

Minutes of the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, August 13, 2013.

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 Amezcuita.

Mayor Gomez called the special meeting for the purpose of discussing and/or taking action regarding various items pertaining to City budget, including cost-saving solutions; and a closed session item for Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (2).

City Manager Bobadilla announced that agenda item no. 3.4: Approve the Service Amendment to the Agreement with Duncan Parking Technologies, Inc. to include parking citation processing **was pulled from the agenda**.

Danny Bueno, Management Analyst, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding City Hall telephone line consolidation.

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.

Linda Caraballo addressed her concerns including the purpose of calling a special meeting; missing agenda material on the City's website; and public comment on agenda items.

Richard V. Loya addressed City Council to oppose any increase in connection with the proposed pension tax rate and the proposed amendment to the Finance Department warrant register check approval process.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed his concerns with a recent transaction involving the Huntington Park Plaza Apartments, formerly known as Rugby Plaza Senior Housing and the City and urged City Council to make good decisions for the City and its residents.

Edmundo Perez addressed his concerns with the following: 1) a proposed resolution fixing the rate of annual pension tax rate; 2) a proposed amendment to the Finance Department warrant register check approval process; and 3) noticing of the special City Council meeting agenda.

Henry Garcia addressed his concerns to City Council regarding certain individuals who address City Council and informed City Council of his experience during his visit to another state.

A woman commended the City for holding a recent Town Hall meeting to discuss revitalization of the downtown and addressed her concerns with any tax rate increases.

Carlos Pando addressed City Council to oppose any tax rate increases in the City of Huntington Park.

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

Following comments by City Council regarding the proposed resolution fixing the rate of annual pension tax rate, motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the Consent Calendar, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: Council Member Macias; Absent: Council Member Amezcuita.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- 2.1 **Resolution fixing the rate of annual pension tax rate to satisfy obligations of City's voter authorized indebtedness for Fiscal Year 2013-2014.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2013-39 fixing the rate of taxes to pay set cost of the Public Employees Retirement System and debt service of pension obligations bonds for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and levying taxes for said retirement system to the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2013 was presented. Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-39, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: Council Member Macias; Absent: Council Member Amezcuita.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

3. REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- 3.1 **Approve amendment to the Finance Department warrant register check approval process.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the Finance Director to amend the Finance Department's Policies for the warrant register check approval process.

Sara Cisneros, Finance Assistant I, briefed City Council regarding the City's current check approval process particularly dealing with facility deposit refunds and registration for conferences.

Linda Caraballo addressed her concerns to City Council with the proposed amendment to the Finance Department warrant register check approval process.

Richard V. Loya addressed City Council to oppose the proposed amendment to the Finance Department warrant register check approval process, especially dealing with cellular phone bills and conferences.

There being no objection, Mayor Gomez so ordered this item continued.

- 3.2 **Approve Special Demand Register dated August 13, 2013.**

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Perez, to **approve Special Demand Register dated August 13, 2013**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Amezcuita.

- 3.3 **Approve changes to the City's Combi Bus Service Schedule and Proposition C Budget.**

3. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve changes to the City's Combi Bus Service Schedule and Proposition C Budget.

Irene Muro, CEO of the Oldtimers Foundation, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding proposed cuts in service for the City's combi bus transportation.

There being no objection, Mayor Gomez so ordered this item be continued.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

3.5 Second Amendment to the Agreement with Consolidated Disposal Service, LLC for Commercial Refuse Disposal Services – Correction of typographical error.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute the corrected Second Amendment to the Agreement with Consolidated Disposal Services, LLC for continued uninterrupted commercial refuse disposal services on an interim basis.

There being no objection, Mayor Gomez so ordered this item approved.

Linda Caraballo addressed her concerns to City Council regarding certain agenda material not being available to the public and City Council for review prior to the City Council meeting.

4. STUDY SESSION

4.1 Ongoing discussion regarding City budget.

Director of Finance Morales displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Continuation Budget. Chief of Police Cisneros, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Enriquez, and Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa also displayed PowerPoint presentations regarding their respective department budgets.

Linda Caraballo commended the Huntington Park Police Department for assisting other agencies in taking down certain crime members. Ms. Caraballo inquired about the possibility of increasing revenues by allowing use of the courthouse building by other agencies to house and transport inmates and the possibility of increasing the asset forfeitures by allowing police officers to assist other agencies. Ms. Caraballo addressed her concerns with the proposed reclassification of a Management Analyst position at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Edgar Gordillo addressed City Council to oppose having a Parks and Recreation Commission.

Rodolfo Cruz inquired about the Police Department personnel and addressed her concerns with the City's financial status, including bonds.

Henry Garcia informed City Council that his newspaper was recognized by the State of Durango, Mexico and stated that the City of Detroit is bankrupt.

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

5. CLOSED SESSION

5.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION,

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (2)

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:28 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 8:36 p.m. Present: Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcua.

Interim Assistant City Attorney Larson reported out the following on the closed session items for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (2): 1) there was no reportable action taken; and 2) City Council authorized settlement in the amount of \$200 to Daniel Saucedo, Date of Incident: May 11, 2013.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Mario Gomez, Mayor

Rocio Martinez, Acting City Clerk