

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, June 18, 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 Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Andy Molina; Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez.

Presentation by Ayde Bravo, Cluster Leader of the South Area United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA) regarding school boundaries, enrollment and the use of Lucille Roybal-Allard Elementary School by a charter school. Ms. Bravo informed City Council that the purpose of building Lucille Roybal-Allard School was to relieve overcrowding at Miles Elementary School, however, plans have changed and Academia Moderna Charter School is now scheduled to occupy space at Lucille Roybal-Allard Elementary School. Ms. Bravo also informed City Council that a teacher disciplinary unit was also scheduled to occupy space at Lucille Roybal-Allard Elementary School but it will no longer occupy space at this school. Ms. Bravo stated that Lucille Roybal-Allard Elementary School will serve students from Miles Elementary School, San Antonio Elementary School, and Henry T. Gage Middle School. Ms. Bravo asked City Council to submit any questions they may have regarding the new school to her and she will forward them to the office of Bennett Kayser, representative from District 5 of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). Sheryl Smith Vincent, Teacher at Miles Elementary School, informed City Council that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) has changed their plans for Lucille Roybal-Allard Elementary School and stated that they are trying to get clarification in terms of the number of teachers and students that will be going to Lucille Roybal-Allard Elementary School. Ms. Smith Vincent informed City Council that Lucille Roybal-Allard Elementary School is scheduled to open August 13, 2012 and stated that if anyone has any questions regarding Lucille Roybal-Allard School plan to contact Juan De La Cruz, Deputy Chief of Staff from the office of Bennett Kayser, representative from District 5 of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) at (213) 241-5555.

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 the City has a serious parking problem, especially around Seville Avenue and nearby streets. Mr. Machuca addressed his concerns to City Council regarding the types of businesses located on Seville Avenue and a document he was given at a traffic meeting showing one side of Seville Avenue to have businesses and the other to be residential when there are businesses located on both sides of Seville Avenue. Mr. Machuca informed City Council that residents on Seville Avenue are forced to park their vehicles blocks away from their residence and that they cannot afford to keep paying parking citations. Mr. Machuca stated that residents on Seville Avenue need a permanent solution to the lack of parking problem instead of having loading or unloading zones in front of their residences.

Alex Reynoso, President of an association for townhome owners, addressed City Council in support of "Reynoso's Hit N Walk", a non-profit organization and invited City Council to attend a walk on August 29, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. along Pacific Boulevard in which various City officials will be walking to get better acquainted with the businesses in the City. Mr. Reynoso briefed City Council on the purpose and success of the last Reynoso's Hit N Walk.

Francine Casillas, President of "Reynoso's Hit N Walk", presented certificates to the following: 1) Chief of Police Cisneros for being an outstanding community leader and role model; 2) Council Member Hernandez for over 20 years of serving the community with great dedication; and 3) Mayor Molina for being an outstanding community leader and business owner.

Steve Koffroth representing the General Employees' Association (GEA) as American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 1769, informed City Council that General Employees' Association members present are here in support of their membership and asked City Council to take them into consideration when considering the City's budget. Mr. Koffroth informed City Council that the General Employees' Association has made significant contributions to the City and has been active in supporting Measures L, E, and B, which brought revenues to the City. Mr. Koffroth addressed the General Employees' Association's concerns with the City not managing its resources as well as it could, which include contracting for services and directors for City departments with the exception of one. Mr. Koffroth informed City Council that the General Employees' Association previously made a proposal to the City to have the Engineering staff in house when the Engineering Services contract was up last year and it would have saved the City approximately half a Million

dollars, in addition they made a proposal to transition the retirement management from Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) to Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) which would save the City and its employees approximately \$40,000. Mr. Koffroth stated that the City's major fiscal problems are the insufficient water rate income, incorrect calculations made by the consultant on the lighting measure, the dissolution of the redevelopment agency, and retirement costs. Mr. Koffroth informed City Council that the General Employees' Association staff provides the best service and due to its size they are a small burden on the City's General Fund. Mr. Koffroth informed City Council that the City's retirement burden is lower than most cities and stated that many of the City's proposals will not be result in cost savings and that eliminating the Spanish pay will affect the Spanish speaking community. Mr. Koffroth informed City Council that the City's retirement costs has been increased and the General Employees' Association has been asked to support almost the entire retirement cost and that they are the only employee group without vision coverage. Mr. Koffroth asked City Council to be fair as they deliberate the budget and to support the employees that serve the community.

Catalina Peraza, Finance Assistant I/General Employees' Association (GEA) Treasurer, informed City Council that the majority of the constituency that come to pay their water bills, parking citations and open businesses speak Spanish and stated that in order to better serve this community, City employees must be able to communicate in Spanish. Ms. Peraza stated that the City might save approximately \$50,000 by eliminating the Spanish pay but it is a small price in comparison to what the City pays in contracts every year and asked City Council if there is a solution to this matter.

Yadira Lopez, Finance Technician/President of the General Employees' Association (GEA), asked City Council to consider the General Employees' Association (GEA) as American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 1769 when considering the City's budget. Ms. Lopez informed City Council that in efforts to save the City and their jobs, GEA members have sacrificed their cost of living increases for two (2) years and have knocked on doors asking the community to support measures.

Miguel Angel Ibarra, representing the Huntington Park Youth Football and Cheer Association, Inc., briefed City Council on the success of former Huntington Park Youth Football and Cheer participants and the positive impact that their involvement in these programs have made in their lives and asked City Council to help them promote their programs.

Angie Cardona, Cheer Coordinator for the Huntington Park Youth Football and Cheer Association, Inc., informed City Council that their cheer teams compete in the surrounding cities as well as Las Vegas, NV. Ms. Cardona informed City Council that sign-ups are held at Salt Lake Park and requested City Council's support by informing the community about their programs.

Elba Romo, representing the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District, distributed brochures and informed City Council that there is a new insect in the area called "Asian Tiger Mosquito". Ms. Romo stated that these mosquitoes aggressively bite in the day as well as at night time and that they can transmit dengue fever and other parasites that affect dogs and cats. Ms. Romo also informed City Council that standing water is the main source of breeding and encouraged residents to avoid watering their plants at night. Ms. Romo stated that the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District is providing mosquito fish free of charge to help combat this problem.

Robert Cabrales, representing Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), informed City Council of the success of their tree planting event held Saturday, June 16, 2012 and that he worked with Christina Dixon and Mario Lopez. Mr. Cabrales also informed City Council that Huntington Park has the most overweight kids in California and that CBE is working with City staff to plan a bike route in the City to join Ciclaviva. Mr. Cabrales addressed his concern to City Council regarding proposed cuts that the City is proposing that will potentially impact the quality of work, programs and services that the City offers.

Angelica Zamora addressed City Council to follow up regarding the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) not allowing Libra Academy High School student athletes to participate in fall sports at Huntington Park High School after they relocate to the Marquez High School campus due to safety reasons. Ms. Zamora stated that if safety is LAUSD's concern, the City should inform LAUSD that the City of Huntington Park is safe. Assistant City Attorney Wolfsohn presented a status update on this matter and informed City Council that it was addressed to Rowena Lagrossa, Interim Superintendent of Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) – Local District 6 and asked her to take into consideration the situation that Libra Academy High School students are facing and to work with the principals of Huntington Park High School and Libra Academy High School.

A gentleman addressed the importance of speaking English in the United States and

informed City Council that he received a citation because Code Enforcement asked him to move his vehicle from the middle of his front yard to his driveway even though he was parked in his driveway.

Martin Delgado, Community Library Manager at the Huntington Park Library, informed City Council of the following events scheduled to take place at the Huntington Park Library from June 23 through August 4, 2012: 1) Babies and Toddlers Summer Reading Program every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.; 2) 2012 Summer Reading Program; 3) Teen Summer Reading Program; and 4) Online Summer Reading Program 2012.

Leticia Martinez, representing the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, informed City Council of the following upcoming events: 1) Annual Golf Tournament; 2) Mayor's State of the City Address at the Family Center on June 19, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.; 3) participation in a youth scholarship program for Huntington Park High School on Wednesday, June 20, 2012; and 4) 20th Anniversary presentation of the Sabor de Mexico Lindo Downtown Street Festival

Vicky Herrera, President of the American Cancer Society's Southeast Cities Relay for Life, invited City Council to attend the Relay for Life event scheduled for June 23-24, 2012 and informed City Council that they will have a ceremony at 9:00 p.m. in honor of individuals who have survived cancer and for those who have lost their lives. Ms. Herrera announced that if anyone is interested in donating to the cause or buying luminaria bags for \$10 each to contact Martha Castillo.

Yvonne Correa addressed City Council on behalf of her neighbor to inquire regarding a City project located at 6337 Middleton Street and asked City Council what is being constructed at that location and who will occupy this property. Ms. Correa informed City Council that her neighbor is concerned because her home is located near the proposed development and asked that parking be taken into consideration for this project.

A gentleman addressed his concerns to City Council regarding the City's street sweeping service, the amount of litter in the City, and a blocked fire lane in the alley near his residence where unauthorized vehicles park. This gentleman stated that he contacted the Police Department regarding this issue and was told that there were no Code Enforcement officers available that day and asked City Council to increase the amount of Code Enforcement inspectors to better serve the community.

Ana Reyes addressed her concern to City Council regarding her neighbor's parrots making loud and excessive noise at all hours of the day and night and asked City Council for assistance with this matter.

Council Member Perez left her seat at 7:08 p.m.

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

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the Consent Calendar with Mayor Molina abstaining on the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held Monday, May 21, 2012, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Gomez and Perez.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the following City Council meetings:

- a. Regular meeting held Monday, May 21, 2012
- b. Special meeting held Monday, June 4, 2012
- c. Regular meeting held Monday, June 4, 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 18, 2012.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Interim City Manager Strenn presented for discussion and/or action the City's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Council Member Perez returned to her seat at 7:13 p.m. Brent Kuhn, Financial Consultant with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. LLP, displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the City's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 and briefed City Council on the City's budget provisions, process, and fund types. Council Member Hernandez left her seat at 7:21 p.m. and returned at 7:24 p.m. Mr. Kuhn informed City Council how the City estimates revenues and expenses and briefed City Council on the various General Fund revenue sources as well as revenues outside the General Fund. Mr. Kuhn also informed City Council of the General Fund's top revenue sources which include Property Tax; Sales Tax; Property Tax In-Lieu; Utility User Tax; Business Licenses; Motor Vehicle In-Lieu, and other revenues. Mr. Kuhn stated that revenues outside the General Fund include Federal or State Subventions, Charges for services and Assessments and Taxes. Mr. Kuhn also briefed City Council on the Retiree Benefits Fund, Street Lighting & Landscape District Fund, Enterprise Fund, major capital projects, Water Fund with and without rate increases. Ms. Strenn informed City Council that the City's budget will be presented for adoption at a special City Council meeting scheduled for June 25, 2012 and that they will continue to work on the budget over the next six months. Vice Mayor Guerrero requested staff report back with a report on the fleet maintenance account and local origination program fund at the special meeting to be held Monday, January 25, 2012. **Following a discussion and there being no objection, Mayor Molina so ordered this item received and filed.**

Interim Director of Community Development Wong requested approval of a Home Investment Partnership Affordable Housing Agreement by and between the City and LINC-Huntington Park Apartments Housing Investors, LP for the development of 24 housing units, known as the Mosaic Gardens Project located at 6337 Middleton Street. Vice Mayor Guerrero left her seat at 7:42 p.m. and returned at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Wong informed City Council that the Mosaic Gardens Project will consist of converting existing motel units into housing units and that this project will be funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve a Home Investment Partnership Affordable Housing Agreement by and between the City and LINC-Huntington Park Apartments Housing Investors, LP for the development of 24 housing units, known as the Mosaic Gardens Project located at 6337 Middleton Street**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Interim Director of Community Development Wong presented for discussion and/or action the "Shop in Huntington Park" Customer Rewards Program. Motion by Perez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the "Shop in Huntington Park" Customer Rewards Program**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested that the Salt Lake Park Trail Improvements Phase 1.1 contract be awarded to America West Landscape, Inc. in the amount of \$428,493.61. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Salt Lake Park Trail Improvements Phase 1.1 contract be awarded to America West Landscape, Inc. in the amount of \$428,493.61**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested discussion and/or action regarding contract options for the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) to use the Salt Lake Park Soccer Fields and direct staff to develop an agreement. Douglas, representing American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), informed City Council that the registration fee per child is \$70 but that other cities are much higher. **Following a discussion and there being no objection, Mayor Molina so ordered this item be continued to the July 2, 2012 City Council meeting.**

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented for discussion and/or action a Facility Use Permit for Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard to host the 2012 Southeast Los

Angeles Job Fair & Veterans Resource Fair at Salt Lake Park July 13 and 14, 2012; and a request for waiver of City fees associated with this event. Ricardo, representing Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, presented flyers and informed City Council that Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard is requesting City Council's support in hosting the 2012 Southeast Los Angeles Job Fair & Veterans Resource Fair in Huntington Park to serve the southeast cities. Ricardo informed City Council that the unemployment rate in Huntington Park is 16.9% and urged City Council to approve this event with a full waiver of City fees associated with this event. Motion by Perez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the Facility Use Permit for Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard to host the 2012 Southeast Los Angeles Job Fair & Veterans Resource Fair at Salt Lake Park July 13 and 14, 2012; and approve the request for waiver of City fees associated with this event**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested discussion and/or action regarding the City's 2012 4th of July event; and requested approval of a Facility Use Agreement with Schoeppner Shows for a carnival at Salt Lake Park July 6 through 8, 2012. Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to **cancel the City's 2012 4th of July event and approve a Facility Use Agreement with Schoeppner Shows for a carnival at Salt Lake Park July 6 through 8, 2012**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Interim Director of Public Works Quintero requested approval of an ADT Commercial Sales Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and ADT Security Services, Inc. for the installation of a security alarm system at Raul Perez Park located at 6208 Alameda Street, for a term of one (1) year. Motion by Perez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve an ADT Commercial Sales Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and ADT Security Services, Inc. for the installation of a security alarm system at Raul Perez Park located at 6208 Alameda Street, for a term of one (1) year**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Interim Director of Public Works Quintero requested approval of an Amendment to Agreement for Building Maintenance Services for the City of Huntington Park with Advanced Inc. dba Progreen Building Maintenance to include janitorial services at Raul Perez Park located at 6208 Alameda Street, on a month to month basis. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve an Amendment to Agreement for Building Maintenance Services for the City of Huntington Park with Advanced Inc. dba Progreen Building Maintenance to include janitorial services at Raul Perez Park located at 6208 Alameda Street, on a month to month basis**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Interim Director of Public Works Quintero requested approval of an appropriation of funds from Public Works Capital Equipment Outlay Account 221-8014-429-74.10 to the Public Works Contractual Account 221-8014-429-56.41 in the amount of \$41,044.25 and approval to pay for the installation of the traffic signals at the intersection of Gage and Arbutus Avenues. Council Member Hernandez left her seat at 8:27 p.m. Motion by Perez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve an appropriation of funds from Public Works Capital Equipment Outlay Account 221-8014-429-74.10 to the Public Works Contractual Account 221-8014-429-56.41 in the amount of \$41,044.25 and approval to pay for the installation of the traffic signals at the intersection of Gage and Arbutus Avenues**, 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 that City Council approve a budget adjustment to the Water Account 681-8030-461-41.00 in the amount of \$576,000. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **approve a budget adjustment to the Water Account 681-8030-461-41.00 in the amount of \$576,000**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Gomez and Hernandez.

Council Member Hernandez returned to her seat at 8:29 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-25. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON ESTABLISHING RATES FOR WATER SERVICE AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO NOTIFY PROPERTY OWNERS AND RATE PAYERS** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to adopt Resolution No. 2012-25, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

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 Perez, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 898-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 898-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Council Member Hernandez left her seat at 8:34 p.m.

Assistant City Attorney Wolfsohn requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6, 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 pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT, Title: City Manager. Mayor Molina declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:39 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 9:39 p.m. Present: Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Andy Molina; Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez.

Assistant City Attorney Wolfsohn reported out that in closed session, a status report was given to City Council, no action taken 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 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT, Title: City Manager.

Mayor Molina declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Andy Molina, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk