

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, September 7, 2004.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

Deny claim filed by Ernesto Rodriguez, Date of Incident: March 24, 2004 and refer to the City's insurance administrator.

Deny claim filed by Ana Rodriguez, Date of Incident: August 2003 and refer to the City's insurance administrator and Sully-Miller Contracting Company.

CITY ATTORNEY

Approve Agreement for Lobbying Services by and between the City of Huntington Park and Legislative Advocacy Group, Inc.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated September 7, 2004.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Deny the new Pay Phone Service Agreement request by SBC; allow the current agreement to expire on October 31, 2004; and authorize staff to prepare Request for Proposal (RFP), for City Attorney review and advertisement, for Pay Telephone Services on Public Right-of-way.

Approve Specification of Utility Location Pursuant to License Agreement Audit Numbers 23966 and 211479 between the City of Huntington Park and Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA).

Approve the Residential Revocable Encroachment Permit to Ray and Alicia Nash for property located at 2927 Walnut Street, in order to construct a fence within the public right-of-way adjacent to their aforementioned property.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Parks and Recreation Department report regarding the historical clock at the Senior Citizen Park.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Romo presented for discussion and/or action a request from Vice Mayor Hernandez to attend The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund National Institute for Newly Elected Officials on November 18 through 21, 2004 at Kellogg Conference Hotel, Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve attendance of Vice Mayor Hernandez to The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund National Institute for Newly Elected Officials on November 18 through 21, 2004 at Kellogg Conference Hotel, Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

City Clerk Romo presented on behalf of Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action correspondence from DIF Rosarito requesting that the City donate food to families in need in the City of Rosarito, B.C. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to **receive and file correspondence from DIF Rosarito**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding a **moratorium on certain historic buildings** in the City. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, to **direct the City Attorney to research this matter and report back to City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding campaign contribution limits for local elections. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **direct the City Attorney to research the possibility of implementing campaign contribution limits of \$1,000 from any sole source or entity and \$10,000 for personal loans and report back to City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

Director of Community Development Gray presented a recommendation from the Business Improvement District (BID) to replace Board Member Rosalinda Huerta with Marilena Soto during the leave of Ms. Huerta, effective August 17, 2004 through December 31, 2004. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, to **replace BID Board Member Rosalinda Huerta with Marilena Soto during the leave of Ms. Huerta, effective August 17, 2004 through December 31, 2004**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

Director of Finance Pruyn requested that City Council adopt the Finance Department Policy and Procedure manual. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, to **adopt the Finance Department Policy and Procedure manual**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

Director of Parks and Recreation Fries requested approval of the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and META 2000 for El Grito. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and META 2000 for El Grito**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-55 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING SECTION TWO OF RESOLUTION NO. 2002-91 **RELATING TO YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP COMPOSITION** was presented. Motion by Loya, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2004-55 **with the noted correction on page 1, Section 1 Membership, changing Junior High age to Middle School age**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-56 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, MODIFYING THE COMPENSATION OF

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEMBERS was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, to **TABLE Resolution No. 2004-56**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

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: Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Council Member Edward Escareño.

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.

Norma Montero, Librarian at the Huntington Park Library, announced that the remodeling of the library is almost complete and that it will be open to the public on September 22 or 23, 2004. Mayor Noguez directed staff to work with the library to coordinate a grand opening in October.

Estella Gomez, Chair of the 2005 American Cancer Society Relay for Life, invited everyone to attend a Casino Night fundraising event at the Family Center on Friday, October 29, 2004.

Nick Ioannidis invited everyone to attend a National Immigrants Day celebration on October 28, 2004.

Andy Molina, Co-Chair of Southeast Churches Service Center, invited City Council to attend the COSECHA (Combined South East Care for the Hungry Alliance) Harvest Ball 2004 at Leonardo's Night Club on November 16, 2004.

A gentlemen stated that he attended the last City Council meeting to report vandalism; informed City Council that his vehicle was stolen; and asked for an increase in police to patrol the City.

Valentin Amezquita addressed City Council to request that the restrooms at the park be remodeled.

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

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Vice Mayor Hernandez to discuss and/or take action regarding the **City's safety**. Chief of Police Narramore and Assistant Chief of Police Peeler displayed illegal fire arms that were confiscated from homes and briefed City Council regarding recent gang activity in the City. Chief of Police Narramore encouraged residents to attend the Neighborhood Block Watch meetings and the Citizens Academy classes; and to contact the Police Department to report any criminal activity and they could remain anonymous. Chief of Police also encouraged residents to consider "Measure L" on the Special Municipal Election ballot on November 2, 2004.

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Vice Mayor Hernandez to discuss and/or take action regarding the **City's transit services**. Martin Gombert, the City's Transportation Consultant, distributed and displayed a PowerPoint Presentation of the City's Transit Update. Mr. Gombert informed City Council that the City's transit usage has increased by 74% since the new transit services began. George Cole, Executive Director of Oldtimers Foundation, distributed charts and informed City Council that the numbers of individuals using the Combi shuttle and the Pacific Route have increased. Victor Caballero, representing Administrative Services Cooperative Inc., informed City Council that there has been an increase in the number of senior citizens utilizing the service since the program started. City Council stated various concerns. Following a discussion, **Mayor Noguez recommended the Ad Hoc Committee examine these concerns and bring back any changes to City Council for review.**

City Manager Korduner requested City Council discussion and/or action regarding the Statement of Principles by the Coalition for Quality Healthcare. Regina Clemente, representing Community Health Councils, Inc., informed City Council that Tenet Healthcare Corp. is selling eighteen (18) hospitals of which two (2) are located in the City. Ms. Clemente encouraged the community to help keep the hospitals open and asked City Council to sign the Statement of Principals. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the request from Coalition for Quality Healthcare for assistance in presenting a Community Briefing on October 5, 2004 and for the City to co-sponsor this event by waiving any fees associated with the use of a facility which will be determined at a later date**, carried as follows: Ayes:

Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-57 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **AUTHORIZING RECIPROCAL GRANT DEEDS AND ASSIGNMENT WITH THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CITY OF LONG BEACH** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2004-57, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-58 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **IN SUPPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY SALES TAX** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2004-58, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m., in memory of David Meave, son of Socorro Meave, an active member of our Neighborhood Improvement/Block Watch Area.

Juan R. Noguez, Mayor

Elba Romo, City Clerk