

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, May 3, 2004.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Noguez. Present: Council Member Edward Escareño, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez.

Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to approve the Consent Calendar, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Hernandez.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 12, 2004.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 19, 2004.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated May 3, 2004.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**Approve an Agreement for Professional Consulting Services with Eichenfield & Associates** to conduct a Consumer Marketing Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Analysis for the downtown shopping district with the Downtown Huntington Park Task Force.

**Approve the Subordination Agreement by and among Fannie Mae, the City of Huntington Park, and RASA, L.P.** for the **Rugby Club Senior Housing Project**.

**Authorize staff to issue Request for Proposals (RFP)** from qualified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) **to administer the City's HOME-CHDO Program**.

**Approve the City's Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) agreements for the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005** between the City of Huntington Park and the following listed agencies: 1) **Steelworkers Oldtimers Foundation** \$40,000; 2) **Southeast Rio Vista Family Y.M.C.A.** \$15,000; 3) **St. Francis Medical Center Foundation** \$5,000; 4) **County of Los Angeles Public Library** \$15,000; 5) **Miles Avenue School** \$20,000; 6) **Southeast Churches Service Center** \$5,000; and 7) **Rainbow Services Ltd.** \$5,000.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding towing services for the City. Mayor Noguez thanked H.P. Tow for notifying the City of their new towing capabilities with regard to heavy tows. **Following a discussion, Mayor Noguez clarified that H.P. Tow is the designated tow and official police garage for the City and that Lopez Tow is the designated back-up tow and storage service for the City.**

City Clerk Romo presented for discussion and/or action appointment of a Member of the City Council as a voting delegate and alternate for a Special Meeting of the League of California Cities General Assembly on May 13, 2004 in Sacramento. Motion by Loya, seconded by Escareño, to **appoint City Manager Korduner as a voting delegate and Vice Mayor Hernandez as an alternate for a Special Meeting of the League of California Cities General Assembly on May 13, 2004 in Sacramento**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Hernandez.

City Manager Korduner requested referral of the Juvenile Assistance Diversion Effort (JADE) Family Services request for a resolution reaffirming the City's continued participation in JADE to the City Council Budget Committee for consideration. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, to **refer the JADE Family Services request for a resolution reaffirming the City's continued participation in JADE to the City Council Budget Committee for consideration**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Hernandez.

Chief of Police Narramore made a presentation regarding changes in the filing of criminal cases at the **Southeast District Huntington Park Courthouse Los Angeles Superior Court** for discussion and/or action. Chief of Police Narramore briefed City Council regarding changes in the filing of criminal cases at the Huntington Park Courthouse and how it would affect the citizens of the City. Chief of Police Narramore stated that there will be a meeting with the cities affected on Saturday, May 8, 2004 to discuss the need for a Superior Court in the City.

Director of Parks and Recreation Fries presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from Betty Davis-Gonzalez requesting reappointment for a four-year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion by Escareño, seconded by Loya, to **reappoint Betty Davis-Gonzalez for a four-year term on the Parks and Recreation Commission with a term expiring July 5, 2008**, carried as follows: carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent:

Vice Mayor Hernandez.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1); and pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Doris Brown v. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No. VNO 0450970. Mayor Noguez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the Planning Conference Room at 6:47 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 7:00 p.m. Present: Council Member Edward Escareño, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez.

Council Member Escareño, Council Member Gomez, and Council Member Loya presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following for their dedication and service as teachers for the City's Tiny Tot Program: 1) Connie Garcia; 2) Fermin Campos; and 3) Sonia Matamoros.

Mayor Noguez presented a proclamation designating May 4, 2004 as National Teachers Day and May 12, 2004 as Dia Del Maestro to Council Member Loya.

Mayor Noguez 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.

Martin Gombert, the City's transportation consultant, updated City Council regarding the transit services for the City. Mr. Gombert stated that the combi vehicles are being well received and that the City logo on the vehicles is being modified. Mr. Gombert also stated that the Oldtimers Foundation visited senior housing facilities in the City to update them of the new transit services.

Hermelinda Gonzales, Executive Director of Advocacy Community Teamwork (ACT), addressed City Council regarding the New School Site Selection meeting that took place. Ms. Gonzales stated that proposal 27 needs to be taken to the Los Angeles Unified School District for consideration and that City Council needs to do something about the emissions created by factories in the City. Ms. Gonzales thanked City Council for working with the community.

A woman thanked Council Member Loya, Vice Mayor Hernandez, and the rest of the City Council for supporting and working with the community in the selection of a new school site; and asked City Council to control air quality and emissions in the City.

Milagro Granillo, representing Advocacy Community Teamwork (ACT), thanked City Council for supporting the new school site plan 27.

A woman, representing Huntington Park High School, thanked City Council for helping the children of the community by suggesting that the new school site be in the City.

Ivonne Correa addressed City Council regarding a meeting that took place at Middleton School regarding new school site selection and thanked Wally G. Shidler, resident of Walnut Park, for participating in the meeting.

City Clerk Romo presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from Council Member Loya and Vice Mayor Hernandez regarding new School Site Selection. Council Member Loya displayed the new proposed Plan 27 and explained what properties would be affected. Motion by Loya, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the two (2) recommendations by the School Site Selection Ad Hoc Committee, which are: 1) Either have no recommendation for schools outside of Huntington Park or suggest that the Site 8 in Walnut Park be considered in a later time frame than the other sites being considered within our City; and 2) That the City no longer find Site #3 as acceptable but now support what is being called site Number 27, which deals with all properties between Cottage Street and Alameda Street and Randolph Street and Gage Avenue**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Hernandez.

Nick Iaonnidis addressed City Council regarding lack of parking in the City. Mr. Iaonnidis stated that the City should consider issuing parking permits to residents to avoid this problem. Mr. Iaonnidis also stated that it would generate revenue for the City and that the residents would also benefit from the parking permits.

Ronald Garcia, Southern California Edison Regional Manager Public Affairs, updated City Council regarding high usage of electricity caused by the high temperatures and possible blackouts in the future. Mr. Garcia encouraged City Council to support AB 2006.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-23. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ON THE PUBLIC STREETS AND ORDERING THE PREPARATION OF AN "ENGINEER'S REPORT"** IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972 CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE SECTIONS 22500 ET SEQ was presented. Motion by Loya, seconded by Escareño, to adopt Resolution No. 2004-23, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Hernandez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-24. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT** was presented. Motion by Escareño, seconded by Loya, to adopt Resolution No. 2004-24, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Hernandez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-25. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AND CALTRANS FOR THE MOBILE SOURCE POLLUTION PREVENTION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROJECT: A COLLABERATIVE EFFORT OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AND COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT** was presented. Motion by Loya, seconded by Escareño, to adopt Resolution No. 2004-25, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Hernandez.

ORDINANCE NO. 727-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 2 SECTION 2-4.02 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE SUMMARIES** IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 36933 was read by title. Motion by Escareño, seconded by Loya, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 727-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 727-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Hernandez.

Mayor Noguez announced that the Southeast Los Angeles Cities Health Fair will be at the Huntington Park High School on Saturday, May 15, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session, no action was taken.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m., in memory of Frances Perdomo, mother of Sam Perdomo from Consolidated Disposal Services.

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Juan R. Noguez, Mayor

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Elba Romo, City Clerk