

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, May 7, 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 Molina. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Andy Molina; Absent: None.

Eric Garcia, Planning Manager, informed City Council that May is National Historic Preservation Month and this year's theme is "Discover America's Hidden Gems"; and displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the properties in the City nominated by the Historic Preservation Commission for their distinguishing features of their properties/structures. Mr. Garcia acknowledged the Historic Preservation Commissioners present and read a letter from Barry Milofsky, Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission, in support of the properties nominated by the Historic Preservation Commission in honor of this year's National Historic Preservation Month. Mayor Molina and City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to the following property owners acknowledging their efforts in maintaining the historically distinguishing features of their properties/structures: 1) Jacinto V. Lopez, 6617 Albany Street; 2) Norbertha Duron, 6910 Marconi Street; 3) Josefina E. Plascencia, 6723 Middleton Street; 4) Edward and Diane I. Benitez, 7011 Mission Place; 5) Benjamin E. Diaz and Dora L. Martinez, 7017 Mission Place; 6) Enedelia Moreno Trust, 2781 Randolph Street; 7) Jose M. Isabel and Rosalinda Padilla, 6904 State Street; 8) Joseph Lawson, 6519 Templeton Street; and 9) Daniel F. Sutton, 2171 Zoe Avenue.

Martha Gonzalez, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Local District 6 Safe and Healthy School Facilitator, displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the LAUSD Public School Choice (PSC) 3.0 Informational School Plan for Lucille Royball Allard Elementary School located at 3232 Saturn Avenue. Ms. Gonzalez thanked the City of Huntington Park, especially Council Member Hernandez and Mayor Molina for their support and informed City Council that LAUSD is partnering with various organizations including the Human Services Association (HSA) to enhance early childhood education; and the Huntington Park Police Department to get students involved in their various youth programs.

Ruth Navarro, Bilingual/EL Coordinator at Miles Avenue Elementary School, informed City Council that Lucille Royball-Allard Elementary School will offer bilingual academic literacy in English and Spanish.

Hang Nguyen, Categorical Budget Coordinator at Miles Avenue Elementary School, informed City Council that Lucille Royball-Allard Elementary School will offer a "Culture of the Worlds" program to get students involved in English Language Arts and Social Studies so they will be able to compete with other individuals of different cultures, especially in the work environment.

Claudia Martinez, 1st Grade Teacher at Miles Elementary School, informed City Council that Lucille Royball-Allard School will focus on intervention and enrichment to address the needs of the students and help them become successful students.

Teresa Rivas, 1st Grade Teacher at Miles Avenue Elementary School, informed City Council that Lucille Royball-Allard Elementary School will have a Reading and Writers Workshop to teach students strategy and comprehension.

Lisa Robles, 4th Grade Teacher at Miles Avenue Magnet School, informed City Council that Lucille Royball-Allard Elementary School will have a mathematics program to help with problem solving and a technology mobile lab to teach students to become technology proficient.

Maria Alcaraz, 1st Grade Teacher at Miles Avenue Magnet School, informed City Council that Social Studies and Science will be offered at Lucille Royball-Allard Elementary School with a hands-on approach. Ms. Alcaraz also informed City Council that they will offer a Collaborative Study class which is an extracurricular enhancement class for students taking drama, dance, and performance art classes.

Angelica Rivera, 5th Grade Special Education Teacher at Miles Elementary School, informed City Council that Lucille Royball-Allard Elementary School will be implementing an inclusion model to help special education students learn and interact with others.

Michael Blount, Los Angeles Unified School District Local District 6 Response to Intervention Coordinator, informed City Council that schools are facing funding challenges and that LAUSD is cutting funding for after-school programs so they are taking volunteers if anyone is interested. Mr. Blount invited City Council to attend the celebration for the opening

of Lucille Royball-Allard Elementary School on August 6, 2012 and informed City Council that there will be no more year-round public schools.

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.

Balle Dario Machuca, informed City Council that he is in attendance tonight again to remind City Council that the City still has a lack of parking and asked if there is a solution. Mr. Machuca also informed City Council that the Police Department is still issuing parking citations for exceeding the time limit and asked City Council for assistance with this matter. Mr. Machuca also informed City Council that an individual who worked with City Council for approximately ten (10) years is being investigated.

Javier Reyes, founder of Academia Moderna Charter School located in Walnut Park, informed City Council that they currently serve approximately 40% of the students in Huntington Park and introduced the Academia Moderna School staff.

A lady addressed City Council on behalf of the family of a missing senior citizen and thanked the City of Huntington Park, City Council, and the Huntington Park Police Department for their persistence and dedication in finding the missing gentleman.

Robert Cabrales, representing Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), informed City Council on the success of the tree planting event that took place on March 31, 2012, in which approximately twenty (20) new trees were planted with the help of the TreePeople. Mr. Cabrales stated that CBE is planning on planting more trees in the future and thanked City Council for their support and Mario Lopez, Public Works Supervisor for his assistance with this project. Mr. Cabrales also informed City Council on the success of a clean-up event in honor of Earth Day on April 22, 2012 and thanked the community for participating.

Jesse Estrella addressed his concern to City Council regarding an unsafe intersection at Cudahy Street and Otis Avenue. Mr. Estrella informed City Council that vehicles going west on Cudahy Street turning left on Otis Avenue cannot make a left-hand turn safely at that intersection because vehicles parked on that street obstruct the visibility of drivers making a left turn and asked if this matter could be addressed at the next City Council meeting. Mayor Molina referred Mr. Estrella to Interim Director of Public Works Quintero regarding this matter.

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

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, **to remove the Community Development Department Summary Report of Business Grievances Ad-Hoc Committee Actions and Recommendations from the Consent Calendar for an update**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Interim Director of Community Development Wong briefed City Council on the Business Grievances Ad-Hoc Committee Actions and Recommendations pertaining to Signage and Banners, Grand Opening Events, Handbill Distribution, and Dance and Entertainment Fees. Mr. Wong informed City Council that staff will report back to City Council soon regarding News Racks in the City and thanked City staff from various departments for meeting to discuss the resolutions of common grievances expressed from the business and residential communities.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 16, 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 May 7, 2012.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Irrigation Improvements related to Salt Lake Park Trail and Irrigation Project.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Community Development Department Summary Report of Business Grievances Ad-Hoc Committee Actions and Recommendations.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Office of the City Manager requested approval of the Thirteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement for Spanish Translation Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Samantha L. Lubrani. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Thirteenth Amendment to Employment Agreement for Spanish Translation Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Samantha L. Lubrani**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, and Mayor Molina; Noes: Council Members Hernandez and Perez; Absent: None.

Interim Director of Community Development Wong requested approval of the Third Amendment to the Agreement for Public Pay Telephone Services by and between the City of Huntington Park, G.L. Crowthers Company, Inc., and Littlejohn Communications, Inc. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the Third Amendment to the Agreement for Public Pay Telephone Services by and between the City of Huntington Park, G.L. Crowthers Company, Inc., and Littlejohn Communications, Inc.**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Interim Director of Community Development Wong requested discussion and/or action regarding the Alternative Analysis Report for the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PEROW)/West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) Corridor and selection of a preferred alignment; and distributed flyers of upcoming community meetings to City Council. Gabriela Silva, Assistant Planner, displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed alternative alignment for the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PEROW)/West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) Corridor. Ms. Silva informed City Council that staff recommends West Bank Alternative 3 to be the preferred alignment with modifications and that staff be directed to prepare a response letter to Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) outlining the City's position and preferred alignment with modification to be signed by the Mayor. Nancy Michali, Associate Vice President of Transportation representing AECOM, informed City Council that the high speed transit system is scheduled to open in 2021. Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to **authorize staff to send a letter to Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) outlining the City's position on the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PEROW)/West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) Corridor preferred alignment to be West Bank Alternative 3 with modifications and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of an Eighth Amendment to Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Alltech Protective Services for Security Services. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **direct staff to research cost effective options for security at City Hall and report back to City Council with recommendations**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of a Revocable Permit

Agreement by and between Gametime Flag Football and the City of Huntington Park. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Revocable Permit Agreement by and between Gametime Flag Football and the City of Huntington Park**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief of Police Cisneros requested authorization to select Dapeer, Rosenblit, & Litvak, LLP to provide City Prosecutor Services. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **select Dapeer, Rosenblit, & Litvak, LLP to provide City Prosecutor Services**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Interim Public Works Director Quintero requested approval of the proposed plan for use of Proposition 1B-Local Streets and Road Improvement, Congestion Relief, and Traffic Safety Account Funds in the amount of \$965,003.98 as determined by the State Controller's Office (SCO). Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the proposed plan for use of Proposition 1B-Local Streets and Road Improvement, Congestion Relief, and Traffic Safety Account Funds in the amount of \$965,003.98 as determined by the State Controller's Office (SCO) and authorized Interim Director of Public Works Quintero to amend the City's project description prior to submittal to the SCO**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-20. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **ADOPTING THE ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THIRD AMENDED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-20, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-21. 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 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-21, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-22. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FINES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION NO. 2004-50 FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 3, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 20 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING REGULATIONS FOR TAXICABS AND LIMOUSINES** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-22, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 885-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE (HPMC) RELATING TO **DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR SIGNS WITHIN THE CITY** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 885-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 885-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Ordinance Nos.: 887-NS, 888-NS, 889-NS, 890-NS, and 891-NS were presented as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 887-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 1 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE BY **ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2011 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, TITLE 26, BUILDING CODE**, WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS THERETO.

ORDINANCE NO. 888-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 10 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE BY **ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2011 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, TITLE 27, ELECTRICAL CODE**, WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS THERETO.

ORDINANCE NO. 889-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 5 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE BY **ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2011 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, TITLE 28, PLUMBING CODE**, WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS THERETO.

ORDINANCE NO. 890-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 11 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE BY **ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2011 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, TITLE 29, MECHANICAL CODE**, WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS THERETO.

ORDINANCE NO. 891-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 1B OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE BY **ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2011 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, TITLE 30, RESIDENTIAL CODE**, WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS THERETO.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance Nos.: 887-NS, 888-NS, 889-NS, 890-NS, and 891-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance Nos.: 887-NS, 888-NS, 889-NS, 890-NS, and 891-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 897-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 3 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE **MODIFYING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS RELATING TO GRAND OPENINGS** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 897-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 897-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for the following: 1) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Title: City Attorney; 2) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT, Title: Interim City Manager; and 3) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1). Mayor Molina declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:14 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 9:29 p.m. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Andy Molina; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the closed session items: 1) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Title: City Attorney, no action taken; 2) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT, Title: Interim City Manager, City Council on a 5-0 vote approved an agreement with Mary Strenn for Interim City Manager services; and 3) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1), a status report was given to City Council, no action taken.

Mayor Molina declared the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m., in memory of Mary Ruiz Cedillo, mother of former State Senator and current State Assemblymember Gilbert Cedillo, representing the 45th District; and Moises Jesus Gonzalez, longtime resident of Huntington Park, former student of St. Matthias Elementary School and U.S. Army soldier who died in

support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Andy Molina, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk