

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, April 15, 2013.

Following the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Josue Isidoro, 3rd grade student at Aspire Titan Academy in Huntington Park. The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:07 p.m. by Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcua, Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: None.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Josue Isidoro for leading the flag salute at the City Council meeting April 15, 2013.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a Plaque of Recognition to Maria Elena Arreola for being selected as the County of Los Angeles Public Library's 2013 Adult Volunteer of the Year. Martin Delgado, Community Library Manager at the Huntington Park Library, informed City Council of Maria Elena Arreola's dedication to the Huntington Park Library. Vice Mayor Perez informed City Council of Ms. Arreola's involvement with the American Cancer Society and The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented Certificates to the following American Youth Soccer Organization State Champions: *Team 1*-Huntington Park BU14 All Stars -3rd Place All Stars Team State Championship BU14: 1) Adan Alves; 2) Alfredo Mondragon; 3) Anthony Leon; 4) Bernardo Reyes; 5) Javier Avena; 6) Joel Oliva; 7) Johnny Alvarado; 8) Jose Arias; 9) Joshua Ordonez; 10) Kevin Garcia; 11) Luis Carino; 12) Manuel Flores; 13) Marlon Bustos; and 14) Saul Moreno; *Team 2*- "HP Milan"- 3rd Place League Team State Championship BU14: 1) Alejandro Dominguez; 2) Anthony Leon; 3) Bernardo Reyes; 4) Christian Huevo; 5) Edwin Araiza; 6) Guillermo Garcia; 7) Javier Avena; 8) Joel Oliva; 9) Johnny Alvarado; 10) Jose Arias; 11) Kevin Menjivar; 12) Manuel Flores; 13) Marlon Bustos; 14) Omar Mejia; and 15) Saul Moreno; and *Team 3*- "HP Eagles" 1st Place League State Championship GU14: 1) Alisa Buriel; 2) Angela Olvera; 3) April Garcia; 4) Astrid Suro; 5) Clarissa Carranza; 6) Crystal Contreras; 7) Helen Arias; 8) Ingrid Castillo; 9) Jasmine Clemente; 10) Jessica Rodriguez; 11) Jocelyn Sandoval; 12) Lilyan Ocampo; 13) Pamela Gonzalez; 14) Veronica Gonzalez; and 15) Victoria Vasquez.

City Administrator Mark Whitworth, Mayor Bill Davis, and Mayor Pro Tempore Michael McCormick of the City of Vernon presented the City of Huntington Park with a check in the amount of \$500,000 as their contribution towards the Salt Lake Park Soccer Field Project. Ivan Carrillo, representative from the Office of Senator Ricardo Lara, thanked the City of Vernon for their contribution and the City of Huntington Park for recognizing the need to improve parks in the City for the community. Mayor Gomez and City Council thanked the City of Vernon for their contribution and the Offices of Senators Lara and De Leon for their collaboration in this endeavor.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Leticia Martinez, Executive Director/CEO for The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce in recognition of their 20th Anniversary "Carnaval Primavera Downtown Festival". Ms. Martinez thanked City Council, the City Manager, City staff, and everyone who helped with the event.

Cliff De Cordova, Principal of the Los Angeles Unified School District Division of Adult and Career Education - Richard N. Slawson Southeast Occupational Center, thanked the City of Huntington Park and the City of Vernon for their support of adult and career education services. Mr. Cordova displayed a presentation regarding the Richard N. Slawson Southeast Occupational Center facility and classes offered.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a Proclamation designating April 14 through 20, 2013 as National Library Week to Martin Delgado, Community Library Manager at the Huntington Park Library.

Mayor Gomez 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.

Nick Ioannidis informed City Council that he has received several recognitions in honor of National Immigrants Day.

Lupe Carranza addressed concerns to City Council involving a raccoon that damaged the roof of her house and asked City Council for assistance with this matter.

Edmundo Perez addressed City Council in support of City Clerk Ramirez.

Ivonne Correa addressed a concern regarding Council Member Macias.

Yvonne Ponce and Maribel Flores, teachers at Kipp Comienza Community Prep invited City Council to attend an upcoming Science Fair.

Linda Caraballo addressed various concerns regarding Council Member Macias.

Sergio Calderon, representing the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, invited everyone to attend an upcoming workshop and meetings on a proposed water rate assessment. Mr. Calderon congratulated newly elected Council Members Amezcua and Macias on their posts.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed concerns to City Council regarding Well 17 and street closures to conduct fairs in the City.

Jesus Moran asked City Council to find solutions to concerns addressed by the community.

Laura Herrera addressed a concern regarding Council Member Macias.

Marilyn Sanabria addressed City Council in support of City Clerk Ramirez.

Victoria Herrera thanked City Council for placing an item regarding the Water Replenishment District of Southern California on the agenda.

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

Following a presentation on the Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants process by Director of Finance Morales, motion by Perez, to Hernandez, to approve the Consent Calendar, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcua, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- 6.1** 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

- 6.2** Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated April 15, 2013.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

7. REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

7.1 City Budget Presentation.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Receive and file.

Finance Director Morales displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the City Budget. **There being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

7.2 Grants available for the City of Huntington Park.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Review the matrix of current available grand funding opportunities.
2. Identify grant application that should be prepared.
3. Authorize California Consulting, LLC to prepare grant applications on behalf of the City of Huntington Park.

David Marquez, representing California Consulting, LLC, informed City Council regarding available funding opportunities for the City of Huntington Park.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezquita, to **authorize California Consulting, LLC to prepare grant applications on behalf of the City of Huntington Park for the following grants: 1) Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention NEOP-LA; 2) Bikes Belong Coalition: Community Partnership; 3) Kaiser Permanente Southern California Grant Program; 4) California Wellness Foundation's Responsive Grant Making Program; 5) EDA/Economic Development Agency; 6) Highway Safety Improvement Program and Safe Routes; 7) Farmers Market Planning and Promotion; and 8) U.S. Soccer Safe Places to Play**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

The meeting recessed at 8:59 p.m. and Council Member Hernandez excused herself from the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

7.3 Resolution approving a General Services Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and the County of Los Angeles.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-12 **approving the General Services Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and the County of Los Angeles** was presented. Motion by Amezquita, seconded by Macias, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-12, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Perez and Council Member Hernandez.

Vice Mayor Perez returned to her seat at 9:13 pm.

7. **REGULAR AGENDA** – (Continued)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

7.4 Resolution approving the Annual Report for the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 and Budget recommendation for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 2013-13 approving the Annual Report for the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District was presented. Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezcuita, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-13, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

7.5 Agreement with Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County to provide housing services to the City of Huntington Park.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the City Manager to enter into an Agreement for Housing Services with Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute said agreement and all related documents.

Jesse Ibarra, representing Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County, briefed City Council on housing services offered to the City and the community.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Macias, to **authorize the City Manager to enter into an Agreement for Housing Services with Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County; and execute said agreement and all related documents**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

7.6 Affordable Housing Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Huntington Park 607, LP for \$1.9 Million Loan to fund acquisitions and rehabilitation costs to the Huntington Park Plaza Senior Apartments (formerly Rugby Plaza Senior Housing) Project.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the Affordable Housing Agreement with Huntington Park 607, LP for the Huntington Park Plaza Senior Apartments (formerly Rugby Plaza Senior Housing) Project.
2. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance Agreement to subsidize tenant rents during the rehabilitation period.
3. Authorize the City Manager to modify the HOME Agreement and execute all related and necessary financing documents.

Director of Finance Morales displayed a Power Point presentation regarding the Huntington Park Plaza Senior Apartment Project.

Darren Bobrowsky, representing USA Properties Fund, informed City Council that they are the developer as well as the property management company for the Huntington Park Plaza Senior Housing project.

Linda Caraballo addressed concerns to City Council regarding the Huntington Park Plaza Senior Apartments Project.

Special Counsel for the Huntington Park Plaza Senior Apartments Project briefed City Council regarding the City's role in the Huntington Park Plaza Senior Housing project.

Edmundo Perez addressed concerns to City Council regarding the Huntington Park Plaza Senior Apartments Project.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Affordable Housing Agreement with Huntington Park 607, LP for the Huntington Park Plaza Senior Apartments (formerly Rugby Plaza Senior Housing) Project; authorize the City Manager to enter into a HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance Agreement to subsidize tenant rents during the rehabilitation period.; and authorize the City Manager to modify the HOME Agreement and execute all related and necessary financing documents**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Member Macias; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

7.7 Appointment to the Business Improvement District Advisory Board.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Appoint Ricardo Cervantes to the Business Improvement District Advisory Board.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Macias, to **appoint Ricardo Cervantes to the Business Improvement District Advisory Board for a term of three (3) years ending April 15, 2016**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

7.8 Planning Commission Appointment Process.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Discussion and/or take action regarding the selection process to appoint candidates interested in serving on the Planning Commission.

There being no objection, Mayor Gomez so ordered staff to research this item further and to bring it back to City Council with recommendations.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

7.13 Portable Camera Surveillance and Monitoring System.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve recommended vendor to provide a Portable Camera Surveillance and Monitoring System.
2. Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with 3E Group Inc., subject to City Attorney approval.
3. Authorize the Finance Department to issue a Purchase Order to facilitate the purchase of equipment and services.

7. **REGULAR AGENDA** – (Continued)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Amezquita, seconded Perez, **approve recommended vendor to provide a Portable Camera Surveillance and Monitoring System; authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with 3E Group Inc., subject to City Attorney approval; and authorize the Finance Department to issue a Purchase Order to facilitate the purchase of equipment and services**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

7.9 Status Update regarding a proposed amendment to the City of Huntington Park News Racks Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Discuss the City's proposed regulations pertaining to news rack.
2. Receive and file this report.

There being no objection, Mayor Gomez so ordered this item be received and filed.

7.10 Informational Report regarding the National Complete Streets Coalition's Recognition of Huntington Park's Complete Streets Policy.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Receive and file this report.

There being no objection, Mayor Gomez so ordered this item be received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

7.11 Salt Lake Park Soccer Fields Project.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the project study report and authorize the completion of the contract documents for the construction of the project.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Vernon defining the terms and conditions of a funding contribution for the project in the amount of \$500,000.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezquita, **approve the project study report and authorize the completion of the contract documents for the construction of the project; and authorize the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Vernon defining the terms and conditions of a funding contribution for the project in the amount of \$500,000**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

7. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

7.12 Citywide Bike Rack Installation Project.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the proposed project to purchase and install decorative bike racks throughout the City, focusing on the Pacific Boulevard commercial area and selected City parks and facilities.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Purchase Order for an amount not to exceed \$24,000 for the purchase and delivery of approximately 50 decorative bike racks.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Perez, to **approve the proposed project to purchase and install decorative bike racks throughout the City, focusing on the Pacific Boulevard commercial area and selected City parks and facilities; and authorize the City Manager to execute a Purchase Order for an amount not to exceed \$24,000 for the purchase and delivery of approximately 50 decorative bike racks**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcua, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

8. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

- 8.1 **Report on Water Replenishment District Notice of Public Hearing for Replenishment Assessment Rate Increase.** Director of Public Works Enriquez updated City Council on the Water Replenishment District's proposed replenishment assessment rate increase.
- 8.2 **Receive and file a report on high nitrate concentration at Well No. 17.** This item was continued to the next Council meeting.
- 8.3 **Nominations for the 48th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) Awards Program.** Motion by Perez, seconded by Gomez, to nominate Maria Elena Arreola as the City's honoree for the 48th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Awards Program, subject to Ms. Arreola not being previously nominated for said event, otherwise Rocio Salazar will be this year's honoree for the 48th OARD Awards Program, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcua, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.
- 8.4 **Nomination of an honoree for the 33rd Senate District's Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony.** There being no objection, Mayor Gomez nominated Vice Mayor Perez as the honoree for the 33rd Senate District's Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony.

9. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

11. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

11.1 Mayor Mario Gomez

11.2 Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez

11.2-1 Discussion regarding City Council minutes.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve converting to action only minutes for meetings of the City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

11.2-2 Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board requested the City's support on AB 741 (Brown).

Motion by Perez, seconded by Gomez, to **send a letter to the Gateway Cities Council of Governments Board in support of AB 741 (Brown)**, carried as follows: Ayes: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

11.3 Council Member Ofelia Hernandez

11.4 Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita

11.5 Council Member Karina Macias

Interim City Attorney Litfin requested the City Council resolve into a closed session for the following:

12. CLOSED SESSION

12.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(b): (2)

12.2 Pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Case: Alhambra v. County of Los Angeles, Case No. BS 116375.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 11:12 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 12:20 a.m. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

City Attorney Litfin reported out the following on the **closed session** items: 1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(b): (2), City Council on a 4-0 vote authorized opposing SB 640 and Water Replenishment District of Southern California's replenishment assessments and the Proposition 218 process; and 2) pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of Case: Alhambra v. County of Los Angeles, Case No. BS 116375, City Council on a 4-0 vote agreed to settle Alhambra v. County of Los Angeles case, subject to a finalized settlement agreement.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 12:21 a.m., in memory of the following: 1) Gloria Gomez, cousin of Mario Gomez, Mayor for the City of Huntington Park; 2) Maria Guadalupe Morales, aunt of Martha Castillo, Human Resources Supervisor for the City of Huntington Park; and 3) Isidra Ortiz, mother of Vicente Ortiz, owner of Tacos Don Chente restaurants, founder of META 2000 and former Arts and Culture Commissioner for the City of Huntington Park.

Mario Gomez, Mayor

Rocio Martinez, Acting City Clerk