

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, May 21, 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 Vice Mayor Guerrero. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero; Absent: Mayor Andy Molina.

Vice Mayor Guerrero and City Council presented a Certificates of Recognition to Esperanza Galvan for her dedication to community service and exemplifying the true spirit of volunteerism; and for being selected to receive the "Outstanding Community Service" award by the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults (LACCOA) and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors at the 47th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) Awards Program on May 23, 2012.

Vice Mayor Guerrero and City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to the following students from Miles Avenue Elementary School for participating in the "Recycle-Reduce-Reuse" Contest held on April 30, 2012 by creating artwork from recycled materials: 1) Ashley Pineda, Kindergarten Winner displayed "Cow and Mouse"; 2) Janet Aguilar, 1st Grade Winner displayed "Rooster"; 3) Henry Varela, 2nd Grade Winner displayed "Tarantula"; 4) Isaac Rosas, 3rd Grade Winner displayed "Turtle"; 5) Jalen Montoya, 4th Grade Winner created "Penguin with Fish" (not present); 6) Margarita Tafolla, 5th Grade Winner displayed "Dog"; 7) Susie Flores, 3rd Place Winner created "Fish" (not present); 8) Aaron Delgado, 2nd Place Winner displayed "Pig"; and 9) Eduardo Rodriguez, 1st Place Winner displayed "Dinosaur".

Vice Mayor Guerrero and City Council also presented Certificates of Recognition to the following Committee Organizers from Miles Avenue Elementary School for participating in the "Recycle-Reduce-Reuse" Contest held on April 30, 2012: 1) Alejandra Pineda; 2) Hang Nguyen (not present); 3) Ruth Navarro (not present); 4) Emma Gutierrez; 5) Narda Verde (not present); 6) Antonia Quijas; 7) Alejandra Pineda; and 8) Ricardo Gastelum. Council Member Hernandez thanked Pamela Robertson, Principal of Miles Avenue Elementary School and Robert Cabrales of Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) for judging this contest.

Vice Mayor Guerrero 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.

Enrique Murillo informed City Council that his vehicle was burglarized and that some of his papers were stolen. Mr. Murillo informed City Council that he receives complaints from residents regarding City Council including the compensation that the City pays the City Attorney. Mr. Murillo stated that he is glad to see that the City has a new Interim City Manager.

Daniel Benites informed City Council that his vehicle was stolen and addressed his concern regarding the documents that were stolen from his vehicle. Mr. Benites stated that he has a family and fears for their safety. Mr. Benites urged City Council to increase police patrol in the City.

Michael Ramirez, 12th Grade student at Libra Academy High School, informed City Council that he has played football at Huntington Park High School for three (3) years while attending Libra Academy High School. Mr. Ramirez also informed City Council that Libra Academy High School student athletes have been informed that they will not be able to participate in fall sports through Huntington Park High School once they leave the Huntington Park High School campus to relocate to their new campus in Huntington Park because the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) considers the commute from the new campus for Libra Academy High School to Huntington Park High School to be unsafe. Mr. Ramirez stated that parent volunteers are able to transport students and that there are other transportation alternatives such as utilizing the City's transportation programs and police escorts; and urged City Council to support them in this endeavor.

Lisa Davis, Principal of Libra Academy High School, informed City Council that Libra Academy High School is the first pilot school in the Los Angeles Unified School District, District 6 in Huntington Park and currently resides at the Huntington Park High School campus. Ms. Davis also informed City Council that Libra Academy High School will be relocating to their new campus at Marquez High School and that according to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), when a new school opens, they are not allowed to offer fall sports to students for different reasons such as the time it takes to recruit coaching staff. Ms. Davis also informed City Council that Michael Ramirez is currently the Quarterback for the Huntington Park Varsity Football Team and that it would be unfair to not allow him to

continue playing his last year of high school, especially when he will be applying to colleges. Ms. Davis stated that Libra Academy High School has innovative ideas to safely transport students and that they are scheduled to meet with Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent John Deasy regarding this matter and asked for City Council's support.

Shannon Lambert, Social Studies Teacher at Libra Academy High School, briefed City Council regarding her many years of involvement and success as a coach and educator in Huntington Park and stressed the importance of allowing Libra Academy High School student athletes to be allowed to excel in academics as well as in sports. Ms. Lambert also informed City Council that Michael Ramirez has played for the Huntington Park High School Football Team for three (3) years and is now being told that he may not be allowed to play his last year of High School. Ms. Lambert stated that high school students should not have to choose between academics and sports and asked City Council for support.

Amanda Dulcet, 11th Grade student at Libra Academy High School, informed City Council that she is the Captain of the Huntington Park Varsity Tennis Team and has worked hard to get to this position. Ms. Dulcet stressed the importance of having a strong foundation in academics as well as sports to be a better candidate for colleges and in order to qualify for financial assistance. Ms. Dulcet stated that her parents along with other Libra Academy High School student athletes are tax payers just like everyone else and that she should not have to decide between playing a sport or academics.

Armando Lopez informed City Council that he is a youth football coach in support of student athletes at Libra Academy High School and that Libra Academy High School understands the proper chain of command which is why they have asked to meet with the Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent to discuss the need for Libra Academy High School student athletes to be able to continue playing fall sports and asked for City Council's support. Mr. Lopez informed City Council that Libra Academy High School attended a meeting with Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) in which transporting of students was considered a safety issue according to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) rules. Mr. Lopez also addressed a concern with a conflict between the Huntington Park High School Softball and Baseball Teams and the Parks and Recreation Department.

Robert Cabrales, community organizer with Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), briefed City Council on the history of his accomplishments and involvement in various movements in the community. Mr. Cabrales informed City Council that he will continue to work towards improving the air quality and health of the community and asked City Council to consider appointing him to the Health and Education Commission.

A representative from Majeda Jewelry located at 2811 E. Florence Avenue addressed City Council regarding the request for approval of a Secondhand Dealer's Special Permit on the City Council agenda and asked City Council's consideration.

Balle D. Machuca addressed his concern to City Council regarding the Chief of Police using his cellular telephone during the City Council meeting and informed City Council that he received a letter from the City asking him to pay outstanding parking tickets or they will impound his vehicle. Mr. Machuca asked City Council why they have not found a solution to the lack of parking problem in the City and asked City Council to keep this matter on the agenda in order to find a solution and to stop abusing residents.

Ivan Rodriguez, 12th Grade student at Huntington Park High School, informed City Council that he is a member of Youth Edge, an environmental justice group within Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) and briefed City Council regarding his involvement with Robert Cabrales over the years. Mr. Rodriguez also informed City Council that he worked with Mr. Cabrales to put together a video on pollution that was shown at the "LA Rising Concert" in the Los Angeles Coliseum on May 30, 2011 which was viewed by approximately 150,000 individuals. Mr. Rodriguez also informed City Council that Mr. Cabrales helped him form a bike club, plan bike rides, and select bike routes. Mr. Rodriguez stated that Mr. Cabrales has many creative and inspirational ideas that would make him a great member of the Health and Education Commission and asked City Council to consider Robert Cabrales for this position.

Victoria Hernandez, 12th Grade student at Huntington Park High School, informed City Council that she will be attending University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and that her involvement with Robert Cabrales through Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) helped her to participate in a youth road trip up north to visit colleges in 2010. Ms. Hernandez also informed City Council that she learned the importance of obtaining a higher education to better represent the Latino community in colleges and thanked CBE and Robert Cabrales for this opportunity. Ms. Hernandez also briefed City Council regarding Mr. Cabrales' ongoing

involvement with seniors and the youth in the community, including various environmental movements; and stated that Mr. Cabrales is passionate about his work and that he would be a great asset to the Health and Education Commission.

Christopher Becerra informed City Council that there is lack of parking on Seville Avenue and that his vehicle was towed for not having the vehicle registration sticker properly placed on the license plate while he attempted to take his family out for Mother's Day. Mr. Becerra also informed City Council that he was made aware that he had approximately thirteen (13) unpaid parking tickets which total to approximately \$950 in addition to California Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) fees of \$165 and \$250 towing fees in order to get his vehicle released. Mr. Becerra stated that he may not be able to pay his rent this month due to the amount he will have to pay for parking tickets and fees. Becerra also informed City Council that Annie Ruiz in the City's Finance Department was the only staff member in the City that was more understanding of his situation. Mr. Becerra stated that he receives parking citations on a daily basis during the 1st and 2nd week of each month and asked City Council to find a solution to the lack of parking on Seville Avenue.

The following individuals addressed City Council in support of Robert Cabrales for commissioner of the Health and Education Commission: 1) Ana Haney; 2) Ricardo Aserum; and 3) Fernando Solis.

Jesse Estrella addressed his concern to City Council regarding a blind spot/unsafe intersection at Cudahy Street and Otis Avenue. Mr. Estrella informed City Council that he is pleased with the Interim Director of Public Works Quintero for taking the time to call him regarding his concern and thanked him. Mr. Estrella also informed City Council that he contacted City staff in the Planning, Code Enforcement and Building and Safety Departments regarding the aesthetics of a wooden fence structure dividing property. Mr. Estrella informed City Council that the Code Enforcement and Building and Safety Departments overruled the Planning Department even though it is in the City's Municipal Code as to how a fence should be installed. Mr. Estrella presented photographs of the fence and asked City Council for assistance with this matter. Vice Mayor Guerrero referred Mr. Estrella to Interim City Manager Strenn regarding this matter.

Maria Elena Arreola, longtime resident, addressed City Council in support of Robert Cabrales for commissioner in the Health and Education Commission. Ms. Arreola briefed City Council on the various movements she has been involved in with Mr. Cabrales such as the removal of La Montaña, opposing the Vernon Power Plant, and the lead abatement outreach in the community. Ms. Arreola thanked City Council for their consideration in appointing Mr. Cabrales to the Health and Education Commission.

Jose Rodolfo Vallejo, member of the Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), informed City Council that he is a longtime resident of the City and recommended Robert Cabrales be appointed to the Health and Education Commission and invited City Council to attend the CBE meetings on Wednesdays at 6325 Pacific Boulevard.

Victoria Herrera, Chairperson of the Health and Education Commission, addressed City Council on behalf of the Health and Education Commission to inform them that interviews were conducted of all the applicants including Robert Cabrales for the Health and Education Commission and after long and careful consideration they selected two (2) individuals to be recommended for appointment to the Health and Education Commission by City Council. Ms. Herrera requested that City Council consider and approve the recommendation by the Health and Education Commission regarding the appointment of two commissioners.

Yvonne Correa addressed City Council regarding Robert Cabrales and asked City Council to make appointments to the Health and Education Commission based on those individuals who reside and work in the City of Huntington Park.

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

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with Resolution No. 2012-17 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 communication had been received in the Office of the City Clerk and stated that there was no need to adopt the proposed resolution ordering abatement of weeds since there are no properties to abate. Vice Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Vice Mayor Guerrero declared the

public hearing closed.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider any protest or public comment regarding the Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. The City Clerk reported that no written communication had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Vice Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Vice Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing closed.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to **adopt the City's Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 and authorize the Interim City Manager to execute all related documents for submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD)**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Molina.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider any protest or public comment on a resolution establishing the Enterprise Zone (EZ) Application Fee as it relates to voucher applications. The City Clerk reported that no written communication had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Vice Mayor Guerrero declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Vice Mayor Guerrero declared the **public hearing** closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-23. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ESTABLISHING AN ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION FEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 856 was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-23, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Molina.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the following City Council meetings:

- a. Special meeting held Tuesday, April 10, 2012
- b. Special meeting held Friday, May 4, 2012
- c. Regular meeting held Monday, May 7, 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 21, 2012.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Gomez for discussion and/or action regarding parking issues in the City. **Following a brief discussion and there being no objection, Vice Mayor Guerrero appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Vice Mayor Guerrero and Council Member Gomez to look into alternative solutions for the parking issues in the City.**

Interim Director of Community Development Wong presented for discussion and/or action a recommendation by the Health and Education Commission to appoint two (2) commissioners to serve on the Health and Education Commission. Motion by Perez, seconded

by Gomez, to **appoint Leticia Martinez to serve an unexpired term ending November 21, 2015 and Martha Walker to serve an unexpired term ending September 6, 2013 on the Health and Education Commission**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Council Member Perez, and Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: Council Member Hernandez; Absent: Mayor Molina.

Director of Finance Padilla requested approval of a Secondhand Dealer's Special Permit for Majeda Jewelry located at 2811 E. Florence Avenue with conditions as stated by the Huntington Park Police Department. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Perez, to **approve a Secondhand Dealer's Special Permit for Majeda Jewelry located at 2811 E. Florence Avenue with conditions as stated by the Huntington Park Police Department**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Molina.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of the Fifth Amendment to City of Huntington Park Contract for Service Agreement with Unified Nutrimeals, Inc. for the Summer Food Service, Breakfast and After School Snack Programs in Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Fifth Amendment to City of Huntington Park Contract for Service Agreement with Unified Nutrimeals, Inc. for the Summer Food Service, Breakfast and After School Snack Programs in Fiscal Year 2012-2013**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Molina.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of the Eighth Amendment to Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Alltech Protective Services for Security Services; and discussion and/or action regarding the plan for internal staffing of the front desk in the City Hall lobby. Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Eighth Amendment to Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Alltech Protective Services for Security Services; and approve the plan for internal staffing of the front desk in the City Hall lobby**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Molina.

Chief of Police Cisneros requested authorization to accept the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding totaling \$42,418 from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Motion by Gomez, seconded by Perez, to **authorize acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding totaling \$42,418 from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Molina.

Interim Director of Public Works Quintero requested approval of an Automated Fuel Control System Service and Support Agreement between E.J. Ward Inc. and the City of Huntington Park for a term of five (5) years. **Following a brief discussion, Vice Mayor Guerrero directed staff to make the necessary changes and bring the agreement back for a term of one (1) year at the next City Council meeting, subject to City Attorney approval.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-24. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, IDENTIFYING AND APPROVING THE CENSUS TRACTS COMPRISING TARGETED EMPLOYMENT AREAS FOR THE ENTERPRISE ZONE was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Perez, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-24, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Molina.

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 Hernandez, seconded by Perez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 897-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 897-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: None; Absent: Mayor Molina.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for the following: 1) pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Huntington Patients' Association, Edwin Movagharian vs. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. BC466323; 2) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code

Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1); and 3) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT, Title: City Manager. Vice Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:01 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 9:12 p.m. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero; Absent: Mayor Andy Molina.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the closed session items: 1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Huntington Patients' Association, Edwin Movagharian vs. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. BC466323, a status report was given to City Council; 2) 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 and direction was given to staff; and 3) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT, Title: City Manager, a status report was given to City Council and direction was given to staff.

Vice Mayor Guerrero declared the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Elba Guerrero, Vice Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk