

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, June 3, 2013.

Following the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Samantha Rodriguez, student at Lucille Roybal-Allard School in Huntington Park. The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Gomez. Present: Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Samantha Rodriguez for leading the flag salute at the City Council meeting June 3, 2013.

Chief of Police Cisneros announced the promotion of the following Huntington Park Police Department personnel: 1) Senior Officer Joseph Settles; and 2) Senior Officer Abraham Sidney.

Council Member Amezquita arrived and took his seat at 6:13 p.m.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa displayed a presentation of the Community Cleanup at Salt Lake Park. Mayor Gomez and City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to the following volunteers who assisted in this event: 1) HP Friends of the Park; 2) HP High School Key Club; 3) Aidee Leon; 4) Roxana Flores; 5) Leslie Meza; 6) Jessica Jaime; 7) Jessica Valencia; and 8) Monique Contreras.

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.

Betty Retama addressed concerns to City Council regarding the "All American City" status of the City and Council Member Perez's flag salute at a Council meeting.

Jose Navarro inquired about the recent change back to bi-monthly water billing and regarding any rebates or refunds for recycling.

Rodney Avila, representing Boys Scouts Troop 422, inquired regarding community work.

Edgar Gordillo briefed City Council regarding a community meeting held recently to address health risks associated with Exide Technologies.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed concerns regarding the Rugby Plaza Senior Housing project.

Juan addressed concerns to City Council regarding a dangerous intersection at near Newell and Hood Avenue and requested signage and more police surveillance. Juan also addressed his concern with speeding cyclists at City parks.

Jesus addressed his concern with the Rugby Plaza Senior Housing project.

Edmundo Perez addressed concerns regarding the Rugby Plaza Senior Housing project.

A gentleman addressed his concern to City Council regarding the amount of patrol vehicles sent to respond to a recent incident involving a cyclist.

Steve Samuelian and Dave Marquez from California Consulting LLC, presented a status update report on the

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

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

Edmundo Perez addressed concerns to City Council regarding Consent Calendar Item Nos.: 6.1 (minutes of the City Council meetings); 6.2 (Approving the reading by title of all ordinances and resolutions); and 6.4 (Resolution in support of California Senate Bill 391, the California Homes and Jobs Act of 2013).

## **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, February 26, 2013
- 6.1-2 Adjourned Regular meeting held Tuesday, May 14, 2013
- 6.1-3 Regular meeting held Monday, May 20, 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.

### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

6.3 Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated June 3, 2013.

**6.4 Resolution in support of California Senate Bill 391 (Desaulnier): the California Homes and Jobs Act of 2013.**

#### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-20 in support of California Senate Bill 391 (SB 391), the California Homes and Jobs Act of 2013 was presented. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Macias, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-20, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

## **7. HEARINGS**

**7.1 Ordinance amending the Zoning Map and adoption of a Resolution amending the General Plan Land Use Map for properties located at 5959-6169 S. Alameda Street.**

#### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Open the public hearing to receive any comments.
2. Close the public hearing.
3. Adopt for first reading Ordinance No. 911-NS amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Huntington Park was read by title. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Perez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 911-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 911-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.

**7. HEARINGS – (Continued)**

4. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-21 amending the General Plan Land Use Map of the City of Huntington Park was presented. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Perez, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-21, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**7.2 Resolution confirming the levy of assessment within the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Open the public hearing to receive any comments.
2. Close the public hearing.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-23 confirming the levy of assessment within the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Amezquita, to **cancel the levying of assessment within the Downtown Huntington Park Business Improvement District for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and to approve the dissolution of the Business Improvement District effective July 1, 2013**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**7.3 Public hearing regarding the collection of delinquent fees as a special assessment to be collected at the same time and in the same manner as county taxes.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Open the public hearing to receive any comments.
3. Close the public hearing.

Resolution Nos.: 2013-22; 2013-23; 2013-24; and 2013-25 were presented as follows:

4. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-22 authorizing and directing the County Assessor to include delinquent recycling fees as a special assessment to be collected at the same time and in the same manner as county taxes (172.56 Recycling Fees)
5. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-23 authorizing and directing the County Assessor to include delinquent refuse collection fees as a special assessment to be collected at the same time and in the same manner as county taxes (172.54 Refuse Collection Fees)
6. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-24 authorizing and directing the County Assessor to include delinquent sewer maintenance fees as a special assessment to be collected at the same time and in the same manner as county taxes (172.53 Sewer Maintenance Fees)

## 7. HEARINGS – (Continued)

7. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-25 authorizing and directing the County Assessor to include delinquent utility tax as a special assessment to be collected at the same time and in the same manner as county taxes (172.57 Utility Tax)

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution Nos.: 2013-22; 2013-23; 2013-24; and 2013-25, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

### 7.4 **Public hearing regarding the collection of delinquent rubbish charges pursuant to Section 6-2.205 of the City of Huntington Park Municipal Code.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Open the public hearing to receive any comments.
2. Close the public hearing.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-26 authorizing and directing the County Auditor-Controller to include delinquent refuse collection fees as a special assessment to be collected at the same time and in the same manner as county taxes (172.52 Waste Management Fee) was presented. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Amezcuita, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-26, 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 **Proposition A, Proposition C and Air Quality Management District (AQMD) budgets for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Discuss and/or take action regarding Proposition A, Proposition C and Air Quality Management District (AQMD) budgets for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.
2. Authorize staff to prepare a resolution to adopt said budgets for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

Director of Finance Morales displayed PowerPoint presentations on Proposition A, Proposition C, and AQMD budgets for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

Motion by Macias, seconded by Amezcuita, to **approve Proposition A, Proposition C and Air Quality Management District (AQMD) budgets for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 with City Council recommendations and authorized staff to prepare a resolution adopting said budgets**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

## 8. REGULAR AGENDA

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

#### 8.2 **Consideration to reappoint Eddie Benitez to serve on the Planning Commission for the City of Huntington Park.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Reappointment of Eddie Benitez to serve on the Planning Commission for the City of Huntington Park for a term of four years.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to **reappoint Eddie Benitez to serve on the Planning Commission for the City of Huntington Park for a term of four years ending June 3, 2017**, 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

#### 8.3 **Award Contract for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Display.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the agreement with Bay Fireworks, Inc. to provide pyrotechnic services for the City of Huntington Park's 2013 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Bay Fireworks, Inc.

Motion by Amezquita, seconded by Perez, to **approve the agreement with Bay Fireworks, Inc. to provide pyrotechnic services for the City of Huntington Park's 2013 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Bay Fireworks, Inc.**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### 8.4 **Ordinance amending Chapter 21 of Title 5 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code relating to hours of operation for public parks.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt for second reading Ordinance No. 910-NS amending Chapter 21 of Title 5 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code relating to hours of operation for public parks was read by title. Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 910-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 910-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

## 9. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

- 9.1 **Adopt Resolution No. 2013-27 approving and adopting new class specifications for the position of graduate management intern** was presented. Motion by Amezquita, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-27, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

## **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**

- 12.4-1** Appointment of an Ad-Hoc Committee to review new contracts for City services. Following a brief discussion, and there being one (1) objection from Council Member Amezcuita, no action was taken.

### **12.5 Council Member Karina Macias**

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

## **13. CLOSED SESSION**

- 13.1 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8  
CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Property: Water Rights

Agency Negotiator: City Manager René Bobadilla

Negotiating Parties: City of Vernon and the City of Huntington Park

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

- 13.2 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8  
CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Property: Water Rights

Agency Negotiator: City Manager René Bobadilla

Negotiating Parties: City of Lynwood and the City of Huntington Park

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 9:04 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 9:26 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 declared the meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m., in memory of the following:

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

- 14.1 Manuel Avila, Jr., son of Manuel Avila and Rebecca Avila, former Parks and Recreation Commissioner and former City Treasurer for the City of Huntington Park, respectively.

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Mario Gomez, Mayor

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Rocio Martinez, Acting City Clerk