

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, August 6, 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.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (a), CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Huntington Patients' Association, Edwin Movagharian vs. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. BC466323. Mayor Molina declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:01 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:19 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.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session for 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 by Special Counsel, no action was taken.

Mayor Molina announced that this meeting will be adjourned in memory of Esteban Mesa, son of Rosa Mesa and Quentin Cecil Motts, father of Cesar Zaldivar-Motts, former Health and Education Commissioner. Mayor Molina and City Council presented a certificate of adjournment to Rosa Mesa. Ms. Mesa thanked City Council for the certificate and their prayers.

Mayor Molina and City Council presented a proclamation designating August 7, 2012 as National Night Out in the City of Huntington Park to Karina De La Cruz, Community Service Officer. Ms. De La Cruz thanked City Council for the proclamation and announced that this year will be the 15th Annual National Night Out event in the City of Huntington Park and informed City Council of new activities scheduled at the event, including a movie at night and a fundraiser with pony rides and pictures.

Bahram Fazeli, Research & Policy Analyst with Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding a Brownsfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Project in Huntington Park. Mr. Fazeli informed City Council of the goals of the project which include the creation of a community vision for the project area, an implementation strategy, an enhanced capacity of community members to engage in the City's revitalization/planning efforts, and promote a more livable and sustainable Huntington Park. Mr. Fazeli briefed City Council on past and future activities associated with the process of this project. Mr. Fazeli displayed pictures of the proposed project area and brownfields located within this area and informed City Council how the City can help. Sarah Russell, representing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), informed City Council of the purpose of the area-wide planning grant and the importance of implementing a project. Ms. Russell informed City Council of resources available for this grant and stated that only twenty-three (23) communities were selected to receive the grant in 2010 and Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) is one of five non-profit organizations to be selected. Ms. Russell also informed City Council that in regards to a clean-up grant that the U.S. EPA has with the City for cleaning of the former Southland Steel site; the U.S. EPA is searching for additional grants to continue cleaning this site. Ms. Russell asked City Council to identify long-term and short-term goals for clean up of brownfield areas and encouraged the City to assist CBE in the process. Jeanette, Intern with Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) Youth Program, addressed City Council in support of CBE. Robert Cabrales, Community Organizer with Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), informed City Council that the Brownsfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot project has created a strong partnership with the community and introduced the CBE members present. Mr. Cabrales stated that CBE is looking forward to continue working with City officials and staff during the project implementation process.

Dr. Williams, Executive Director of Manchester Community Technologies, distributed literature regarding public internet access WiFi and informed City Council that the City is a recipient of the California Public Utilities Commission grant administered by the Los Angeles County Regional Broadband Consortia. Dr. William informed City Council that Manchester Community Technologies is working with Erica Frausto, Business Improvement District (BID) Manager and Cesar Zaldivar-Motts, representative of the Southeast Community Development Corporation on the process of creating a public internet access WiFi network along Pacific

Boulevard. Dr. Williams displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed public internet access WiFi network along Pacific Boulevard. Eric Salome, Director of Technologies with Manchester Community Technologies, informed City Council that the proposed public internet access WiFi network would be free of charge to the public and briefed City Council of the benefits of having free internet access for customers and businesses as well as public safety agencies. Mr. Salome also informed City Council that the public internet access WiFi network would consist of having businesses along Pacific Boulevard serve as hosts to support the WiFi network and stated that Manchester Community Technologies would be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the proposed WiFi network at no cost for the first three (3) years. Mayor Molina recommended that Manchester Community Technologies communicate with The Greater Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce regarding the proposed public internet access WiFi network.

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 recently received five (5) parking citations since the last time he addressed City Council on the lack of parking issue in the City. Mr. Machuca informed City Council that four (4) of said parking citations were issued by the same officer at the same time. Mr. Machuca informed City Council that it is unfair that he continues to get parking citations especially while volunteering at a Huntington Park center giving therapy to residents. Mr. Machuca asked City Council if they asked permission to take parking away from residents for the safety awareness event tomorrow and informed City Council that he has a photograph of a vehicle that had a cracked window as a result of people fighting for parking in front of the post office. Mr. Machuca asked City Council to reduce parking enforcement staff so they can increase police staff and to reconsider having their event tomorrow.

Erica Frausto, Business Improvement District (BID) Manager, presented a status update on the Shop in Huntington Park Customer Rewards Program and presented prizes to the following winners of the first Shop in Huntington Park Customer Rewards Program raffle in August 2012: 1) Guadalupe Velasco - \$25 gift card donated by El Gallo Giro (not present); 2) Ana Elizando - \$25 gift card to JC Penney; and 3) Olga Rosales – Nintendo 3DS. Ms. Frausto announced that the next Shop in Huntington Park Customer Rewards Program raffle will be held at the 7-Eleven store located at 6224 Pacific Boulevard on September 16, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. and that the new contact phone number for the BID office is (323) 584-6282.

Janine Hamner, Community and Municipal Affairs Manager with Waste Management, informed City Council that as of Wednesday, August 1, 2012, Waste Management is no longer using diesel fuel to power their trucks and is now using liquefied natural gas.

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, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Wednesday, July 11, 2012.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 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 August 6, 2012.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Molina for discussion and/or

action regarding Caroline Promotions, Inc. presenting El Tour de la Alegria at the National Night Out event in the City of Huntington Park on August 7, 2012. Carolina Jovenich, representing Caroline Promotions, Inc., briefed City Council of the activities proposed for the National Night Out event and asked City Council to authorize the inclusion of El Tour de la Alegria at said event. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **authorize Caroline Promotions, Inc. to include El Tour de la Alegria at the National Night Out event in the City of Huntington Park on August 7, 2012**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Interim City Manager Strenn presented for discussion and/or action the League of California Cities 2012 Annual Conference Resolutions packet. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **appoint Mayor Molina as the voting delegate and Vice Mayor Guerrero as voting alternate to the League of California Cities 2012 Annual Conference to be held September 5 through 7, 2012 in San Diego, CA**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Interim City Manager Strenn requested approval of an Agreement with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP for financial consulting and accounting services. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **approve an agreement with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP for financial consulting and accounting services**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Interim City Manager Strenn presented for discussion and/or action various service contracts. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the following recommendations as proposed in the Matrix of Current Contract Services: 1) Residential Refuse Service – Go out to bid; 2) Commercial Refuse Service – Go out to bid; 3) Sweeping Services – Service reduction and review the level of service in the Business Improvement District (BID) Area; 4) Graffiti Removal Services – Go out to bid; 5) Bus Shelter Maintenance (non-BID Area) – Go out to bid; 6) Tree, Public Ground Maintenance and Florence Median Landscape Maintenance – Go out to bid; 7) Janitorial Services – Continue contract on a month to month basis; 8) Towing services – No action recommended at this time; and 9) Establish a committee to reduce costs of transit services**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez. Vice Mayor Guerrero requested that legal services be included to the matrix in the future. **There being no objection, Mayor Molina appointed a Transit Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Vice Mayor Guerrero and Council Member Hernandez to work with City staff and community members to reduce costs of transit services.**

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of budget adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Transit Administration Budget by increasing the following accounts: 1) Transit Fund A-Senior Transportation Account No. 219-0250-431.56-42 for \$13,124.00; 2) Transit Fund A-Pacific Blvd. Shuttle Account No. 219-0250-431.56-44 for \$8,073.36; and 3) Transit Fund C-Fixed Route Transit Account No. 220-0250-431.56-43 for \$63,073.70. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **approve the following budget adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Transit Administration Budget by increasing the following accounts: 1) Transit Fund A-Senior Transportation Account No. 219-0250-431.56-42 for \$13,124.00; 2) Transit Fund A-Pacific Blvd. Shuttle Account No. 219-0250-431.56-44 for \$8,073.36; and 3) Transit Fund C-Fixed Route Transit Account No. 220-0250-431.56-43 for \$63,073.70**, carried as follows: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of a License Agreement by and between Los Angeles Unified School District and the City of Huntington Park for temporary use of Raul R. Perez Memorial Park. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **approve a License Agreement by and between Los Angeles Unified School District and**

the City of Huntington Park for temporary use of Raul R. Perez Memorial Park, carried as follows: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

ORDINANCE NO. 899-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE (HPMC) AND THE DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK SPECIFIC PLAN (DTSP) RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR SIGNS WITHIN THE CITY was read by title. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Perez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 899-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 899-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.

Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to establish as “ **subsequent need** ” item, a request presented by Interim Director of Community Development Wong from Port of Los Angeles for the City to co-sponsor a Free Export Workshop supported by various organizations including 36th District Congresswoman Janice Hahn to be held at the Los Angeles Harbor College on September 27, 2012 and request to authorize use of the City seal on promotional material associated with this event, as the item arose after the posting of the agenda, necessitating City Council's immediate consideration and/or action, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, **for the City to co-sponsor a Free Export Workshop by Port of Los Angeles at the Los Angeles Harbor College on September 27, 2012 and authorized use of the City seal on promotional material associated with said event**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Hernandez, Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

City Attorney Leal 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' Association. Mayor Molina declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:57 p.m.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session 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' Association, City Council unanimously authorized to enter into an Attorney Representation Agreement with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud and Romo for any ongoing labor negotiations and other personnel issues as needed.

Mayor Molina declared the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m., in memory of Quentin Cecil Motts, father of Cesar Zaldivar-Motts, former Health and Education Commissioner; and Esteban Mesa, son of Rosa Mesa, longtime resident in the City of Huntington Park.

Andy Molina, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk