

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, October 7, 2013.

Following the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by the Boy Scout Troop No. 419 from the City of Vernon. 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.

Following a video of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Healthy Walk to Reduce Obesity event, Mayor Gomez and City Council presented Certificates of Appreciation and plaques to the following sponsors of the 6th Annual Healthy Walk to Reduce Obesity held Saturday, September 14, 2013: 1) America Vive Dance & Martial Arts Studio; 2) Boy Scout Troop #419; 3) Cathedral Sagrada Familia; 4) Central Basin Water District; 5) City of Huntington Park's Health & Education Commission; 6) El Gallo Giro; 7) Estela Ramirez, Zumba Instructor; 8) GFWC Huntington Park Women's Club; 9) Huntington Park Sister Cities; 10) McDonald's located on Slauson Avenue in Huntington Park; 11) Pink Horses & Cows; 12) Reynoso's Hit N' Walk; 13) Royal Catering Company; 14) Southeast Churches Service Center; 15) Tap Royal Transportation; 16) Telemundo's TV Channel 52; 17) The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce; 18) Waste Management; and 19) Winchell's Donuts. A special Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Lira Bros., Inc. for making the t-shirts for this event in such short notice.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a trophy to the winning team of the 1st Annual City of Huntington Park Employee Softball Tournament and Barbeque held Saturday, September 21, 2013.

Senator Gloria Romero and Sylvia Scott-Hayes, California Deputy Director of Education Reform Now, distributed copies of a report containing Academic Performance Index (API) scores in Huntington Park and addressed City Council regarding Education Reform Now (ERN) and their upcoming new venture called "The Foundation for Parent Empowerment".

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a proclamation to Ofelia Medina of Alliance for A Better Community in celebration of their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service in promoting equity for Latinos in education, health, economic development and civic engagement for the betterment of the Los Angeles region.

Ricardo Mesa, representing Primestor Development Inc., presented a \$250 gift certificate to Veronica Otañez, winner of a drawing in connection with the City of Huntington Park Downtown Revitalization Project.

Director of Finance Morales displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City of Huntington Park Grand Prix to be held October 19, 2013 and introduced Don Ward of Wolfgang Hustle.

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.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed various concerns to City Council, including the City's time allotted for public appearances, the City's finances, pension tax, City-owned properties.

The following individuals addressed various concerns to City Council regarding a Planning Commission Case No. 2013-12 Conditional Use Permit (CUP) at 6069-6105 Maywood Avenue: 1) Elisa Romo; 2) Maria Amaya; 3) Lucy Enriquez; 4) Jennifer Ochoa; 5) Sandra Ngayan; and 6) Delia Gonzalez.

Hipolito Serrano addressed City Council to inquire about the possibility of lowering property taxes and the City's water rates. Mr. Serrano also addressed concerns regarding the recycling facility associated with Planning Commission Case No. 2013-12 CUP and low attendance at the Neighborhood Improvement meetings.

Edgar Gordillo informed City Council of the importance of the Neighborhood Improvement meetings and asked City Council to consider extending the Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator's hours to dedicate more time to these meetings.

Linda Caraballo addressed concerns regarding statements made at the previous City Council meeting, water matters in the City, and H.P. Tow.

Alex Reynoso, representing Reynoso's Hit N' Walk, invited City Council to attend a Community Leadership Conference with elected officials in Bell Gardens on November 20, 2013. Mr. Reynoso informed City Council of the newest members of Reynoso's Hit N' Walk, including Azteca Signs and Sweet Escape Cupcakes.

Antonio Padilla addressed City Council regarding the City's image and the need for improvements.

Jesse Estrella addressed concerns to City Council regarding lack of parking in the City and inquired about the possibility of implementing and/or enforcing parking policies.

Ronald V. Garcia, Southern California Edison Regional Manager Public Affairs, briefed City Council regarding recent windstorms in the area and asked everyone to take precautions when dealing with emergency situations. Mr. Garcia also informed City Council of upcoming energy rate increases.

Maria Carnera, representing Reynoso's Hit N' Walk, introduced the Reynoso's Hit N' Walk board and presented an award to the City of Huntington Park for their contribution and participation in the southeast cities. Ms. Carnera also presented an award to City Manager Bobadilla for his hard work and dedication to the southeast communities.

Rena Jacqueline, representing Sweet Escape Cupcakes, addressed City Council to thank Reynoso's Hit N' Walk for inviting and welcoming her business to their organization. Ms. Jacqueline briefed City Council about her business and thanked them for the opportunity to do business in the City.

Guillermo Delgado addressed City Council to inquire about a crime that took place near Seville and Gage Avenues.

Maria Avila addressed health concerns to City Council regarding exposure to lead and arsenic as a result of Exide Technologies located in the City of Vernon. Ms. Avila asked City Council to support the community in urging Exide Technologies to stop poisoning the community.

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 Mayor Gomez abstaining on the minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, September 10, 2013 and regular meeting of the City Council held September 16, 2013, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcua, 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 meetings:

- 6.1-1 Special meeting held Tuesday, September 10, 2013
- 6.1-2 Regular meeting held Monday, September 16, 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 October 7, 2013.

### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

## **7. REGULAR AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

#### **7.1 Approve the procurement of artificial turf for the Salt Lake Park Soccer Fields Project.**

##### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve staff's findings and determination that it would be impracticable, useless or economically infeasible to follow normal bidding procedures for the procurement of artificial turf and that the public welfare would be promoted by dispensing with them in accordance with Huntington Park Municipal Code Section 2-5.12(i).
2. Authorize the advertisement of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purchase and installation of artificial turf utilizing the State of California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) or a similar public leveraged procurement agreement program.
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute all related documents to complete the purchase of the artificial turf selected as the best value in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the CMAS Local Government Agency Guide.

James Enriquez, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Salt Lake Park Soccer Fields Project.

Motion by Amezcuita, seconded by Perez, to **approve staff's findings and determination that it would be impracticable, useless or economically infeasible to follow normal bidding procedures for the procurement of artificial turf and that the public welfare would be promoted by dispensing with them in accordance with Huntington Park Municipal Code Section 2-5.12(i); authorize the advertisement of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purchase and installation of artificial turf utilizing the State of California Multiple Award Schedules (CMAS) or a similar public leveraged procurement agreement program; and authorize the City Manager to execute all related documents to complete the purchase of the artificial turf selected as the best value in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the CMAS Local Government Agency Guide**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

## **8. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

- 8.1 **Discussion and/or action regarding nomination of individuals who immigrated to the United States of America, in honor of National Immigrants Day. There being no objection, Mayor Gomez so ordered members of the City Council to submit their nominations for National Immigrants Day before the next City Council meeting.**
- 8.2 **Discussion and/or action regarding correspondence on behalf of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors urging City Council to support legislation to update Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act. Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezcuita, to authorize staff to prepare a letter of support joining the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in supporting the enactment of Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None;

Absent: None.

8.3 *Discussion and/or action regarding correspondence from H.P. Automotive & Tow, Inc. requesting a towing and storage fee increase. **This item was removed from the agenda.***

8.4 **Discussion and/or action regarding a public workshop on receiving water limitations in Los Angeles Water Board Order No. R4-2012-0175 to be held Tuesday, October 8, 2013. Update by City Manager Bobadilla regarding the proposed public workshop to address water limitations in Los Angeles Water Board Order No. R4-2012-0175. There being no objection, Mayor Gomez so ordered this item be received and filed.**

## 9. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

## 10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

## 11. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

### 11.1 Mayor Mario Gomez

11.1-1 **Discussion and/or action regarding formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee regarding uncollected parking tickets.** Motion by Perez, seconded by Macias, **to form an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of Mayor Gomez, Council Member Macias, Marilyn Sanabria, Jesse Estrella and a member of the Police Department to address uncollected parking tickets**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcua, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

11.1-2 **Discussion and/or action regarding continuing membership with the Southeast Cities Education Foundation (formerly Southeast Cities Schools Coalition).** City Manager Bobadilla briefed City Council on the dissolution of the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition. **There being no objection, Mayor Gomez discontinued membership with the former Southeast Cities Schools Coalition.**

11.1-3 **Discussion and/or action regarding correspondence from Senator Ricardo Lara's Office for City Council to nominate a local small business for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate District's 2013 Excellence in Business Awards Ceremony to be held in Long Beach, CA on October 23, 2013. There being no objection, Mayor Gomez so ordered members of the City Council to submit their nominations for the local small business for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Senate District's 2013 Excellence in Business Awards Ceremony to be held in Long Beach, CA on October 23, 2013.**

## **11. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS – (Continued)**

**11.2 Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez**

**11.3 Council Member Ofelia Hernandez**

**11.4 Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita**

**11.5 Council Member Karina Macias**

**11.5-1 Adopt Resolution No. 2013-43 calling on the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the Department of Toxic Substances Control to take stricter measures to prevent the continued exposure of Huntington Park residents to arsenic and lead from the Exide Technologies facility in the City of Vernon** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Amezquita, to adopt Resolution No. 2013-43, carried as follows: Ayes: carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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

## **12. CLOSED SESSION**

12.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (3)

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

Name of Case: Huntington Patients' Association, Edwin Movagharian v. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. BC466323.

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

Name of Case: Padilla v. City of Huntington Park, LASC Case No. VC059550.

12.4 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

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

Name of Case: Lee v. City of Huntington Park, et al., Case No. 2:13CV07004

Linda Caraballo addressed concerns with closed session item no. 12.4 pertaining to existing litigation, Name of Case: Water Replenishment District of Southern California vs. City of Huntington Park, Case No. BC512581.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room 9:06 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council

Chambers at 10:34 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 that in closed session for item no. 12.3, pursuant to Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of Case: Padilla v. City of Huntington Park, LASC Case No. VC059550, City Council unanimously approved a settlement in the amount of \$8,000 for this matter.

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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Mario Gomez, Mayor

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Rocio Martinez, Acting City Clerk