

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, February 2, 2004.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 6:30 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.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, 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 Tuesday, January 20, 2004.

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated February 2, 2004.

**Approve a business license for Dealership in Used Motor Vehicles to** Veronica Ramirez dba **R. Auto Sales** located at 3265 Gage Avenue, pending Fire Department approval. The Police and Community Development Departments have no reason to deny the permit.

**Approve the Dance and Entertainment Permit to** Marcela and Isaias Ortiz dba **Salon 5 Estrellas** located at 2547 E. 57th Street. The Police, Community Development, and Fire Departments have submitted approvals.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Approve Purchase Order No. 22569 to Aardvark Tactical Inc.** (sole source), 1002 W. Tenth Street, Azusa, 91702, **for a total amount of \$20,946.38 for twelve (12) replacement Ballistic Vests and accessories for the SERT Team.** This will be funded 50% from the Cal Cops Grant 28-793-4304 and 50% from the Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant 28-782-4122.

**Approve Purchase Order No. 22570 to Crossroads Software** (sole source), 210 W. Birch Street, Suite 207, Brea, 92821, **for a total amount of \$39,699.18 to purchase a Geographic Information System (GIS) for traffic collision data; and authorize implementation of project in accordance with grant specifications.** This will be funded from the California Office of Traffic Safety Grant RS0405.

#### ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**Award contract to Nobest, Inc., P.O. Box 874, Westminster, CA 92684-0874, in the total amount of \$355,126 for Alley Improvements at Various Locations, (Project No. 03-002).** This will be funded from the Gas Tax Funds 21-410-4303.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**Approve the Facility Use Permit to Cuautemoc Azteca Danza** to use Westside Park to conduct their annual ceremony in honor of Cuauhtemoc on Saturday, February 28, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Finance Department item regarding consulting services for a utility tax audit was removed from the Consent Calendar pending City Attorney analysis.

City Clerk Romo presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Loya for the City Council to co-sponsor the 2004 Relay for Life to be held at Huntington Park High School on June 5-6, 2004. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Loya, **for the City to co-sponsor the 2004 Relay for Life to be held at Huntington Park High School on June 5-6, 2004**, 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 for authorization to hold a reception for cancer survivors on Saturday, February 28, 2004 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the lobby of City Hall. It will be sponsored by the American Cancer Society for the 2004 Relay for Life. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, to **authorize a reception for cancer survivors on Saturday, February 28, 2004 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the lobby of City Hall**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Council Member Loya left his seat at 6:46 p.m. and returned at 6:47 p.m.

City Clerk Romo presented for discussion and/or action a request from Mayor Escareño for approval of invited Council Members and City Manager to attend the Pre-Inaugural reception for State Assembly Member Fabian Nuñez in Sacramento on Monday, February 9, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve attendance of Mayor Escareño and Council Member Hernandez to the Pre-Inaugural reception for State Assembly Member Fabian Nuñez in Sacramento on Monday, February 9, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None. Vice Mayor Noguez authorized the use of his travel funds for this event.

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Council Member Hernandez to discuss and/or take action regarding approval to attend the National League of Cities Expanded Learning Opportunities Leadership Academy in Washington D.C. March 18-19, 2004. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve attendance of Council Member Hernandez to the National League of Cities Expanded Learning Opportunities Leadership Academy in Washington D.C. March 18-19, 2004**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Manager Korduner requested approval of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce Proposed Retail Promotional and Special Events for Calendar Year 2004. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce Proposed Retail Promotional and Special Events for Calendar Year 2004**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Manager Korduner requested approval to attend the Joe A. Gonsalves & Son Client Cities Annual Appreciation Dinner 2004, Tuesday, March 30, 2004 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento. **There being no objection, Mayor Escareño approved attendance of City Manager Korduner and Council Member Hernandez to the Joe A. Gonsalves & Son Client Cities Annual Appreciation Dinner 2004, Tuesday, March 30, 2004 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento.**

Acting Director of Community Development Gray requested appointment of an Ad-Hoc Committee to make recommendations to City Council regarding CDBG Public/Social Services projects to be included in the 2004-2005 Consolidated Plan–Annual Action Plan. Motion by Escareño, seconded by Loya, to **appoint Vice Mayor Noguez and Council Member Gomez to an Ad-Hoc Committee to make recommendations to City Council regarding CDBG Public/Social Services projects to be included in the 2004-2005 Consolidated Plan–Annual Action Plan**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Fries presented for discussion and/or action a report regarding a dog park in the City and requests City Council direction. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Loya, to **approve the soccer circle area within Salt Lake Park to be utilized as a dog park and for staff to proceed with preparation of an ordinance**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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.

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Council Member Loya to discuss and/or take action regarding Tenet Healthcare Corp. plans to sell Mission Hospital and Community Hospital of Huntington Park. Barbara Schneider, Chief Executive Officer of Community Hospital of Huntington Park, briefed City Council regarding Tenet Healthcare Corp.'s plans to sell nineteen (19) Hospitals of which two (2) are located in the City of Huntington Park. Ms. Schneider stated there are no buyers at this time.

Presentation by Rod Hamilton, Regional Manager from the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) regarding the New Construction Phase II for Potential School Sites. Mr. Hamilton displayed a map to point out the potential new school sites. Mr. Hamilton informed City Council of meetings that will take place to obtain community input on the locations where new schools will be constructed, distributed Site Selection Kickoff Community Meeting flyers, and introduced Anibal Guerrero and Mario Hernandez of LAUSD Community Outreach. Mr. Hamilton encouraged City Council to participate in the new school construction meetings with LAUSD and to vote yes on Measure R in the March 2004 election. Motion by Loya, seconded by Noguez, to **appoint Council Member Hernandez and Council Member Loya to participate in the site selection community LAUSD meetings**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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.

Brian Hunt, President of Diversified Paratransit Inc., thanked City Council for the opportunity to serve the City. Mr. Hunt stated that he will do all that is necessary to make a smooth transition.

Dave Daley, Chief Operating Officer of Southland Transit Inc., addressed his concerns to City Council regarding the transit services Ad-Hoc committee's recommendation. Mr. Daley addressed his displeasure to City Council regarding the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for transit services.

Robert Rodriguez, Chief Operating Officer of Oldtimers Foundation, stated that the Oldtimers Foundation is qualified and ready to provide the transit services for the City of Huntington Park.

Victor Caballero, representing Fiesta Taxi, stated that he appreciates the opportunity to service the City and that it is an honor to work with the Oldtimers Foundation.

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 the appeal filed by Robert Kalpakoff regarding the cost for the abatement at 2718 Saturn Avenue. Mayor Escareño declared the appeal hearing open and called for oral communications from the appellant. Ashton Cooper, Attorney at Community Legal Services representing Robert Kalpakoff, stated that the procedures were not followed correctly according to the City ordinance; the abatement cost was excessive; and that

Mr. Kalpakoff did not receive a proper hearing. Mayor Escareño called for any other oral communications, and hearing none, Mayor Escareño declared the appeal hearing closed. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **deny Robert Kalpakoff's appeal regarding the cost for the abatement at 2718 Saturn Avenue**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to obtain public comment to consider **amending the City's 2003-2004 Consolidated Plan-Annual Action Plan**. 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.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to obtain the views and opinions of Huntington Park residents regarding the **City's Housing and Community Development needs, and priority Non-Housing Community Development needs for the City's 2004-2005 Community 2020 Consolidated Plan-Annual Action Plan**. 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.

The meeting recessed at 7:59 p.m. and resumed at 8:05 p.m.

City Manager Korduner requested discussion and/or action regarding the following Transit Services: demand response, fixed route, and Pacific Boulevard's Shuttle. Victor Caballero, representing Fiesta Taxi, stated that they service other cities and have no complaints. Alicia Martinez, resident, addressed City Council to find out what will happen to the transit service in the City. Robert Rodriguez, Chief Operating Officer of Oldtimers Foundation, informed City Council that vans will be provided to disabled residents. Martin Gombert, the City's transportation consultant, stated that he evaluated all written proposals from each firm, spoke to their staff, and took tours of the facilities. A Diversified Paratransit Inc. employee asked City Council what will happen if residents cannot afford the new transportation fee. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the following: **1) award a three (3) year contract to the Oldtimers Foundation to operate the Fixed Route & Pacific Boulevard Shuttle and Fiesta Taxi to operate Demand Response Services; 2) that Oldtimers Foundation Inc. continue to operate the two (2) vans currently in use; and 3) to continue services with Diversified Paratransit on a month-to-month basis for no more than 60 days**, 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 presented a request from Cuauhtemoc Aztec Dance for the City to co-sponsor their annual Procession and Ceremony in Honor of Cuauhtemoc on February 28, 2004. **There being no objection, Mayor Escareño approved the request from Cuauhtemoc Aztec Dance for the City to co-sponsor their annual Procession and Ceremony in Honor of Cuauhtemoc on February 28, 2004.**

Motion by Escareño, seconded by Hernandez, to establish as "**subsequent need**" item, correspondence from Assembly Member Firebaugh's office requesting that the City waive costs for any permits associated with the opening of a Firebaugh Children's Free Dental Clinic in the City, as the item arose after the posting of the agenda, necessitating City Council's immediate consideration and/or action, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **waive costs for any permits associated with the opening of Firebaugh Children's Free Dental Clinic in the City**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for the following: 1) pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: City of Huntington Park vs. 6208 Alameda Corporation, et al. Los Angeles Superior Court, Case #BC24217; 2) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Title: Chief of Police, Title: Police Captain; and 3) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Agency designated representative: City Manager, Unrepresented Employee: Chief of Police, Employee organization: Police Management Association. Mayor Escareño declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 9:20 p.m. City Clerk Romo was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 9:59 p.m. 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.

Mayor Escareño declared the meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

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Edward Escareño, Mayor

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