

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, May 6, 2013.

Following the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: None.

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

13. CLOSED SESSION

- 13.1 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957:
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Title: Chief of Police

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

Mayor Gomez opened oral communications, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on the closed session matters only, and hearing none, declared oral communications closed on these items.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:04 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting resumed at 6:59 p.m. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: None.

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.

Enrique Murillo asked City Council what they are doing for the City of Huntington Park and inquired about the City's finances.

Henry Garcia, Director/Editor of LA VOZ Editorial Newspaper, addressed City Council to inquire about the status of the promises made by newly elected Council Members to the people of Huntington Park. Mr. Garcia congratulated City Manager Bobadilla for his hard work.

Linda Caraballo addressed her concern with the process of approving the 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 Project.

Edgar Gordillo urged City Council to work hard to accomplish their goals to make Huntington Park a better city and addressed his concern regarding barking dogs.

Henry Gray, consultant, distributed business card to City Council and City staff and encouraged City Council to work together to benefit the community.

Rodolfo Vallejo addressed his concern to City Council regarding \$1.9 Million Loan to fund acquisitions and rehabilitation costs to the Huntington Park Plaza Senior Apartments Project.

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

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the Consent Calendar. motion to reconsider by Gomez, seconded by Macias, to approve the Consent Calendar with the following changes: 1) minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, March 12, 2013 to include a comment made by a former Council Member that “although City Council did not always necessarily agree with the answers City Clerk Ramirez provided, at the end of the day, she made the right decision”; and 2) minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, March 26, 2013 to reflect that Mayor Gomez is the Mayor, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, 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 minutes of the following City Council meetings:

- 6.1.1 Special meeting held Tuesday, March 12, 2013
- 6.1.2 Regular meeting held Monday, March 18, 2013
- 6.1.3 Adjourned regular meeting held March 25, 2013
- 6.1.4 Special meeting held Tuesday, March 26, 2013
- 6.1.5 Regular meeting held Monday, April 1, 2013

6.2 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.

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

6.3 Approval of Police Chief Contract.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve Chief of Police Employment Agreement.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Chief of Police Employment Agreement.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

7. HEARING

7.1 Public hearing to consider adoption of the City of Huntington Park’s Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan and Substantial Amendment of the five-year Consolidation Plan (Fiscal Year 2010-2011 to Fiscal Year 2014-2015).

Director of Finance Morales displayed a budget presentation.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Open the public hearing to receive any comments.

Linda Caraballo addressed her concern to City Council regarding CDBG funding and a Section 108 loan.

Candelario E. Perez informed City Council that he is a disabled veteran struggling financially and asked City Council to assist the disabled and senior citizens in the community.

7. HEARING – (Continued)

2. Close the public hearing.
3. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan and approve a Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal-Year Consolidated Plan, inclusive of any comments received during the 30-day public review period at the close of the public hearing.
4. Authorize City staff to reduce Community Development Block Grant and/or HOME Investment Partnerships Act funding of projects allocated in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan in proportion to the amount of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 formula allocations sequestered by HUD.
5. Authorize the City Manager to execute all required documents for transmittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Department.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, **to continue this public hearing to an adjourned regular meeting of the City Council to be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

7.2 Ordinance amending Title 4, Chapter 8 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code by repealing the current Chapter 8 and adopting a new Chapter 8.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Open the public hearing to receive any comments.

Rodolfo Vallejo addressed his concern to City Council regarding illegal fireworks in the City of Huntington Park.

2. Close the public hearing.
3. Adopt for first reading Ordinance No. 908-NS amending Title 4, Chapter 8 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code by repealing the current Chapter 8 and adopting a new Chapter 8, was read by title. Motion by Amezcuita, seconded by Perez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 908-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 908-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

8.1 Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated May 6, 2013.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated May 6, 2013.

8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated May 6, 2013**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

8.2 Authorization to adjust negative equity fund balance in various funds for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Transfer \$4,980,930 from the General Fund to eliminate negative fund balance equity position in the Pension Fund, Landscape and Lighting Fund, Parking System Fund, Waste Management Fund (AB 939) and Employee Fund.
2. Provide a loan from the General Fund to the Water Department to eliminate its negative equity fund balance equal to \$732,576.
3. Authorize the Finance Director to revise the Audited Financial Statements to reflect these changes.

Director of Finance Morales displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed adjustment of negative equity fund balance in various funds for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012.

Linda Caraballo addressed concerns to City Council regarding the proposed adjustments of negative equity fund balance in various funds for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve transfer of \$4,980,930 from the General Fund to eliminate negative fund balance equity position in the Pension Fund, Landscape and Lighting Fund, Parking System Fund, Waste Management Fund (AB 939) and Employee Fund; approve a loan from the General Fund to the Water Department to eliminate its negative equity fund balance equal to \$732,576; and authorize the Finance Director to revise the Audited Financial Statements to reflect these changes**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

8.3 Authorization to purchase a 2013 GMC Sierra Hybrid Truck.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the City to purchase a 2013 GMC Sierra Hybrid truck for bulky item pick-up grant and parking meter collection.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Perez, to **authorize the City to purchase a 2013 GMC Sierra Hybrid truck for bulky item pick-up grant and parking meter collection**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

8.4 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 following staff's presentation.

8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)

Interim Director of Community Development Wong displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the City's Complete Streets Policy.

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

8.5 Summary Report regarding the City of Huntington Park's Scrap Metal Recycling Facilities Moratorium.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Receive and file this summary report regarding the City's scrap metal recycling facilities moratorium to satisfy the requirement of Section 65858(d) of the California Government Code.

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

8.6 Selection process to appoint candidates interested in serving in the Planning Commission.

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 appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Vice Mayor Perez and Mayor Gomez to assess the selection process to appoint candidates interested in serving City Commissions.

8.7 Resolution of intention to levy annual assessments within the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-13A declaring its intention to levy annual assessments within the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2013-2014, was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-13A, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Member Amezcua; Absent: None.

8.8 Settlement Agreement and Release between the City of Huntington Park and other municipal government agencies and Rehab Financial Corporation.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the Settlement Agreement and Release between the City and other municipal government agencies and Rehab Financial Corporation.
2. Authorize the City Attorney and the City Manager to execute the agreement.

8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Settlement Agreement and Release between the City and other municipal government agencies and Rehab Financial Corporation and authorize the City Attorney to execute the agreement**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

8.9 Request for Proposals for 4th of July Fireworks Display.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the Request for Proposals for selecting a vendor for the City of Huntington Park's 2013 4th of July fireworks display.
2. Authorize staff to advertise the Request for Proposals and distribute to fireworks pyrotechnic vendors.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Request for Proposals for selecting a vendor for the City of Huntington Park's 2013 4th of July fireworks display and authorize staff to advertise the Request for Proposals and distribute to fireworks pyrotechnic vendors**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

8.10 Authorize Award of Request for Proposals for Two Police Package Motorcycles.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Award the Agreement to provide Two Police Package Motorcycles to Victory Police Motorcycles.
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign General Agreement between the City and recommended vendor upon review by the City Attorney.
3. Authorize the Finance Department to issue a Purchase Order to facilitate the purchase of equipment and services.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to **award the Agreement to provide Two Police Package Motorcycles to Victory Police Motorcycles; authorize the City Manager to sign General Agreement between the City and recommended vendor upon review by the City Attorney; authorize the Finance Department to issue a Purchase Order to facilitate the purchase of**

equipment and services, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

8.11 Ordinance adding Chapter 20 of Title 4 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code relating to the regulation of fireworks.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)

of Rodolfo Vallejo asked City Council and how the public will be notified the ordinance regulating fireworks.

Yvonne Correa informed City Council that she would like to volunteer to distribute flyers to the public regarding the new regulations pertaining to fireworks.

Henry Garcia, Director/Editor of LA VOZ Editorial Newspaper, informed City Council that an article may be published in LA VOZ Editorial Newspaper regarding fireworks.

1. Adopt for first reading Ordinance No. 909-NS adding Chapter 20 of Title 4 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code relating to the regulation of fireworks, was read by title. Motion by Amezcuita, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 909-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 909-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

9. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

(This item was continued from April 15, 2013)

- 9.1 **Receive and file a report on Well No. 17 High Nitrate Concentration.**
- 9.2 **Receive and file a report by City staff regarding a request from South West Water Company to execute an Assignment and Assumption Agreement granting reassignment of their contract with the City.**

10. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

- 12.1 **Mayor Mario Gomez**
- 12.2 **Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez**
- 12.3 **Council Member Ofelia Hernandez**
- 12.4 **Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita**
- 12.5 **Council Member Karina Macias**

12.5-1 Adopt Resolution No. 2013-14 of the City of Huntington Park Requesting that LAUSD Reduce Class Sizes and Fully Staff Local School Sites was presented. Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezcuita, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-14, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to adjourn this meeting at 9:41 p.m. to Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., in memory of Juanita Romero, grandmother of Fernanda Palacios, Redevelopment Project Manager for the City of Huntington Park, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Mario Gomez, Mayor

Rocio Martinez, Acting City Clerk