

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, June 4, 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: Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Andy Molina; Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez and Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

Mayor Molina thanked Department Heads, City staff, Huntington Park High School students and faculty for participating in the 5th Annual Student Government Day, especially Marylou Ascension for coordinating this event. Mayor Molina and City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to the following Huntington Park students and faculty who participated in the City of Huntington Park's 5th Annual Student Government Day: 1) Jasmin Hernandez (not present); 2) David Gonzalez (not present); 3) Gustavo Gonzalez; 4) Ashley Plascencia (not present); 5) Daniela Gutierrez (not present); 6) Maria Gonzalez (not present); 7) Steve Campos; 8) Jonnathan Villalobos; 9) Giselle Vega (not present); 10) Carmen Alvarez (not present); 11) Kiara Hernandez (not present); 12) Sergio Dominguez (not present); 13) Janet Ortiz; 14) Cristina Leon (not present); and 15) Julian Zatarain; 16) Lupe Hernandez; 17) Miguel Saenz; and 18) Claudia Diera (not present). Mr. Zatarain informed City Council that he learned a lot about the role of the City Attorney at the City's Student Government Day event and that he is considering a career as a lawyer. Steve Campos thanked Mayor Molina, City Council and Chief of Police Cisneros for the experience and opportunity to be a part of the City's Student Government Day.

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.

A woman informed City Council that she is the mother of Michael Ramirez, a student athlete at Libra Academy High School and asked City Council regarding the outcome of a meeting with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) in which the City was to address the concern that Libra Academy High School student athletes are not being allowed to participate in fall sports at Huntington Park High School once they relocate to their new campus at Marquez High School due to safety reasons. City Attorney Leal provided an update on a series of meetings with LAUSD regarding the Libra Academy High School matter and stated that a meeting will be scheduled with Los Angeles Unified School District District 5 Representative Bennett Kayser to further address this matter. The woman also addressed her concern to City Council regarding the lack of a designated loading and unloading zone to safely drop off students in front of Pacific Boulevard School. Mayor Molina referred this woman to the Engineering Department regarding her inquiry on the lack of loading/unloading zone in front of Pacific Boulevard School.

Balle Dario Machuca apologized to City Council for his frustration the past couple of meetings and asked City Council if there is a solution to the lack of parking issue on Seville Avenue, particularly near the post office. Mr. Machuca informed City Council that he noticed that parking citations were not issued as often in that area in the last couple weeks and asked if the Police Department can keep it this way until the City finds a solution to this issue. Mr. Machuca also asked City Council to place this matter on the City Council agenda because many of his neighbors are also affected by the lack of parking on Seville Avenue, especially on Saturdays when the post office processes passports. Interim City Manager Strenn informed Mr. Machuca that City Council had a subcommittee look at the lack of parking situation to find a solution and that they are not proposing any changes to that specific location at this time.

Francisco Rivera addressed City Council to inquire about who is in charge of organizing the Citywide yard sales and addressed his concerns with flyers and posters advertising yard sales throughout the City. Mr. Rivera informed City Council that he has been a volunteer for years and asked City Council to keep him in mind should there be a job opening with the janitorial company servicing the City.

Efren Martinez invited City Council, City staff and the community on behalf of The Florence-Firestone Walnut Park Chamber of Commerce to attend the Walnut Park Summer Fest June 15 through 17, 2012 and informed City Council that their goal is to present the world's biggest fair in terms of rides and lowering the prices for rides.

Jesse Estrella thanked Interim City Manager Strenn for having a member of the City's Engineering Department contact him regarding his concerns with the construction of a structure. Mr. Estrella asked Interim Director of Public Works Quintero the status of a safety concern previously addressed to City Council regarding the intersection located at Otis Avenue and Cudahy Street.

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

oral communications 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 on a proposed ordinance amending the Huntington Park Municipal Code to modify the regulations applicable to the MPD (Industrial/Manufacturing Planned Development) Zoning District and to consider the adoption of the associated Negative Declaration under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Interim Director of Community Development Wong informed City Council that the purpose of the proposed amendment is to clarify certain sections of the Huntington Park Municipal Code and to identify certain uses that are to be eliminated or prohibited in certain sections of Alameda Street within the MPD zone. Mayor Molina declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Molina declared the **public hearing** closed.

**ORDINANCE NO. 898-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING PROVISIONS OF TITLE 9, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 3 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE MPD (INDUSTRIAL/MANUFACTURING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) ZONING DISTRICT AND ADOPTING THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT** was read by title. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 898-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 898-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Gomez and Hernandez.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that correspondence from Waste Management and Consolidated Disposal Services, LLC requesting a rate adjustment for annual Consumer Price Index (CPI), effective July 1, 2012, were pulled from the Consent Calendar of the agenda.

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

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Monday, May 14, 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 June 4, 2012.

**Approve an Agreement for Billing of Direct Assessments with the Los Angeles County Auditor Controller for services during Fiscal Year 2012-2013.**

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of an updated Facility Rental Fee Schedule. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **approve the updated Facility Rental Fee Schedule**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Gomez and Hernandez.

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 one (1) year. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **approve an Automated Fuel Control System Service and Support Agreement between E.J. Ward Inc. and the City of Huntington Park for a term of one (1) year**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent:

Council Members Gomez and Hernandez.

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 for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Cynthia Medina vs. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No.: ADJ3737039; 2) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT, Title: 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 6:43 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:45 p.m. Present: Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Andy Molina; Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez and Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the closed session items: 1) pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Cynthia Medina vs. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No.: ADJ3737039, City Council authorized settlement of this case; 2) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT, Title: City Manager, a status report was given to City Council, no formal action taken; 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 formal action taken.

Mayor Molina declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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Andy Molina, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk