

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, March 17, 2014.

Following the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Vice Mayor Perez. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Karina Macias, and Vice Mayor Rosa E. Perez; Absent: Mayor Mario Gomez.

Vice Mayor Perez and City Council presented a proclamation designating March 2014 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month in the City of Huntington Park to Emily Hazlett, Marketing Manager with National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Sandra Orozco thanked City Council, and City staff for their support. Ms. Orozco also thanked Chief of Police Cisneros for assisting her in the past.

Jesus Diaz, Field Representative from Senator Ricardo Lara's Office, presented a certificate of appreciation on behalf of Senator Ricardo Lara's Office to Mayor Mario Gomez for his commitment and dedication to the community of Huntington Park and while serving as Mayor. City Council accepted on behalf of Mayor Gomez.

Yesenia Acosta, Esq. with the Law Offices of Scott Warmuth representing Liga Legal, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding services offered at Liga Legal located in Huntington Park. Ms. Acosta thanked Mayor Gomez, City Council, City Manager Bobadilla, former Mayor Andy Molina, City staff, the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce and everyone who has partnered with Liga Legal. Ms. Acosta informed City Council that the Law Offices of Scott Warmuth is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the San Gabriel area.

Interim City Attorney Litfin announced that this was the time for City Council Reorganization and invited anyone in the audience to address the City Council on this item only.

Rodolfo Cruz inquired about Mayor Gomez not being present and addressed concerns regarding lack of police patrol in the City. Mr. Cruz asked City Council to consider giving the new members of the City Council the opportunity to improve the City of Huntington Park.

Henry Garcia addressed City Council in support of Vice Mayor Perez for Mayor and Council Member Hernandez as Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Perez called for any other oral communications for the reorganization, and hearing none, declared oral communications closed.

Vice Mayor Perez called for nominations for Mayor.

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

Mayor Perez called for nominations for Vice Mayor.

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

Mayor Perez requested the City Council resolve into a closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:33 p.m. for the following items, following a brief reception:

### **13. CLOSED SESSION**

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

### **13. CLOSED SESSION** – (Continued)

#### **13.2 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: (3)**

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:06 p.m. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Karina Macias, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, and Mayor Rosa E. Perez; Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez.

Interim City Attorney Litfin reported out that there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

Mayor Perez 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.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed various concerns to City Council including the City's pension tax; a previous transaction involving Huntington Park 607; lack of police patrol throughout the City; events on Pacific Boulevard, and awarding bids to the highest bidders.

Alex Reynoso congratulated newly appointed Mayor Perez and Vice Mayor Macias and expressed gratitude to Council Member Hernandez and Chief of Police Cisneros for being involved in the community. Mr. Reynoso encouraged Council Member Amezcuita to get involved more in the community.

Sandra Orozco addressed City Council to welcome newly appointed Mayor Perez and Vice Mayor Macias. Ms. Orozco thanked Council Member Hernandez for her hard work in the community and Chief of Police Cisneros for his dedication to the City. Ms. Orozco addressed concerns with the City having an Interim City Attorney for over a year.

Andy Molina, former Mayor of the City of Huntington Park representing Southeast Churches, congratulated the newly appointed Mayor and Vice Mayor and stated that businesses in the City are thriving and encouraged everyone to work together. Mr. Molina invited everyone to attend this year's Southeast Churches Service Center "Walk for Hunger" on April 5, 2014. Mr. Molina thanked City Manager Bobadilla for coming to the City and Council Member Hernandez for all her work.

Henry Garcia congratulated the newly appointed Mayor and Vice Mayor and asked City Council to work together. Mr. Garcia addressed concern regarding the lack of parking throughout the City.

Miguel Martinez, Senior Field Representative for Assembly Speaker John Perez, congratulated newly appointed Mayor Perez and Vice Mayor Macias. Mr. Martinez informed City Council of upcoming events that they are hosting such as the "Community Hours" to offer support on state resources on March 19, 2014 from 3 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and a job fair on March 29, 2014.

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

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

### **7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

7.1 Approve minutes of the following City Council meeting:

7.1-1 Regular meeting held Monday, March 3, 2014

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR – (Continued)**

- 7.2 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**

- 7.3 Approve Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated March 17, 2014.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**8. REGULAR AGENDA**

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

- 8.1 Resolution in support of legislation regarding the allocation of revenues generated from voter-approved taxes.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-11 in support of legislation regarding the allocation of revenues generated from voter-approved taxes in a manner consistent with voter intent.

City Manager Bobadilla updated City Council regarding proposed legislation regarding the allocation of revenues generated from voter-approved taxes as intended by the voters.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed concerns to City Council regarding the percentage amount of the pension tax imposed on tax payers in Huntington Park. Julio Morales, Director of Finance, clarified for the record that the pension tax is 0.21%.

Sandra Orozco thanked City staff for clarifying the pension tax percentage imposed on the tax payers in Huntington Park and inquired about the County taking City revenues generated from voter-approved taxes.

Antonio Padilla congratulated Mayor Perez and Vice Mayor Macias on their new posts and addressed concerns with the current situation with the County taking revenues from the pension tax. Mr. Padilla asked what City staff is doing for their retirement.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Amezquita, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-11 in support of legislation regarding the allocation of revenues generated from voter-approved taxes in a manner consistent with voter intent, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

- 8.2 Receive and file the City of Huntington Park's Bicycle Master Plan.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Receive and file a status update on the City of Huntington Park's Bicycle Master Plan.

**8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)**

Art Cueto, representing Evan Brooks Associates, displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed City of Huntington Park Bicycle Master Plan.

Andres Ibarra, student at Huntington Park High School, addressed City Council to inquire about the proposed Bicycle Master Plan completion date if approved by City Council.

Wally Shidler briefed City Council regarding METRO's Rails for Trails project.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Macias, to receive and file a status update on the City of Huntington Park's Bicycle Master Plan, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**8.9 Activity in Public Places Permit for the Annual "Carnaval Primavera" Downtown Street Festival (S14-02).**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve an Activity in Public Places Permit request from the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual "Carnaval Primavera" Downtown Street Festival along Pacific Boulevard, between Gage Avenue and Slauson Avenue, on April 4-6, 2014.

A representative of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce informed City Council that the Carnaval Primavera Downtown Street Festival has been going on for many years.

Andy Molina, former Mayor of the City of Huntington Park, requested City Council's support in approving the Annual Carnaval Primavera Downtown Festival. Mr. Molina stated that the Chamber of Commerce may consider moving this event at a different location in the future and asked City Council to approve this event.

Leticia Martinez, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, informed City Council regarding the proposed partners and sponsors for the Annual Carnaval Primavera Downtown Street Festival.

Sandra Orozco addressed City Council in support of the proposed Carnaval Primavera Downtown Street Festival and stated that this event brings positivity to the City.

Following a brief discussion by City Council regarding having the Chamber of Commerce present statistics and survey of businesses on Pacific Boulevard regarding the annual Carnaval Primavera Downtown Street Festival in the future, motion by Hernandez, seconded by Macias, to approve an Activity in Public Places Permit request from the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce to conduct the annual "Carnaval Primavera"

Downtown Street Festival along Pacific Boulevard, between Gage Avenue and Slauson Avenue, on April 4-6, 2014, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: Council Member Amezcuita; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

**8. REGULAR AGENDA** – (Continued)

**8.3 Approve the Service Amendment to the Agreement with Duncan Parking Technologies Inc. to include parking citation processing.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the Service Amendment to the Agreement with Duncan Parking Technologies Inc., to include Parking Citation Processing.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-12 establishing parking violation processing fees.
3. Approve Duncan Parking Technologies Inc., to process delinquent parking tickets.

Gabriel Valadez, representing Duncan Solutions, briefed City Council regarding the proposed parking citation processing and services offered by Duncan Solutions.

Sandra Orozco addressed concerns with Mr. Valdez statement regarding the percentage of the proposed processing fee and asked for clarification.

Following a brief discussion by City Council, motion by Amezcuita, to amend the proposed percentage of the collection contingency fee from 30% to 15%, DIED due to lack of a second. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Macias, to approve the Service Amendment to the Agreement with Duncan Parking Technologies Inc., to include Parking Citation Processing; adopt Resolution No. 2014-12 establishing parking violation processing fees; and approve Duncan Parking Technologies Inc., to process delinquent parking tickets, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: Council Member Amezcuita; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

**8.4 Update on the METRO Rails for Trails Project.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Receive and file a status update on the METRO Rails for Trails Project.

Julio Morales, Director of Finance, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the METRO Rails for Trails Project.

Sandra Orozco addressed concerns with her experience with METRO.

Wally Shidler informed City Council regarding METRO's five service sectors and informed City Council that the Gateway Cities is comprised of twenty-eight member cities such as the City of Huntington Park. Mr. Shidler invited anyone interested to attend the governance council meetings at Salt Lake Park held on the second Thursday of every month.

Antonio Padilla addressed City Council in support for METRO.

There being no objection, Mayor Perez so ordered this item received and filed and directed City Manager Bobadilla to draft a letter of support regarding METRO Rails for Trails project.

**8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)**

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**8.5 License Agreement with Harbor Area Farmers Markets for use of Salt Lake Park from 2014-2017.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Review and approve the renewal of the license agreement with Harbor Area Farmers Markets for use of Salt Lake Park from 2014 - 2017

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Macias, to approve the renewal of the license agreement with Harbor Area Farmers Markets for use of Salt Lake Park from 2014-2017, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Mayor Perez recessed the meeting at 8:52 p.m. and resumed at 9:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**8.6 Professional Services Agreement with HF&H Consultants, LLC in Support of the development and analysis of a Request for Proposals for Solid Waste Services.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with HF&H Consultants, LLC for professional services in support of the development and analysis of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for solid waste collection services for a not-to-exceed fee of \$54,172 and authorize the City Manager to execute.

A representative from HF&H Consultants, LLC, briefed City Council regarding the process of the development and analysis for the RFP for solid waste collection.

Elba Romo addressed concerns to City Council regarding HF&H Consultants, LLC possibly favoring the larger trash hauler companies and asked what other consultants were interviewed for these services. Ms. Romo also inquired about other cities using this consultant for these services.

Sandra Orozco inquired about a Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the selection of this consultant.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Macias, to approve a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with HF&H Consultants, LLC for professional services in support of the development and analysis of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for solid waste collection services for a not-to-exceed fee of \$54,172 and authorize the City Manager to execute, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor

Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

**8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)**

**8.7 Request for Proposals for a Solid Waste Franchise Agreement for Commercial and Residential Refuse Collection Services.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Review and approve the proposed Request for Proposals (RFP) for a solid waste franchise agreement for combined commercial and residential services.
2. Authorize the City Manager to advertise the RFP, following incorporation of City Council's final comments.

James Enriquez, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed Request for Proposal for a Solid Waste Franchise Agreement.

A representative from HF&H Consultants, LLC, responded to questions by City Council regarding the process of the RFP.

Janine Hamner, representing Waste Management, addressed concerns to City Council regarding lack of efficiency in current trash collection route as well as the street sweeping route. Ms. Hamner proposed the possibility of entering into a separate disposal agreement with Waste Management to promote rate stability for residents and businesses by providing landfill services for the disposal of refuse by the selected hauler.

Rudy Bermudez, representing Commercial Waste Services Inc., stated that at this time, the proposal from Waste Management is premature.

Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Macias, to approve the proposed Request for Proposals (RFP) for a solid waste franchise agreement for combined commercial and residential services; and authorize the City Manager to advertise the RFP, following incorporation of City Council's final comments, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Hernandez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: Council Member Amezcua; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

**8.8 Approve Change in Work for the City-wide Light Emitting Diode (LED) Street Light Retrofit and Upgrade Project.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Find that the requested Change in Work has no significant effect on the environment, approve the change and an increased construction contract amount of \$249,212. The contract amount with Flatiron Electric Group, Inc. increases from \$583,600 to \$832,812.84

Council Member Hernandez left her seat at 9:42 p.m.

Motion by Amezquita, seconded by Macias, to find that the requested Change in Work has no significant effect on the environment; approve the change and an increased construction contract amount of \$249,212; and that the contract amount with Flatiron Electric Group, Inc. be increased from \$583,600 to \$832,812.84, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Gomez.

## **8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)**

### **8.10 Receive and file the City of Huntington Park's Draft Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Receive and file the draft Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan and authorize staff to publish a notice initiating the 30-day public review period.

Motion by Macias, seconded by Amezquita, to receive and file the draft Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan and authorize staff to publish a notice initiating the 30-day public review period, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Gomez.

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

### **9.1 Resolution authorizing attendance of Professional Development Conferences.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2014-13 authorizing attendance of Professional Development Conferences and Meetings by Members of the City Council and approving a Travel Budget for Fiscal Years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.
2. Authorize the Finance Department to adjust the Professional Development Accounts for City Council.

Motion by Macias, seconded by Amezquita, to adopt Resolution No. 2014-13 authorizing attendance of Professional Development Conferences and Meetings by Members of the City Council and approving a Travel Budget for Fiscal Years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015; and authorize the Finance Department to adjust the Professional Development Accounts for City Council, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezquita, Vice Mayor Macias, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Gomez.

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

## **11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

## **12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

### **12.1 Council Member Mario Gomez**

**12.1-1 Discussion and/or action regarding issuance of citations by the Los Angeles Unified School District Police.**

### **12.2 Mayor Rosa E. Perez**

### **12.3 Council Member Ofelia Hernandez**

### **12.4 Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita**

### **12.5 Vice Mayor Karina Macias**

Mayor Perez declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Rosa E. Perez, Mayor

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Rocio Martinez, Senior Deputy City Clerk