca addressed his concern to City Council regarding the lack of parking in the City, asked City Council if there is a solution, and expressed his interest in becoming a volunteer for the City to assist in finding a solution to this matter. Interim City Manager Romero informed Mr. Machuca that there will be a meeting scheduled with the Traffic Authority to address the parking concerns and invited Mr. Machuca to attend said meeting in the near future.

Mike Harriel, Public Affairs Manager with the Southern California Gas Company, congratulated Mayor Molina and Vice Mayor Guerrero on their new posts, wished the City much success and stated that if there is anything they can do to participate or help City Council to let him know.

Ronald V. Garcia, Southern California Edison Regional Manager Public Affairs, congratulated Mayor Molina and stated that he knows that he will do a great job as a Mayor. Mr. Garcia informed City Council that Arlene Savage passed away and that her funeral services will be held at The Salvation Army located at 4950 Gage Avenue, Huntington Park, on Friday, March 30, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Martin Delgado, Community Library Manager at the Huntington Park Library, thanked Mayor Hernandez for her service as Mayor and informed City Council of the following events scheduled to take place at the Huntington Park Library for the months of March, April, and May 2012: 1) Author Manuel Gayot presents "Ojos de Godo Rojo" on May 12, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.; 2) Family Place Parent Baby and Toddlers Workshop on March 21, 2012 through April 4, 2012; 3) Visit from poet Dr. Tomas Hernandez on March 21, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.; 4) Violet Jessop: Heroine of the Titanic Shipwreck on March 31, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.; 5) Dia de los

niños/Dia de los libros event on April 28, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.; and 6) Paper-making Workshop with Artist Laurel Koss on May 19, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Irilio Sanchez, longtime resident of the City, thanked City Council for working very hard and making the City of Huntington Park more beautiful and a better city to live in.

Jose Solache, Development/Public Relations Coordinator from Oldtimers Foundation, acknowledged Irma Molina and congratulated Mayor Molina and Vice Mayor Guerrero on the outcome of the Council reorganization. Mr. Solache invited City Council to attend their Pancake Breakfast fundraising event on Sunday, March 25, 2012 and the Mayors For Meals Day on Wednesday, March 21, 2012. Mr. Solache thanked City Council for their support and stated that he looks forward to working with them.

Janine Hamner, Community Relations Manager with Waste Management, on behalf of Waste Management congratulated Mayor Molina and Vice Mayor Guerrero on their new posts and stated that they look forward to working with them and the community. Ms. Hamner announced that in efforts to keep the City of Huntington Park clean, residents who are customers of Waste Management may call 1(800) 774-0222 to have bulky items picked up free of charge.

Victor Dominguez, President of Southeast Rio Vista Family YMCA, congratulated Mayor Molina and Vice Mayor Guerrero on their new posts on City Council and informed City Council that 22 participants of their Youth and Government Leadership Program recently went to Sacramento to present a legislative bill in the State Capitol. Mr. Dominguez stated that the Southeast Rio Vista Family YMCA will be forming a new delegation and will be recruiting approximately 40 high school students in the near future.

Sergio Infanzon, Mayor Pro Tem in the City of Bell Gardens, informed City Council that he will continue working together with the City of Huntington Park to improve the quality of life of the people they represent and congratulated Mayor Molina and Vice Mayor Guerrero on their new posts and stated that City Council has his support.

Jorge Morales, Council Member in the City of South Gate, stated that he is in attendance as a proud friend of Mayor Molina and that he looks forward to partnering with City Council and the City of Huntington Park

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

Mayor Molina thanked his colleagues Sergio Infanzon, Mayor Pro Tem in the City of Bell Gardens and Jorge Morales, Council Member in the City of South Gate. Mayor Molina acknowledged non-profit organizations, the business community, corporate partners, and various organizations in the City, including the American Cancer Society Southeast Cities Relay for Life; Southeast Churches; Oldtimers Foundation; Southeast Rio Vista Family YMCA; Kiwanis Club; Women's Club. Mayor Molina acknowledged Father Rody Gorman for being an inspiration to a lot people. Mayor Molina expressed thanks to the entire City staff and stated that he is looking forward to this year and invited everyone to refreshments.

Mayor Molina declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., March 20, 2012.

Andy Molina, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk