

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, January 6, 2014.

Following the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Maury Hernandez, 7th Grade student at Orchard Academy. The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita, Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Maury Hernandez for leading the flag salute at the City Council meeting January 6, 2014.

Danny Bueno, Management Analyst, displayed photographs of homes that participated in the 2013 Mayor's Holiday Awards. Mayor Gomez and City Council presented 2013 Mayor's Holiday Award Plaques and gift cards to Home Depot to the following participants in recognition of their holiday display on their homes during the Holiday Season: 1) Raul & Maria Galindo –Best Decorated Home located at 4214 E. 60<sup>th</sup> Street; 2) Andres & Teresa Velasquez –Best Decorated Apartment located at 2805 Randolph Street, Apartment C; 3) Ismael & Jen Muñoz (not present) -Best Decorated Neighborhood at 6151 Corona Avenue; 4) Sergio Asuro – Best Decorated Neighborhood at 6163 Corona Avenue; 5) Jessica Valdez for Sayda Rodriguez – Best Decorated Neighborhood at 6157 Corona Avenue; and 6) Francisco Delgadillo (not present) – Best Decorated Neighborhood at 6169 Corona Avenue.

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.

Claude Bilodeau, Public Works Superintendent, thanked City Council, City staff, volunteer groups and organizations involved in the success of this year's annual turkey giveaway and toy drive. Mr. Bilodeau gave special thanks to City Manager Bobadilla, Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa, and Chief of Police Cisneros for their involvement and participation in the events. Mr. Bilodeau informed City Council that the next project is the annual Relay for Life in June 2014.

Nick Ioannidis informed City Council that April 21<sup>st</sup> is his 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an American Citizen and asked City Council to consider transferring the carnival to the park.

Sandra Orozco informed City Council that March is the month of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness month and addressed various concerns to City Council regarding City Manager Bobadilla, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Hernandez, and the status of the Interim City Attorney.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed various concerns to City Council regarding the former City Clerk being laid off, a water rate increase, property taxes, and a redevelopment agency transaction.

Andy Molina, former Mayor of the City of Huntington Park, thanked Mayor Gomez, City Council, City Manager Bobadilla, Chief of Police Cisneros and City staff for their work for the City. Mr. Molina stated that the annual toy giveaway was a success and stated that there is a lot of work ahead in the City and asked City Council to make good decisions for the community.

Betty Retama addressed concerns to City Council regarding the carnival on Pacific Boulevard and asked City Council to consider changing its location to the park.

Barbara Martinez, representing Resurrection Church, addressed concerns to City Council regarding Exide Technologies and the health issues as a result of its existence. Ms. Martinez urged City Council to get involved and to inform residents of upcoming meetings to discuss Exide Technologies.

Dr. David Sanchez, representing Resurrection Church, informed City Council that funding is limited for cities and stated that the counties and the State keep most of the funding. Dr. Sanchez informed City Council that members of the community need jobs and stated that a group of people conducted a walk in support of the fight against Exide Technologies. Mr. Sanchez urged City Council to take leadership in the community toward progress.

A gentleman addressed concerns to City Council regarding City Manager Bobadilla, the hire of Director of Finance Morales, and the item on the agenda

pertaining to the City Manager contract.

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

Motion by Perez, seconded by Macias, to approve the Consent Calendar, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

## **6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

6.1 Approve minutes of the following City Council meeting:

6.1-1 Regular meeting held Monday, December 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 January 6, 2014.

### **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

City Manager Bobadilla stated that an amended staff report was distributed for the following item to correct an error changing the amount from \$14,704 to \$1,782.24 under the Fiscal Impact.

## **7. HEARING**

**7.1 Ordinance granting a 10-year franchise extension to ExxonMobil Oil Corporation for use and maintenance of a certain 12-inch pipeline.**

### **RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

1. Mayor Gomez opened the public hearing to receive any comments, and hearing none.
2. Closed the public hearing and consider all public testimony.
3. Approve for First Reading Ordinance No. 927-NS granting a 10-year franchise extension to ExxonMobil Oil Corporation for use and maintenance of a certain 12-inch pipeline was read by title. Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezquita, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 927-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 927-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

## **8. REGULAR AGENDA**

## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

### **8.1 Multiple Special Event Park Use/Film Permit for the Calendar Year 2014 for Nitro Group.**

#### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve a Multiple Special Event Park Use/Film Permit for Calendar Year 2014 for Nitro Group.

PowerPoint presentation by Director of Finance Morales regarding Nitro Group's proposal for a multiple special/film permits for calendar year 2014.

Motion by Amezquita, seconded by Macias, to approve a Multiple Special Event Park Use/Film Permit for the Calendar Year 2014 for Nitro Group and to come back to City Council to request approval of said events in advance, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

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

- 9.1 Receive and file a report on the administration of the City's Traffic Authority and blue curb disabled parking spaces in public streets. Director of Public Works/City Engineer Enriquez displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Traffic Authority . Motion by Amezquita, seconded by Perez, **to direct staff to prepare an ordinance designating City Council to serve as the Traffic Authority**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.
- 9.2 Receive and file a report on the changes to the Combi Bus Services. A representative from Oldtimers Foundation, briefed City Council regarding the implementation of recent changes to the Combi Bus Service and stated that the Oldtimers Foundation has not received any complaints from riders. Ben Flores, Director of Transportation with Oldtimers Foundation, informed City Council that the funding they receive from METRO is for public transportation and does not specialize on school bus services.

Interim City Attorney Litfin announced that the following item will not presented to City Council for consideration:

## **10. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

- 10.1 2014 Employment Agreement for the position of City Manager between the City of Huntington Park and Rene Bobadilla.

#### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the 2014 Employment Agreement with Rene Bobadilla to continue as Huntington Park City Manager.

## **11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

## **12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

- 12.1 Mayor Mario Gomez

**12.2 Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez**

**12.3 Council Member Ofelia Hernandez**

**12.4 Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita**

**12.4-1 Discussion and/or action regarding the City Council's Travel Account. There being no objection, Mayor Gomez asked staff to place the City Council budget on an upcoming meeting agenda.**

**12.5 Council Member Karina Macias**

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

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

13.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1)

13.2 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: City Manager

13.3 Pursuant to Government Code Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Case: City of Huntington Park v. Watanabe et al., Case No. 34-2013-80001678.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:46 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 9:32 p.m. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita, Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

Interim City Attorney Litfin reported out that there was no reportable action taken in closed session for the following: 1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1); 2) Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Title: City Manager; and 3) Pursuant to Government Code Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of Case: City of Huntington Park v. Watanabe et al., Case No. 34-2013-80001678.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m., in memory of the following:

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

14.1 In memory of Hector Brown, uncle of James Enriquez, Director of Public Works/City Engineer for the City of Huntington Park.

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Mario Gomez, Mayor

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Rocio Martinez, Sr. Deputy City Clerk