

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, December 3, 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 Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Andy Molina; Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

Interim City Attorney Litfin requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session**, pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of Case: Lee Alirez, Case No. WCAB No. ADJ7503811. Mayor Molina declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:02 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:11 p.m. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Andy Molina; Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

Mayor Molina and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mario Sibaja for demonstrating his artwork to delegates from China during their visit to Huntington Park on November 9, 2012. Mr. Sibaja informed City Council that his art depicts people of pre-Hispanic culture and stated that he currently has a mural being exhibited at an office of the Consulate General of Mexico.

Marylou Ascension, Executive Assistant to the City Manager and Danny Bueno, Management Analyst for the Parks and Recreation Department, conducted a presentation of the City of Huntington Park Website. Ms. Ascension thanked City Council for the opportunity to work on the website redesign project with Mr. Bueno and stated that after four (4) years, the City will be eligible for a free website redesign by the City's current website provider CivicPlus. Mr. Bueno displayed the newly redesigned City of Huntington Park website and briefed City Council on the changes and new features. Mr. Bueno briefed City Council of various City services now offered through the City's website.

Mayor Molina introduced James Enriquez, the new Director of Public Works for the City of Huntington Park.

Ebi Simhaee, President and owner of Crown Poly, Inc., informed City Council that he has been in business for over 20 years with a location in Huntington Park for approximately 10 years. Mr. Simhaee informed City Council that he is actively involved with non-profit organizations that specialize in education and that he would like to give back to this community by offering skills training to students. Mr. Simhaee informed City Council that there is a great need for maintenance workers especially in the mechanical, electronic, and robotics fields but there are not enough qualified candidates to fill these jobs. Mr. Simhaee informed City Council that through the non-profit organizations, they would like to offer training and internship for students in local manufacturers. City Manager Bobadilla informed City Council that he will place this item on the agenda in the near future for City Council consideration.

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.

Henry Garcia, Director/Editor of LA VOZ Editorial Newspaper, read literature to City Council titled: "As I see it" prepared by Henry J. Garcia.

Jon addressed City Council to ask for answers regarding the salary that the former City Attorney received from the City and why he also provided legal representation for the water company that services the City. Jon also addressed his concern with City Manager Bobadilla leaving the City of El Monte and stated that there is an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) concerning the City of El Monte. Jon asked why the City is hiring a public relations firm using public funds. Jon asked that the City be more transparent and to answer his questions. Director of Finance Morales clarified that the City hired Francisco Leal's law firm to provide the City with legal services not him as an individual and paid \$400,000 per year and that in addition to this, the City also hires other specialized legal firms for specialized cases. City Manager Bobadilla stated that the City of

Covina pays approximately \$800,000 and the City of Whittier pays approximately over \$1 Million for legal services and that he can provide the action form and his resignation to the City of El Monte for anyone who is interested.

Nick Ioannidis informed City Council that he has participated in the annual Christmas Parade conducted by The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce for many years and that he was asked by the Interim Director of the Chamber of Commerce not to participate in this year's parade. Mr. Ioannidis informed City Council that he is the founder of National Immigrants Day and supports people of all ethnic backgrounds.

Yvonne Correa commended City Council, especially Mayor Molina for conducting a turkey basket giveaway event. Ms. Correa stated that various organizations, the community and the City worked together to make this event successful. Ms. Correa also commended the City for a good turnout with its Tree Lighting Ceremony and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed his concern previously addressed to City Council at the last Council meeting regarding the City dumping water at Slauson and Miles Avenues and stated that he is now paying more for water because of this. Mr. Cruz stated that the government needs to step in and investigate why so much water was being dumped. City Manager Bobadilla stated that the City's Water Well No. 17 was removed from service by the State of California Health Department because the water contained high nitrates and cannot be used for drinking or irrigation and therefore the water was discharged and that they will continue to discharge contaminated water as required.

Enrique Murillo addressed his concern with the lack of a recreational facility for senior citizens in the City and stated that former Council Members and City administrators promised to replace the facility that senior citizens used previously but have not yet replaced it.

Edgar Gordillo stated that the community needs to work in unity with the City and City Council and asked everyone to give City Manager Bobadilla an opportunity to make a difference. Mr. Gordillo also stated that the former City Attorney Francisco Leal was brought into the City by Linda Guevara.

Betty Retama stated that it has been a long time since Linda Guevara was on the City Council and that although she does not reside in the City, her family does. Ms. Retama stated that she called City Manager Bobadilla but that he did not return her call. Ms. Retama addressed her concern with a letter sent by Council Member Perez's attorney to all who signed to recall certain council members because it was delivered to these individuals at 9:00 p.m. Ms. Retama stated that City Council received money from John Noguez.

Leticia Martinez, Interim Executive Director/CEO of the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, invited City Council to attend the 35th Annual Arrival of Santa Claus on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Martinez informed City Council that the Chamber of Commerce partnered with Park Theatre to feature a free movie at the event called "Alvin and the Chipmunks-Chipwreck". Ms. Martinez also informed City Council that the Chamber of Commerce will be collecting new toys and food for the children and families in the community as well as the surrounding cities. Ms. Martinez commended the City for conducting a community meeting to address parking issues on Seville Avenue.

Claude Bilodeau, representing the Huntington Park Coordinating Council, thanked Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa for allowing use of the Community Center at Salt Lake Park to conduct a turkey and food giveaway event on November 21, 2012, which fed over 600 families. Mr. Bilodeau stated that the Huntington Park Coordinating Council consisted of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, Reynoso's Hit N' Walk, Southeast Churches, Huntington Park Woman's Club, Friends of the Huntington Park Library, Southeast Rio Vista YMCA, General Employees Association (GEA), Police Officers Association (POA), and the Oldtimers Foundation. Mr. Bilodeau thanked City Council for their assistance and participation with this event and commended City Manager Bobadilla for suggesting that they go door to door to deliver the remaining fifty

(50) turkeys to the needy families in the City after the event ended. Mr. Bilodeau announced that they will be conducting a toy drive on December 22, 2012.

Rosa Mesa stated the last speaker that addressed City Council informed the community regarding City Council's involvement and good deeds in the community and encouraged members of the public to address City Council and exercise their rights without being offensive.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, November 5, 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 December 3, 2012.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME) Contract Administrative Services.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Bobadilla requested appointment of a City representative to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District for a term commencing January 7, 2013. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Perez, to **appoint Vice Mayor Guerrero as the City representative to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District for a four (4) year term commencing January 7, 2013**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

City Manager Bobadilla presented information regarding the City of Huntington Park and Port of Los Angeles TRADEconnect Business Development Workshop to be held on January 22, 2013 at Raul R. Perez Memorial Park Community Center from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Chief of Police Cisneros requested approval of a Subrecipient Agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Huntington Park for the 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Program. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Perez, to **approve a Subrecipient Agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Huntington Park for the 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Program**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Chief of Police Cisneros requested approval of a License and Service Agreement by and between Public Safety Online LLC and the City of Huntington Park for a public safety online database application system for the Huntington Park Police Department. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve a License and Service Agreement**

by and between Public Safety Online LLC and the City of Huntington Park for a public safety online database application system for the Huntington Park Police Department, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Chief of Police Cisneros requested that City Council authorize the Police Department to accept reallocated 2010 and 2011 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) funding and authorize the Police Department to execute necessary documents. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **accept the reallocated 2010 and 2011 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) funding and authorize the Police Department to execute necessary documents**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Finance Morales requested authorization to install electronic parking meters along Pacific Boulevard for a free 90-day trial period. Motion by Perez, seconded by Gomez, to **authorize installation of electronic parking meters along Pacific Boulevard for a free 90-day trial period**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Enriquez requested approval of the proposed traffic signal synchronization project and authorize the development and submission of the grant application for the 2013 Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Call for Projects. Motion by Perez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the proposed traffic signal synchronization project in concept and authorize the development and submission of the grant application for the 2013 Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Call for Projects**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Resolution Nos.: 2012-63, 2012-64, 2012-65, 2012-66, 2012-67, 2012-68, 2012-69, 2012-70, and 2012-71 were presented as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-63. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2006-88 AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO CHIEF OF POLICE.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-64. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-42 AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO CITY COUNCIL.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-65. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2006-70 AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - FINANCE.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-66 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2006-89 AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-67. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-43 AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-68. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2004-53 AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO CITY MANAGER.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-69. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 1989-91 AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-70. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2006-68 AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF HUMAN RESOURCES SUPERVISOR.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-71. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF FINANCE MANAGER.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, Resolution Nos.: 2012-63, 2012-64, 2012-65, 2012-66, 2012-67, 2012-68, 2012-69, 2012-70, and 2012-71, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Member Perez; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

The following resolution was pulled from this agenda: **RESOLUTION NO. J.** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE COMMANDER.

ORDINANCE NO. 902-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 5 (**PUBLIC WELFARE, MORALS, AND CONDUCT**), CHAPTER 11 (**NUISANCES**), OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SECTIONS 5-11.05.1 (**DEFINITIONS**), 5-11.05.2 (**DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH, AND OTHER WASTE MATTER**), 5-11.05.3 (**MAINTENANCE OF STREETS, HIGHWAYS, ALLEY SAND RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN CLEAN AND ORDERLY CONDITION**), 5-11.05.4 (**PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS**), 5-11.05.5 (**REQUIRED NOTICE FOR INFRACTION VIOLATIONS**), AND 5-11.23 (**ILLEGAL DUMPING – NUISANCE VEHICLES**) was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 902-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 902-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Gomez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Perez, and Mayor Molina; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

Interim City Attorney Litfin reported out that in closed session for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of Case: Lee Alirez, Case No. WCAB No. ADJ7503811, no reportable action and requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for the following: 1) pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION , Name of Case: Central and West Basin Water Replenishment District vs. Charles E. Adams, et al. LASC Case No. C786656; 2) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (3); and 3) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION, pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 (c), Number of potential cases: (1). Mayor Molina declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:28 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 9:35 p.m. Present: Council Member Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Rosa E. Perez, and Mayor Andy Molina; Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

Interim City Attorney Litfin reported out that there was no reportable action on the following **closed session** items: 1) pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION , Name of Case: Central and West Basin Water Replenishment District vs. Charles E. Adams, et al. LASC Case No. C786656; 2) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California

Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (3); and 3) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION, pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9 (c), Number of potential cases: (1).

Mayor Molina declared the meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m., in memory of Harold Campbell, former Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Huntington Park 1965-1981; and Dionisia Chavez, mother of Henry Garcia from La Voz Newspaper.

Andy Molina, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk