

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, June 2, 2014.

Following the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Alexis Romero, 5th grade student at Miles Elementary School. The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:19 p.m. by Mayor Perez. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Karina Macias, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, and Mayor Rosa E. Perez; Absent: None.

Mayor Perez and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Alexis Romero for leading the flag salute at the City Council meeting June 2, 2014.

Mayor Perez and City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Elizabeth Hernandez-Garcia, student from Middleton Elementary School, for winning 1<sup>st</sup> Place at the Los Angeles County Vector Control Essay Contest.

Mayor Perez and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the following from Middleton Elementary School: 1) Megan Hastings, Principal at Middleton Elementary School for her continued support and commitment to programs; 2) Middleton Street Elementary School Parent Teacher Association; and 3) Middleton Street Elementary School Parent Center.

Mayor Perez and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Jaime Mendez Avalos for his many years of service on the Civil Service Commission for the City of Huntington Park.

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, Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1)
- 13.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (2)
- 13.3 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957:  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT  
Title: Interim City Manager
- 13.4 Pursuant to Government Code Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
  
Name of Case: Martina Martinez v. City of Huntington Park, Case No. BC504731

Mayor Perez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:31 p.m.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:46 p.m. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Karina Macias, Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, and Mayor Rosa E. Perez; Absent: None.

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.

Martha Arguello addressed City Council to oppose Assembly Bill 32 and the proposed CARE comprehensive energy plan.

Jesus Gonzalez briefed City Council regarding his medical condition and expressed support for medicine collectives in the City.

Vicky Herrera informed City Council that she was nominated Woman of Distinction by Senator Lara's Office and stated that she is proud to represent the City.

Sandra Orozco presented a copy of a flyer for an unpermitted taxicab company currently operating in the City and asked Chief of Police Cisneros to look into the matter. Ms. Orozco also thanked Council Members Amezcuita and Macias for assisting her with a personal matter and congratulated Council Member Hernandez on her son's upcoming graduation from Harvard University.

Marla James, representing advocates for the disabled and seriously ill, addressed City Council in support of medicine collectives in the City.

Esteban Villegas addressed concerns to City Council regarding lack of parking in the City and inquired about the status of a request for a blue curb disabled parking permit.

Rodolfo Cruz addressed various concerns to City Council including the City's financial status, sale of redevelopment properties, crime rate in the City, quality of City Council meeting recordings, and medicine collectives in the City.

Francisco Rivera addressed concerns to City Council regarding illegal posting of advertisement flyers and stickers on poles throughout the City for taxicab services.

Council Member Hernandez left the dais at 8:12 p.m. to address City Council.

Council member Hernandez briefed City Council regarding various challenges the City has faced in recent years. Council Member Hernandez expressed support of City Manager Bobadilla and briefed City Council regarding his many accomplishments and improvements in the City.

Council Member Hernandez returned to her seat at 8:15 p.m.

Balle D. Machuca addressed various concerns to City Council regarding City Manager Bobadilla and the lack of parking in the City.

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

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

## **6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

6.1 Approve minutes of the following City Council meetings:

6.1-1 Regular meeting held Monday, May 19, 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 June 2, 2014.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**9. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

- 9.1 **Receive and file update by Primestor Development Inc. regarding the Downtown Revitalization Plan for the City of Huntington Park.**

Vanessa Delgado, representing Primestor Development Inc., introduced Melani Smith from Melendrez and Andrew Davey. Ms. Smith displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed options for Downtown Revitalization Plan for the City of Huntington Park. Mr. Davey presented proposed signage and branding for the downtown area.

Wally Shidler addressed City Council regarding the current façades of buildings along Pacific Boulevard in connection with the proposed downtown revitalization plan for the City.

Following comments by City Council, direction was given to Primestor Development Inc. regarding viable options for the proposed Downtown Revitalization Plan for the City of Huntington Park.

**7. HEARING**

- 7.1 **Public hearing to consider the amendment to the City of Huntington Park's Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan.**

**RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

1. Open the public hearing to consider comment, and hearing none.
2. Close the public hearing and include any comments received during the 15-day public review period and during this hearing.
3. Adopt the amendment to Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan.
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute all required documents for transmittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD).

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt the amendment to Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan; and authorize the City Manager to execute all required documents for transmittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD), carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

## **8. REGULAR AGENDA**

### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

#### **8.1 Information Technology budget update and authorization for additional network and financial management software and services.**

##### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the information technology budget in the amount of \$82,326 and the allocation of costs to eligible grant funds.
2. Authorize the purchase of additional financial management software (Cognos) in the amount not-to-exceed \$16,450 for one-time purchase and setup, and \$13,000 for annual license fees.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the information technology budget in the amount of \$82,326 and the allocation of costs to eligible grant funds; and authorize the purchase of additional financial management software (Cognos) in the amount not-to-exceed \$16,450 for one-time purchase and setup, and \$13,000 for annual license fees, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### **8.2 Road closure for the 2014 Huntington Park Police Department Open House.**

##### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the road closure along Miles Avenue from Saturn Avenue to Gage Avenue and Zoe Avenue from Miles Avenue to Templeton Street, on June 7, 2014 for the Police Department's Open House event.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, approve the road closure along Miles Avenue from Saturn Avenue to Gage Avenue and Zoe Avenue from Miles Avenue to Templeton Street, on June 7, 2014 for the Police Department's Open House event, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

#### **8.3 Approval of the Watershed Management Program (WMP) and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP).**

##### RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the submittal of the Watershed Management Program (WMP) and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) in conformance with the requirements of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit.
2. Authorize the City Manager to submit the WMP and CIMP on behalf of the City of Huntington Park and approve minor revisions to the final draft of these documents.

**8. REGULAR AGENDA – (Continued)**

Following a PowerPoint presentation by Desi Alvarez regarding the proposed WMP and CIMP, motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to approve the submittal of the Watershed Management Program (WMP) and Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program (CIMP) in conformance with the requirements of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit; and authorize the City Manager to submit the WMP and CIMP on behalf of the City of Huntington Park and approve minor revisions to the final draft of these documents, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**9. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA**

**9.2 Discussion and/or action regarding the Civil Service Commission for the City of Huntington Park.** Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to appoint City Council as the Civil Service Commission for the City of Huntington Park, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

**9.3 Discussion and/or action regarding moving the date of the City of Huntington park General Municipal Election and approving the County of Los Angeles to conduct said elections.** Sandra Orozco addressed concerns regarding this item. Following a discussion and there being no objection, Mayor Perez directed City Attorney Litfin to contact the Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder's Office/County Clerk to inquire about a fee reduction for the County to conduct the City's General Municipal Election in March of odd-numbered years and report back to City Council.

Council Member Hernandez left the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

**10. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

**10.1 Approve Ordinance No. 929-NS** amending Title 2 Chapter 1 Article 2 Section 1.204 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code relating to order of business at City Council meetings, was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Macias, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 929-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 929-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: Council Member Amezcuita; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

**10.2 Discussion and/or action regarding an Interim City Manager Agreement.** Following a discussion, motion by Gomez, seconded by Macias, to continue this item to the next City Council meeting scheduled for June 16, 2014, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

**11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

**11.1 Receive and file a letter of resignation to the Civil Service Commission** filed by Jaime Mendez Avalos. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Macias, to receive and file a letter of resignation to the Civil Service Commission filed by Jaime Mendez Avalos, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Member Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Hernandez.

**12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

**12.1 Mayor Rosa E. Perez**

**12.2 Vice Mayor Karina Macias**

**12.3 Council Member Ofelia Hernandez**

**12.4 Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita**

**12.5 Council Member Mario Gomez**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Perez declared the meeting adjourned at 10:44 p.m.

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Rosa E. Perez, Mayor

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Rocio Martinez, Senior Deputy City Clerk