

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, January 5, 2004.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Escareño. Present: Vice Mayor Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Edward Escareño. Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez and Council Member Mario Gomez.

Council Member Ofelia Hernandez and Council Member Mario Gomez arrived and took their seat at 6:36 p.m.

Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to approve the Consent Calendar, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 15, 2003.

Deny claim filed by Carlos J. Montani, Date of Incident: November 22, 2003.

Deny claim filed by Robert Kalpakoff, Date of Incident: June 12 & 23, 2003 and refer to the City's Insurance Administrator.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated January 5, 2004.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Acting Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of a hardship exemption, allowing the reconstruction of a light-industrial building within the Land Use Study Area at 2417 57th Street. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve of a hardship exemption, allowing the reconstruction of a light-industrial building within the Land Use Study Area at 2417 57th Street**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Acting Director of Community Development Gray requested appointment of a resident or stake holder of Huntington Park to serve on the South Central Los Angeles County Enterprise Community Oversight Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2004. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **appoint Elsa Avalos to serve on the South Central Los Angeles County Enterprise Community Oversight Committee for a term expiring December 31, 2004**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN PARK ACT OF 2001 PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 (for Westside Park Property Acquisition Project)** was presented. Motion by Loya, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2004-1, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN PARK ACT OF 2001 PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 (for South East City Parks Development)** and RESOLUTION NO. 2004-3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN PARK ACT OF 2001 PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002. (for Bonelli Regional Youth Center)** were presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution Nos. 2004-2 and 2004-3, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez,

Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief of Police Narramore requested action on unfinished business item regarding the formation of a subcommittee to investigate the possibility of issuing parking permits to Huntington Park residents. **There being no objection, Mayor Escareño appointed Council Member Hernandez and Mayor Escareño to a subcommittee to investigate the possibility of issuing parking permits to Huntington Park residents and report back to City Council in 30-60 days.**

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Escareño. Present: Vice Mayor Juan R. Noguez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Edward Escareño. Absent: None.

Lieutenant Leinen announced that the Huntington Park Police Department is participating in the Project Child Safe Program which offers free gun locks to the community on a no questions asked basis. The program is sponsored by the State of California Department of Justice.

Mayor Escareño, City Council Members, and Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator Jesus A. Gomez presented the following with trophies, lawn signs, and a Mayor's Christmas Award certificate in recognition for their exceptional decorations made to their residence and their community pride that was demonstrated this 2003 Holiday season: Best Decorated Home Area 1–Eva Banuelos, 2948 E. 61st Street; Area 2– Jose Ayala and Family, 7013 Marbrisa Avenue; Area 3–Anna Castrillon (not present), 4315 E. 60th Street; Area 4–Richard and Gloria Flores, 6517 Cedar Street; Area 5–Ana Alvarado, 3424 Walnut Street; and the Most Spectacular Display City-Wide–Lucy Cortez, 2929 E. 61st Street.

Mayor Escareño 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.

Erika Garcia addressed her concern to City Council regarding a police matter and asked to meet with the Chief of Police. Mayor Escareño referred Ms. Garcia to Captain Gwaltney.

Nick Ioannidis requested City Council guidance to alleviate the lack of parking at his business. Mr. Ioannidis stated that his business is in jeopardy due to the volume of criminal activity and disorder. Mayor Escareño referred Mr. Ioannidis to Chief of Police Narramore.

Jose Sigala encouraged City Council to support Proposition 55 on the March 2004 ballot, a proposition that provides funds for new schools construction and classroom repairs.

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

Chief Deputy City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider public comment regarding an ordinance amending Title 9 of the Municipal Code **modifying the development standards for drive-thru establishments in the Commercial General (C-G) Zone**. The Chief Deputy City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Escareño declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Escareño declared the public hearing closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 722-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE MODIFYING THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR DRIVE-THRU ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL (C-G) ZONE was read by title. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 722-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 722-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Romo presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Loya to oppose the "New" Proposition 187 initiative measure. Motion by Loya, seconded by Noguez, to **oppose the "New" Proposition 187 initiative measure amending the Constitution concerning public benefits, driver's license, eligibility, immigration status, and identity verification**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Council Member Loya to discuss all City policies pertaining to conferences and travel related expenses by Council Members, the City Clerk, and the City Treasurer. **Following a discussion of policies, there was no action taken.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-4. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE MATRICULA CONSULAR IDENTIFICATION CARD AS A VALID FORM OF IDENTIFICATION** was presented. Motion by Loya, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2004-4, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-5. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, **MODIFYING THE COMPENSATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBERS** was presented. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2004-5, with the noted correction on page 2, Section 1, changing \$300.00 to \$350.00, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: Vice Mayor Noguez and Council Member Loya; Absent: None.

Mayor Escareño declared the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Edward Escareño, Mayor

Elba Romo, City Clerk