

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, March 1, 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 Loya, seconded by Noguez, to approve the Consent Calendar with an amendment to the proposal for soil sampling by Ami Adini and Associates, Inc. with regards to the limitation of liability, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, February 17, 2004.

**Deny claim filed by Richard A. Adams**, Date of Incident: August 12, 2003 and refer to the City's insurance administrator.

**Deny claim filed by Alejandra Guillen**, Date of Incident: December 8, 2003 and refer to Los Angeles Unified School District and the City's insurance administrator.

**Deny claim filed by Israel R. Lopez**, Date of Incident: January 29, 2004 and refer to the City's insurance administrator.

**Deny claim filed by Silvano Peña**, Date of Incident: November 22, 2003.

**Approve Purchase Order No. 21844 to MTM Business Systems**, 1622 Edinger Avenue, Suite F, Tustin, 92780, **for the purchase of the budgeted new filing system for the vault located in the Office of the City Clerk** in the amount of \$7,794.00. This will be funded from the Office Equipment Account 11-110-4118.

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated March 1, 2004.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Approve Purchase Order No. 22574 to Orion Electronics** (sole source), 90 Sanford Drive, P.O. Box 2728, Windsor, NS Canada B0N 2T0, **for the purchase of a GPS Tracking System for investigative purposes**, for a total amount not to exceed \$12,500. This will be funded from the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Account 28-791-4304.

#### FIELD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**Approve Purchase Order No. 22653 to Ami Adini and Associates, Inc.**, 4657 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, 90027, **for soil sampling at the fuel dispenser in City Yards for an amount of \$9,990; and authorize approval of any additional drilling and sampling that may be required** at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. This will be funded from the Fleet Maintenance Account 41-445-4303.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of cases: A) Thomas Tellez v. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No. VNO 0448136, VNO 04481358 and B) Loy Cleveland v. City of Huntington Park, WCAB 031083686; 03108389; 03108392. Mayor Escareño declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:40 p.m. City Clerk Romo was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 6:52 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.

City Clerk Romo presented for discussion and/or action a request from Vice Mayor Noguez for appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to address the needs of Pacific Boulevard with respect to business and zoning. There being no objection, **Mayor Escareño appointed an Ad Hoc Committee of Council Member Gomez and Vice Mayor Noguez to address the needs of Pacific Boulevard with respect to business and zoning.**

City Clerk Romo requested approval of funding to attend the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Annual Conference in British Columbia, Canada. Following a discussion, Vice Mayor Noguez left his seat at 7:04 p.m. and returned at 7:05 p.m. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve attendance of City Clerk Romo to the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Annual Conference in British Columbia, Canada, based upon a transfer of Council Member Gomez's travel funds**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Abstain: Vice Mayor Noguez and Council Member Loya; Absent: None.

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:06 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.

Mayor Escareño and Council Member Hernandez presented certificates of Appreciation to the following volunteers of Advocacy Committee Teamwork (ACT): 1) Maria Elena Arreola; 2) Emma Avila; 3) Felipe Nery; 4) Maricela Talamantez (not present); 5) Rosie Monteon; 6) Antonio Amaro (not present); 7) Socorro Amaro (not present); 8) Dina Orellana (not present); 9) Maria Luna; 10) Milagros Granillos; 11) Juan Jimenez; 12) Maria Galvan; 13) Gloria Lopez; 14) Veronica Romero; 15) Maria Manjarres (not present); 16) Julio Alfaro(not present); 17)Yvonne Correa; 18) Hermelinda Gonzalez; 19) Mario Amaya; 20) Gerardo Lemus; and 21) Esther Guzman.

Felipe Nery, President of Advocacy Committee Teamwork (ACT), thanked City Council and Huntington Park Librarian Norma Montero for supporting ACT; and invited everyone to participate.

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.

The following individuals briefed City Council regarding their agencies and requested allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds: 1) Cynthia Amador, President and Chief Executive Officer of CHARO Community Development Corporation; 2) Ronald Garcia, representing the Salvation Army Southeast Corps; 3) Norma Montero, Librarian of the Los Angeles County Public Library-Huntington Park Library; 4) Ivan Grgas, Associate Director of Human Services Academy at Huntington Park High School; 5) Martha Nevarez, Title 1 Coordinator at Miles Avenue Elementary; 6) Maria R. Salazar, Teacher at Miles Avenue Elementary; 7)Yesenia Serrano, Teacher Assistant at Miles Avenue Elementary; 8) Carmen Morgana, in support of Henry T. Gage Middle School; and 9) Jena Glymph-Williams, Administrative Analyst of the Los Angeles Unified School District-Huntington Park High School.

Nick Ioannidis thanked City Council for alleviating the lack of parking and criminal activity near his business. Mr. Ioannidis informed City Council that the roof from his business

collapsed.

Mayor Escareño temporarily suspended public appearances to present the following item.

City Clerk Romo presented on behalf of Mayor Escareño for discussion and/or action the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging call for honorees for the 39th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Luncheon Awards Ceremony. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Loya, **to nominate Elisa Rudolph as the City's honoree for the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging 39th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Luncheon Awards Ceremony**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Mayor Escareño continued oral communications, indicating that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on any matter of City business.

A gentleman addressed his concerns to City Council regarding the condition of the tennis courts at Salt Lake Park and requested that they be resurfaced.

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

Acting Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of the funding recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Committee regarding the selection of Public/Social Services projects for inclusion in the City's 2004-2005 Annual Action Plan. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, **to approve the funding recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Committee regarding the following Public/Social Services projects for inclusion in the City's 2004-2005 Annual Action Plan: 1) Rainbow Services, Ltd. \$5,000; 2) Los Angeles County Public Library-Huntington Park Library \$15,000; 3) Southeast Rio Vista Family Y.M.C.A. \$15,000; 4) Southeast Churches Service Center \$5,000; 5) Miles Avenue School \$ 20,000; 6) Steelworkers Oldtimers Foundation \$40,000; 7) St. Francis Medical Center Foundation \$5,000; 8) Parks and Recreation After School Program \$40,000; and 9) Parks and Recreation Community Beautification Program \$155,000**, 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 Mayor Escareño to authorize a Community Health Fair to be presented by Huntington Park's Lions Club and co-sponsored by the City on Sunday, April 25, 2004 at 3100 Florence Avenue. Laura Jimenez and Dr. Dina Lopez, representing the Huntington Park's Lions Club, requested approval of a Community Health Fair; for the City to co-sponsor this event by providing in-kind services; and waiving any applicable fees. Motion by Escareño, seconded by Gomez, **to authorize a Community Health Fair to be presented by Huntington Park's Lions Club on Sunday, April 25, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 3100 Florence Avenue and for the City to co-sponsor the event with in-kind services and waiver of any permit fees**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None. City Manager Korduner referred Dr. Dina Lopez to Chief Deputy City Clerk Ramirez in regards to any insurance requirements especially concerning the inflatable jumper.

City Clerk Romo presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Loya regarding **issuing of credit cards for Council Members**. Following a discussion, Mayor Escareño recommended that the City not consider issuing credit cards for Council Members.

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action transit service agreements with Oldtimers Foundation and Fiesta Taxi. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, **to approve the Agreement for Operation of Public Transit Services in the City of Huntington Park between the City of Huntington Park and Oldtimers Foundation; and Dial-A-Ride Services agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Administrative Services Cooperative, Inc.**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Noguez, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, on the condition that there are no substantive changes, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Acting Director of Community Development Gray requested approval to commence the process to increase the fireworks stands permit fee from \$100 to \$335. **City Council directed staff to prepare a resolution to increase the firework stands permit fee from \$100 to \$200 for 2004 and \$335 for 2005**. Council Member Gomez requested that organizations be notified of the permit fee increase.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Title: Chief of Police and Title: Police Captain; and Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Agency designated representative: City Manager; Unrepresented Employee: Chief of Police; and Employee organization: Police Management Association. Mayor Escareño declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:48 p.m. City Clerk Romo was excused from the closed session.

Vice Mayor Noguez left the closed session and excused himself from the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 9:10 p.m. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Edward Escareño. Absent: Vice Mayor Juan R. Noguez.

Chief of Police Narramore requested approval of the Agreement for Employment for Chief of Police between the City of Huntington Park and Randy E. Narramore. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Agreement for Employment for Chief of Police between the City of Huntington Park and Randy E. Narramore**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Noguez.

Chief of Police Narramore requested approval of the Agreement for Employment for Assistant Chief of Police between the City of Huntington Park and Stephen Peeler. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, to **approve the Agreement for Employment for Assistant Chief of Police between the City of Huntington Park and Stephen Peeler**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Noguez.

Chief of Police Narramore requested discussion and/or action regarding City Prosecutor Services. There being no objection, Mayor Escareño **directed staff to extend the Agreement with Dapeer, Rosenblit & Litvak, LLP for City Prosecutor Services for a period of 30 days to allow staff sufficient time to review proposals submitted for City Prosecutor Services.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-10. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUED OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE AT ITS CURRENT LOCATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2004-10, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Noguez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-11. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **IN SUPPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY SALES TAX** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2004-11, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Noguez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-12. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE MURRAY-HAYDEN PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2004-12, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Escareño; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Noguez.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the closed session items: 1) the matter regarding Conference With Real Property Negotiators, was continued to the next City Council meeting; 2) the matters regarding Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation, status reports were provided by special counsel; and 3) the matter regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluations and Conference with Labor Negotiators, following a presentation by the City Manager, no action was taken.

Mayor Escareño declared the meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m., in memory of Adolph D'Eramo, brother of Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce and Marie Gomez, mother of Council Member Mario Gomez.

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Edward Escareño, Mayor

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