

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, August 5, 2013.

Following the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Damian Lopez, 6th grade student and participant of the Huntington Park Power up Summer Day Camp. 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 announced that Item Nos.: 7.1 – Professional Services Agreement to Lorraine Mendez & Associates and 7.2 – Professional Services Contract to Kosmont Companies, were pulled from the agenda.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Damien Lopez for leading the flag salute at the City Council meeting August 5, 2013.

Mayor Gomez presented a proclamation designating August 6, 2013 as National Night Out in the City of Huntington Park to Lieutenant Mongan of the Huntington Park Police Department.

Rowan Vansleve, representing A Better LA, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding a proposed new specialty retail store on Pacific Boulevard.

PowerPoint presentation by Enterprising Leaders for the Advancement of Science and Technology in the Inner-City (ELASTICITY) regarding their purpose and invited City Council to attend their Huntington Park Science Day event at the Huntington Park Library on August 17, 2013. Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to ELASTICITY for their leadership, outreach and community involvement for the betterment of education.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Dino's Chicken & Burgers for being recognized by Travel.usatoday.com as one of the best takeout restaurants in the Los Angeles area.

Interim City Attorney Litfin requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** and opened oral communication for the following:

12. CLOSED SESSION

12.3 Pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Case: Ronnie Beason vs. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No. ADJ938219

12.4 Pursuant to California Government Code 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISSMISSAL/RELEASE

William Cunningham, former Mayor and Council Member for the City of Huntington Park, addressed City Council in support of City Clerk Ramirez and read a letter in support of City Clerk Ramirez from Jim Roberts, former Mayor and Council Member for the City of Huntington Park.

Linda Caraballo addressed City Council in support of City Clerk Ramirez and expressed concerns with the current administration of the City of Huntington Park.

Carlos Pando informed City Council of the success of the most recent City of Huntington Park General municipal election and expressed support for City Clerk Ramirez.

Marilyn Boyette, former City Clerk for the City of Huntington Park, briefed City Council of the duties and responsibilities of the City Clerk's Office and addressed City Council in support of City Clerk Ramirez.

Jessica R. Maes, former Mayor and Council Member of the City of Huntington Park, addressed City Council in support of City Clerk Ramirez.

Richard V. Loya, former Mayor and Council Member of the City of Huntington Park, addressed City Council in support of City Clerk Ramirez and briefed City Council on the reason the City Clerk position was changed from elected to an appointed position.

Elisa Rudolph-Perez briefed City Council regarding her involvement in the American Cancer Society and the community. Ms. Rudolph-Perez addressed concerns regarding the future of the City and expressed her support for Clerk Ramirez.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed various concerns to City Council.

Jon addressed concerns with the administration of the City of Huntington Park and expressed his support for City Clerk Ramirez.

Marilyn Sanabria addressed various concerns to City Council including the City's health.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:06 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 9:13 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.

Interim City Attorney Litfin reported out the following on the closed session items: 1) 12.3 Pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of Case: Ronnie Beason vs. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No. ADJ938219, City Council anonymously approved settlement in the amount of \$75,000; and 2) 12.4 Pursuant to California Government Code 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE, no reportable action.

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.

Elba Romo, representing MAER Consulting Firm, addressed her concerns with item no. 7.2 on the agenda and asked City Council to consider the original bidders who submitted proposals for said services.

A representative from Honduras Kitchen informed City Council that Honduras Kitchen is celebrating their 20th Anniversary in Huntington Park.

Joaquin Castaneda, Interim District Director from Senator Ricardo Lara's Office, briefed City Council regarding Senate Bill 811 and asked City Council for a letter in support of Senate Bill 811.

Lorena Gonzalez distributed flyers and invited City Council to attend the "Lets Walk/Run together", a 2-day event at Salt Lake Park on August 7 and August 17, 2013. Ms. Gonzalez thanked El Aviso Magazine, Wave Newspapers, Friends of the Library and the Parks and Recreation Department for helping with the event.

Linda Caraballo addressed concerns regarding current administration of the City of Huntington Park.

Jon recognized Nick Ioannidis and urged City Council to celebrate National Immigrants Day on October 28, 2013.

Nick Ioannidis, representing National Immigrants Day, informed City Council of the recognition he has received for National Immigrants Day and asked City Council to join him in celebrating National Immigrants Day on October 28, 2013.

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 with the noted change to the Consent Calendar section of the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, July 15, 2013 to include names of the former Council Members (Richard V. Loya, Jessica R. Maes, Jim Roberts, and Linda

Guevara) and former City Clerk Marilyn Boyette, who were present at the regular meeting of the City Council held July 1, 2013, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, 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 meeting:

6.1-1 Regular meeting held Monday, July 15, 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 August 5, 2013.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

6.4 Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with Primestor Development, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with Primestor Development, Inc. for the development of a mixed-use project in the City's downtown area.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

6.5 Liability Agreement with the County of Los Angeles and County Sanitation District No. 2 to host a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Liability Agreement with the County of Los Angeles and County Sanitation District No. 2 as a requirement for hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event at the Public Works Yard on October 26, 2013.

6.6 Purchase Order for gasoline and diesel fuel for City vehicles.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Purchase Order with SC Fuels for the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel for a not-to-exceed amount of \$295,000 for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

6.7 Approval of vendor for Public Safety Mobile and Surveillance Wireless Mesh Network.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve selection of Sea Hawk Surveillance, Inc. to provide the Public Safety Mobile and Surveillance Wireless Mesh Network.

2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Sea Hawk Surveillance, Inc. upon review of the City Attorney.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR** – (Continued)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

3. Authorize the Finance Department to issue necessary purchase order and make payments to facilitate the successful completion of this project.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

7. **REGULAR AGENDA**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

7.3 Food Services Agreement Renewal.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Renew the Food Services Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and County of Los Angeles for a term of five years.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezcuita, to **approve the renewal of the Food Services Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and County of Los Angeles for a term of five years**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

11. **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

11.1 Mayor Mario Gomez

- 11.1-1 Discussion and/or action regarding Cyber Café uses in the City of Huntington Park. Following a brief discussion, Mayor Gomez directed staff to refer this item to the Planning Commission to review and amend the Huntington Park Municipal Code to allow Cyber Café uses thought in the City.

11.2 Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez

- 11.2-1 Discussion and/or action regarding a letter of support for SB 811 (State Highway Route 710) by Senator Ricardo Lara. Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to **authorize staff to send a letter of support for SB 811 (State Highway Route 710) by Senator Ricardo Lara to be executed by Mayor Gomez and Vice Mayor Perez**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

11.3 Council Member Ofelia Hernandez

11.4 Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita

11.5 Council Member Karina Macias

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

12. CLOSED SESSION

- 12.2 Pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Case: State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company v. City of Huntington Park, (Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 12CH2058)

- 12.5 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION, pursuant to California Government Code paragraph (4) of Subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9: Number of potential cases: (1).

- 12.6 Pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Case: Addison Weeks, Kenneth Chan and Brian Sloma v. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. EDCV13-1257

- 12.7 Pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Case: Water Replenishment District of Southern California vs. City of Huntington Park, Case No. BC512581

- 12.8 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a),
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Case: Central and West Basin Water Replenishment District v. Adams, LASC Case No. 78665 / CA Water Service Co. v. Compton, Case No. C506806.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 9:53 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 11:06 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.

Interim City Attorney Litfin reported out the following on the **closed session** items: 1) 12.2 pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of Case: State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company v. City of Huntington Park, (Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 12CH2058), City Council authorized payment in the amount of \$5657.59 for the judgment in this matter; 2) 12.5 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION, pursuant to California Government Code paragraph (4) of Subdivision (c) of Section 54956.9: Number of potential cases: (1), advice that direction to initiate an action has been given; 3) 12.6 pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of Case: Addison Weeks, Kenneth Chan and Brian Sloma v. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. EDCV13-1257, City Council authorized Risk Manager to enter into a Retainer Agreement with Manning & Kass to defend the City in this matter; 4) 12.7 pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of Case: Water Replenishment District of Southern California vs. City of Huntington Park, Case No. BC512581, no reportable action taken; and 5) 12.8 pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of Case: Central and West Basin Water Replenishment District v. Adams, LASC Case No. 78665 / CA Water Service Co. v. Compton, Case No. C506806, no reportable action taken.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

Mario Gomez, Mayor

Rocio Martinez, Acting City Clerk