

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, September 20, 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 Hernandez, to approve the Consent Calendar, 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 regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, September 7, 2004.

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated September 20, 2004.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**Approve Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Huntington Park Lions Club**, to use the Circle Area in the Municipal Park located at 3401 E. Florence Avenue for the purpose of conducting a Community Fair and toy give-away from December 3 through 5, 2004.

#### FIELD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**Approve Purchase Order No. 22685 to Roadline Products Inc. U.S.A.**, 13253 Stanbridge Avenue, Downey, 90242, for an amount of \$82,604.49 **for the purchase of one (1) Traffic Stencil Paint Truck**. This is a budgeted item and will be funded from the Fleet Replacement Fund Account 748-8060-431.74-30.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – Received and filed

Field Services Department report regarding U.S. Landscape Inc. and TruGreen LandCare merger.

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action an update from the City's Lobbyist Anthony Gonsalves of Joe A. Gonsalves & Son regarding State Legislation. Anthony Gonsalves briefed City Council regarding the State budget crisis, Redevelopment Agency bonds, and future funding opportunities.

City Clerk Romo presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from Gage Middle School requesting the City's co-sponsorship for student scholarships and approval for various fundraising events. Motion by Escareño, seconded by Loya, to **approve the following: 1) request from Gage Middle School for the City's co-sponsorship for student scholarships; 2) approve their various fundraising events; and 3) authorize a letter of support on behalf of City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño,

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

City Manager Korduner requested City Council authorize staff to investigate the use of Quimby Open Space Funds for future housing developments. Motion by Loya, seconded by Escareño, to **authorize staff to investigate the use of Quimby Open Space Funds for future housing developments**, 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 for discussion and/or action the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year Park Improvement Projects. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to **authorize staff to move forward with the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year Park Improvement Projects**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-59. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF **ASSISTANT RECREATION LEADER** and RESOLUTION NO. 2004-60. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF **RECREATION LEADER** were presented. Motion by Loya, seconded by Escareño, to adopt Resolution Nos. 2004-59 and 2004-60, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-61. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF **PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE SPECIALIST** was presented. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2004-61, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order 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.

Mayor Noguez presented a proclamation designating September 2004 as National 5 a day month to the California Children's 5a Day-Power Play! Campaign. Marvin Espinosa, Project Manager of California Children's 5 a Day-Power Play! Campaign, thanked Vice Mayor Hernandez for attending their meeting and informed City Council regarding the importance of engaging in physical activity and consuming 5 to 9 servings of fruits and vegetables a day. Mr. Espinosa also informed City Council that there is a nationwide rise in obesity. Roberto Ibarra and children presented fruit/vegetable baskets to City Council for supporting the California Children's 5 a Day-Power Play! Campaign.

Senior Officer Sanford presented a check in the amount of \$14,000 on behalf of the Huntington Park Police Officers Association to the Huntington Park Police Explorers. The Huntington Park Police Explorers thanked the Huntington Park Police Officers Association and informed City Council that this donation will enable them to take more trips that will be beneficial to their learning experience.

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.

Mario Hernandez, representing Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Community Outreach, updated City Council regarding Phase 3 of the LAUSD New School Site Selection and informed City Council that the passage of "Measure R" will grant seats to school age children to avoid overcrowding at schools in the Southeast Region.

The following addressed City Council on behalf of Gage Middle School's Social Studies Club regarding fundraising for a trip to Washington D.C.: 1) Antonia Guzman, Teacher at Gage Middle School; 2) Rocio Miramontes, student at Gage Middle School; and 3) Alejandra Alvarez, student at Gage Middle School.

Greg Ibarra, Social Studies Teacher at Gage Middle School, informed City Council that a total amount of \$1,400 per student will be needed for the trip to Washington D.C. and distributed brochures to City Council.

Enrique Murillo stated that he enjoyed the El Grito event on September 15, 2004 and that he looks forward to it again next year. Mr. Murillo congratulated META 2000 on the success of this event.

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

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding City Council's position on Proposition 68 (The Gaming Revenue Act of 2004). Presentation by Thomas Layton, in support of Proposition 68 and Brandon Stephenson, speaker in opposition to Proposition 68. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez so ordered this item be continued to the next City Council meeting to grant City Council additional time to review the materials.**

The meeting recessed at 7:45 p.m.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:50 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.

Mayor Noguez announced that this is the time and place set to consider findings and recommendation (decision) of Huntington Park Civil Service Commission regarding appeal of A. Amador. (Public Employee Discipline) - limited hearing for arguments by legal counsel for Appellant and City. (may be considered in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957).

Michael H. Miller, Special Counsel for the Civil Service Commission and City Council, informed City Council of the following: 1) there was a mistake on the procedures provided to City Council; 2) both the appellant and the City get twenty (20) minutes or less for arguments and ten (10) minutes for final argument; and 3) City Council received written objections. Mr. Miller introduced Richard Kriesler, Attorney representing the Police Department; and Greg Emerson, Attorney representing Police Officer Amador.

Greg Emerson, Attorney for Police Officer Amador, requested continuance of this matter due to lack of time allowed to respond to written objections by the Attorney for the Police Department.

Michael H. Miller, Special Counsel for the Civil Service Commission and City Council, suggested that City Council continue this matter to allow more time for the appellant to respond and that the response be submitted to the Attorney for the City no later than October 28, 2004.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, **to continue this hearing to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 8, 2004**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Escareño, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Mayor Noguez declared the hearing closed and recessed the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 8:22 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.

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: (2); and pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957 for PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Title: City Manager. Mayor Noguez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:35 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 that in closed session on the matter regarding Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, a status report only; and the matter

regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation, was continued.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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Juan R. Noguez, Mayor

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Elba Romo, City Clerk