

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, August 16, 2004.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Noguez. Present: Council Member Edward Escareño, Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: None.

Motion by Loya, seconded by Escareño, to approve the Consent Calendar with the addition on the item regarding the purchase of Police detective units, to authorize the necessary Asset Forfeiture account transfers, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, July 27, 2004.

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, August 2, 2004.

CITY ATTORNEY

**Approve Representation of the City of Huntington Park by Colantuono & Levin, PC with Respect to Proposed Ballot Measure to Fund City Services and authorize City Manager to execute necessary documents.**

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated August 16, 2004.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**Approve First Amendment to the City of Huntington Park Community Development Block Grant Housing and Community Development Assistance Contract by and between the City of Huntington Park and Veterans in Community Service, Inc. (VICS) for the Minor Home Repair Program in the City for a term expiring June 30, 2006.**

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**Approve Cooperative Agreement between the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG), the City of Vernon, and the City of Huntington Park for the Improvement of the intersection at Slauson Avenue and State Street/Boyle Avenue.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Approve Agreement for Professional Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Revenue Experts, Inc.** for services related to the processing, handling, collection and appeal of administrative citations including interface with the Franchise Tax Board Interagency Intercept Program for a term of five (5) years commencing September 1, 2004.

**Approve the purchase of six (6) Police detective units from Sopp Chevrolet & Ford** for a total amount of \$139,615.42. This will be funded from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Account 29-780-4304.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**Approve Second Amendment to License Agreement to Use Salt Lake Park by and between the City of Huntington Park, Harbor Area Farmers Markets, and the First Congregational Church of Long Beach** for a term expiring August 15, 2005 and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

**Approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and META 2000** to use a portion of the City's Municipal Park, parking lots and area near the baseball diamonds behind 3401 E. Florence Avenue, for the purpose of conducting live entertainment and firework show "El Grito" on Wednesday, September 15, 2004.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Romo presented for discussion and/or action City Attorney status report regarding former Los Angeles Casino in Huntington Park. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **authorize transfer of the City's license to operate a casino to Tigran Macarian, subject to negotiating a franchise agreement with the City of Huntington Park and Tigran Macarian**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Noguez, Noes: Council Members Escareño and Loya; Absent: None.

City Clerk Romo presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Loya for consideration of expanding the Education Ad Hoc Committee. **There being**

**no objection, City Council directed the current Education Ad Hoc Committee to advise the entire City Council of their meetings and if need be, City Council will call a special City Council meeting regarding education so that all City Council Members may participate.**

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Noguez. Present: Council Member Edward Escareño, Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Fries requested approval of Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)/Freedom Park Closing documents. Michelle Maghrouni, Mario Hernandez, and Ted Bravo, representing the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), informed City Council that LAUSD is moving forward and thanked the City for working with LAUSD. Motion by Loya, seconded by Escareño, to **approve the execution of the LAUSD/Freedom Park Closing documents**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None. City Council invited LAUSD to the Freedom Park ribbon cutting ceremony on September 16, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. and encouraged them to have their ground breaking the same day.

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.

Ronald Garcia, Southern California Edison (SCE) Regional Manager Public Affairs, informed City Council that the San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SG&E) does not want to pay their share of power and as a result it will affect the SCE customers. Mr. Garcia encouraged City Council to send a letter expressing the City's concerns to the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC). Mayor Noguez directed staff to send a letter of support to the CPUC.

A gentlemen informed City Council that his vehicle was burglarized and requested an increase in police to patrol the City.

Antonio Moreno, stated that there is more criminal activity now than there was in the past and that the Police Department needs to patrol the City more.

Enrique Murillo, addressed his concerns to City Council regarding the following: 1) the lack of activities at the Family Center; 2) an item on the agenda to relocate a historical clock from the Senior Citizens Park to Pacific Boulevard; and 3) a website that shows City expenditures. Mr. Murillo stated that the Senior Citizens had purchased the clock.

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

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Council Member Gomez regarding alternative City Council budget reductions. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to **reduce each Council Members' travel budget from \$6,000 to a maximum of \$2,000 and to revisit the possibility of an 8% Community Development Commission salary reduction at the next mid-year budget review**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Romo presented for discussion and/or action a request from Mayor Noguez to relocate a historical clock from the Senior Citizens Park to Pacific Boulevard. There being no objection, **Mayor Noguez so ordered staff to come back with a report to City Council regarding ownership of the historical clock located at the Senior Citizens Park.**

City Clerk Romo presented a request from the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to present monthly Sidewalk Sales for the remaining of the 2004 Calendar Year. Motion by Loya, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the request from the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to present monthly Sidewalk Sales for the remaining of the 2004 Calendar Year**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action a report on options available to notify the public of existing ordinances regarding the **upkeep of home/properties**. Motion by Escareño, seconded by Hernandez, to **receive and file the report**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Fries requested City Council direction regarding the Otero Baseball League Agreement. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, to **advise the President of the Otero Baseball League, that if he does not sign the Otero Adult Baseball League Agreement with the City, the league will be subject to the regular rates instead of the discounted rates approved by City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Fries presented correspondence from Jacqueline Vargas-Gutierrez requesting reappointment for a four (4) year term on the Arts and Culture Commission (term expiring September 2, 2004). Motion by Escareño, seconded by Hernandez, to **reappoint Jacqueline Vargas-Gutierrez for a four (4) year term on the Arts and Culture Commission for a term expiring September 2, 2008**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Vice Mayor Hernandez left her seat at 8:00 p.m. and returned at 8:03 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-52. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2002-91 PERTAINING TO MEETING DAYS AND TIMES FOR THE YOUTH COMMISSION was presented. **There being no objection, City Council continued this item to the next City Council meeting for clarification of the amendment.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-53. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING AND **ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT** was presented. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2004-53, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-54. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING REVISED AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT CREATING THE INDEPENDENT CITIES LEASE FINANCE AUTHORITY** AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Escareño, to adopt Resolution No. 2004-54, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for the following: 1) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Agency designated representative: City Manager, Employee organizations: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees' Association; 2) Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE; and 3) Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.8, CONFERENCE – REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, Property: 2061 E. Gage Avenue, Agency Negotiator: Gregory Korduner, Negotiating Parties: Los Angeles Unified School District and the City of Huntington Park. Mayor Noguez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:24 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 9:12 p.m. Present: Council Member Edward Escareño, Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the closed session items: 1) the matter regarding Conference With Labor Negotiators, Agency designated representative: City Manager, Employee organizations: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees' Association, a status report was given; 2) the matter regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, no action was taken; and 3) the matter regarding Conference With Real Property Negotiators, Property: 2061 E. Gage Avenue, Agency Negotiator: Gregory Korduner, Negotiating Parties: Los Angeles Unified School District and the City of Huntington Park, a status report was given and City Attorney Leal was hired on a month to month basis to work on this matter.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m., in memory of the following: 1) Juan Dominguez, father of Community Development Commission Attorney Juan

Carlos Dominguez; 2) Christian Hinds, Special Education Teacher at Gage Middle School; 3) Christine Corona, friend of Natalie Gomez, daughter of Council Member Gomez; and 4) Delfa Cedeño, Aunt of Estela Gomez, wife of Council Member Gomez.

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Juan R. Noguez, Mayor

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Elba Romo, City Clerk