

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, February 3, 2014.

Following the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Girls Scouts Cadet Level Troop 16795. The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:07 p.m. by Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: None.

Mayor Gomez and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Girls Scouts Cadet Level Troop 16795 for leading the flag salute at the City Council meeting February 3, 2014.

Michael McCormick, Mayor of the City of Vernon, briefed City Council regarding their partnership with the City of Huntington Park in funding the construction of the Salt Lake Park Artificial Turf Soccer Fields Project. Mayor Gomez thanked Mayor McCormick and the City of Vernon for their contribution and partnership.

A representative from the California Hispanic Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Inc., briefed City Council regarding upcoming free training in Responsible Beverage Sales/Service (RBS) relating to Alcohol Beverage Sales Control (ABC) License; and asked City Council to consider adopting an ordinance making RBS training mandatory and requested authorization to use of the City logo for literature advertising said training.

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.

Talia Leon, Field Deputy for Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, informed City Council that their office has moved to the Citadel Outlets in Commerce and informed City Council of upcoming events including an art competition scheduled for February 28, 2014 and stated that the winner will receive \$1,000 and trip to Washington D.C.

Nick Ioannidis addressed City Council regarding National Immigrants Day and informed City Council regarding proclamations he has received from cities throughout the country. Mr. Ioannidis also addressed concerns regarding an economic injury.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed various concerns to City Council regarding the changes that have taken place in the City. Mr. Cruz addressed concerns regarding crime in the City, water fees, and lack of a permanent City Attorney.

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

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

6.1 Approve minutes of the following City Council meeting:

- 6.1-1 Special meeting held Monday, January 13, 2014
- 6.1-2 Special meeting held Tuesday, January 21, 2014
- 6.1-3 Regular meeting held Tuesday, January 21, 2014

- 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.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR** – (Continued)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- 6.3 Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated February 3, 2014.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

7. **REGULAR AGENDA**

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- 7.1 **Parklet Pilot Program to service as Traffic Calming Mitigation Measure, and Economic Development Activity and Creation of Public Spaces.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve of Parklet Pilot Program to service as Traffic Calming Mitigation Measure, and Economic Development Activity and Creation of Public Spaces; and authorize the use of Measure R and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the purchase and installation of the parklets.

Julio Morales, Director of Finance, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed Parklet Pilot Program.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the Parklet Pilot Program to service as Traffic Calming Mitigation Measure, and Economic Development Activity and Creation of Public Spaces; and authorize the use of Measure R and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the purchase and installation of the parklets, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

- 7.2 **Update regarding a lockbox for water meters.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Receive and file a status update on a lockbox on water meters.

Following an update regarding the lockbox for water meters by Director of Finance Morales and there being no objection, Mayor Gomez so ordered this item received and filed.

- 7.3 **Temporary Parking Pilot Program in the Downtown Area.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize implementation of a Temporary Parking Pilot Program in the Downtown Area.

7. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)

Following an update regarding the lockbox for water meters by Director of Finance Morales, motion by Hernandez, seconded by Macias, to authorize implementation of a Temporary Parking Pilot Program in the Downtown Area, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

7.4 City of Huntington Park 2014 4th of July Celebration.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Discussion and/or action regarding the production of the 2014 4th of July Celebration.
2. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP) to produce a fireworks show.

Following a brief discussion by City Council and staff, Mayor Gomez authorized staff to prepare a Request for Proposals to produce the 2014 4th of July event with similar activities as last year's event.

Arturo Snider, representing Primestor Development Inc., displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the rebranding of the City of Huntington Park and proposed new City Logo.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

7.6 Amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Primestor Development Inc. for the preparation of a Revitalization Strategy for Downtown Huntington Park.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve an amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Primestor Development, Inc. for additional services for the Revitalization Strategy for Downtown Huntington Park in the amount not-to-exceed \$203,747.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract amendment.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezquita, to approve an amendment to the Professional Services Contract with Primestor Development, Inc. for additional services for the Revitalization Strategy for Downtown Huntington Park in the amount not-to-exceed \$203,747; and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract amendment, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

8. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

8.3 Discussion and/or action regarding a proposed City Logo and Downtown Logo.

8. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA – (Continued)

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the “rising sun” graphic as the new City of Huntington Park Logo and authorized staff to report back to City Council regarding the proposed street signs for the Downtown Area**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

7. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

7.5 Resolution to empower the City of Huntington Park to act as a regional lead in pursuing CalRecycle Used Oil Grant Funds.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-3 approving submittal of regional grant application(s) for all CalRecycle grants for which the City of Huntington Park is eligible.
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute on behalf of the City of Huntington Park all grant-related documents.
3. Adopt an Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Plan (EPPP) policy in accordance with CalRecycle grant guidelines.

Christina Dixon, Staff Analyst, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding CalRecycle Used Oil grant and annual events held in the City related to these grants.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-3 approving submittal of regional grant application(s) for all CalRecycle grants for which the City of Huntington Park is eligible; authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute on behalf of the City of Huntington Park all grant-related documents; and adopt an Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Plan (EPPP) policy in accordance with CalRecycle grant guidelines, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Michael Kodama, representing Eco-Rapid Transit, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Eco-Rapid Transit Project and the proposed Transit Station Plan.

8. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

8.1 Update regarding the Eco Rapid Transit Project.

8.2 Discussion and/or action regarding Transit Station Planning.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve City funding in the amount of \$55,000 towards the proposed Eco-Rapid Transit Station Project**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

7. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

7.8 Memorandum of Understanding with Eco-Rapid Transit for the development of a transit oriented development parking plan for the proposed Pacific Boulevard Rail Station.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ECO-Rapid Transit for the development of a parking plan for an amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this MOU and coordinate the completion of this project with ECO-Rapid Transit.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezquita, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ECO-Rapid Transit for the development of a parking plan for an amount not-to-exceed \$50,000; and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this MOU and coordinate the completion of this project with ECO-Rapid Transit, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

7.7 Adopt, advertise, and authorize the award of the construction of the Salt Lake Park Artificial Turf Soccer Fields Project.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for the construction of the Salt Lake Park Artificial Turf Soccer Fields Project at an estimated construction cost between \$392,000 and \$480,000.
2. Authorize staff to advertise notices inviting sealed bids for the project.
3. Authorize the City Manager to award and execute a contract with the responsible contractor that submits the lowest responsive bid within the estimated range of cost; approve the Faithful Performance Labor and Materials bonds and insurance submitted by the contractor.
4. Approve the Total Project Budget as presented in Attachment A.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Enriquez displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Salt Lake Park Artificial Turf Soccer Fields Project.

Motion by Perez, seconded by Amezquita, to approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for the construction of the Salt Lake Park Artificial Turf Soccer Fields Project at an estimated construction cost between \$392,000 and \$480,000; authorize staff to advertise notices inviting sealed bids for the project; authorize the City Manager to award and execute a contract with the responsible contractor that submits the lowest responsive bid within the estimated range of cost; approve the Faithful Performance Labor and Materials bonds and insurance submitted by the contractor; and approve the Total Project

Budget as presented in Attachment A, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcua, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Members Hernandez, Macias, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

8. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA – (Continued)

8.4 Renew Consultant Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Michael Chee for strategic communication services.

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the amendment to renew the Consultant Agreement with Michael Chee for strategic communication services.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Consultant Agreement documents.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Perez, to approve the amendment to renew the Consultant Agreement with Michael Chee for strategic communication services and authorize the City Manager to execute the Consultant Agreement documents, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcua, Vice Mayor Perez, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Member Macias; Absent: None.

8.5 City of Huntington Park 2013 Accomplishments.

City Manager Bobadilla displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the City's 2013 Accomplishments.

9. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

11. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

11.1 Mayor Mario Gomez

11.1-1 Discussion and/or action regarding Nimitz Middle School issues.

Raquel Toscano and Amparo Mendosa addressed City Council to request assistance from the City to mitigate traffic and law enforcement issues at Nimitz Middle School. There being no objection, Mayor Gomez directed Chief of Police Cisneros to contact nearby jurisdictions within the boundaries of Nimitz Middle School, including Los Angeles Unified School District police regarding a patrol program and directed staff to conduct a traffic study on Carmelita Street.

11.2 Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez

11.2-1 Discussion and/or action regarding code enforcement issues throughout the City. Following a discussion, City Council directed City Manager Bobadilla and Chief of

Police Cisneros to collaborate in enforcing compliance with the Huntington Park Municipal Code in regards to signage, outdoor display, and other code enforcement issues.

11. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS – (Continued)

11.3 Council Member Ofelia Hernandez

11.4 Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita

11.5 Council Member Karina Macias

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

12. CLOSED SESSION

12.1 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)

12.2 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.

12.3 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957:
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Title: City Attorney

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

Name of Case: Water Replenishment District of Southern California vs. City of Huntington Park, Case No. BC512581

12.5 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1)

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 9:26 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 9:51 p.m. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita, Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Mayor Mario Gomez; Absent: None.

Interim City Attorney Litfin reported out the following on closed session: 1) 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, City Council unanimously authorized the City Manager to sign an agreement with lobbyist Tony Rice and Associates on this case; and 2) 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), City Council unanimously

approved to settle subrogation matter for Miguel Andres Navarro Madrid for \$2,465.17.

Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m., in memory of the following:

13. ADJOURNMENT

- 13.1 In memory of Felicita Bobadilla, aunt of René Bobadilla, City Manager for the City of Huntington Park.

Mario Gomez, Mayor

Rocio Martinez, Sr. Deputy City Clerk