

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, December 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, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Escareño, to approve the Consent Calendar, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Escareño, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Hernandez.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the special meeting of the City Council held Monday, November 29, 2004.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 6, 2004.

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated December 20, 2004.

**Terminate the Service Agreement with Loomis Fargo & Co. and authorize staff to enter into a new Services Agreement with Brink's U.S.** for the pick up of daily deposits, subject to City Attorney approval.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**Approve the Consultant Services Agreements by and between the City of Huntington Park and RBF Consulting** for the preparation of the North-West Area Specific Plan in the amount of \$157,964, **and URS Corporation** for the preparation of the required environmental document (EIR) for the proposed Specific Plan in the amount of \$127,510; and **authorize the Mayor to execute the agreements.**

#### ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**Approve the report prepared by the contractor, General Pump Company,** and the additional cost of \$148,795.80 to rehabilitate the Water Wells #14 and #15 (Project No. 05-010); **authorize contractor to proceed with the rehabilitation work; and appropriate an additional \$40,000 of water funds to complete this project.**

#### END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Council Member Loya for City Council to review, discuss and/or take action regarding Charter Schools in Huntington Park. Council Member Loya addressed City Council regarding funding and a presentation to the Planning Commission. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez so ordered this item be placed on unfinished business for follow up during an upcoming City Council meeting.**

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Council Member Gomez to discuss and/or take action regarding Council representation at the California Contract Cities Association Annual Legislative Orientation meeting in Sacramento in January 2005. Motion by Escareño, seconded by Loya, to **appoint Mayor Noguez or his designee to the California Contract Cities Association and the League of California Cities legislative meetings and authorize staff to allocate the necessary funding,** carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Escareño, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Hernandez.

Director of Finance Pruyn presented for discussion and/or action a draft Cellular Phone/Pager Policy. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez continued this item to the next Council meeting.**

Director of Community Development Gray presented correspondence from Eddie Benitez requesting reappointment for a four-year term on the Planning Commission. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, **to reappoint Eddie Benitez for a four year term on the Planning Commission expiring January 16, 2009,** carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Escareño, Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Hernandez.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(a) for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION, A) Name of case: Desmond Fitzgerald v City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No.: MON 03075952; 0310786 and B) Name of case: Dennis Currie v City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No.: AHM 0099090; 0109764. Mayor Noguez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:40 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 7:00 p.m. Present: Council Member Edward Escareño, Council Member Mario Gomez,

Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez.

Mayor Noguez and Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator Jesus A. Gomez presented a 2004 Mayor's Christmas Award certificate, trophy, and lawn sign to the following: Best Decorated Home Area 1–Fernando Chavez and Family, 2721 Belgrave Avenue; Area 2– Maravilla Family, 2117 Mortimer Street; Area 3–Beatriz Adriana Rincon, 4027 E. 61st Street; Area 4–Gloria Flores, 6517 Cedar Street; Area 5–Ana Alvarado and Family, 3424 Walnut Street; and the Most Spectacular Display City-Wide–David Davila and Family, 3074 Zoe Avenue.

Assistant Chief of Police Peeler introduced a representative from the Auto Club of Southern California and Sheryl Sutherlin from the California Highway Patrol who presented the following individuals with 10851 (Auto Theft) awards: 1) Police Officer Conrad Chacon; 2) Police Officer Miguel Navia; and 3) Senior Officer Neil Castelli.

Assistant Chief of Police Peeler and Police Officer Bassett presented a plaque to retiring Huntington Park Police Explorers Ingrid Diaz and Martha Toro, and to Huntington Park Police Explorer of the Year Carlos Alvarenga.

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.

Ron Pflugrath, Consultant with RBF Consulting, requested approval of their agreement on the agenda and made himself available to answer any questions.

Frank B. Wein, representing URS Corporation, stated that he looks forward to working with the City of Huntington Park.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2004-84. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY** was presented. Motion by Escareño, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution Nos. 2004-84, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Escareño, Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Abstain: Council Member Loya; Absent: Vice Mayor Hernandez.

**ORDINANCE NO. 741A-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 2, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE ADDITION OF CHAPTER 10, REGULATING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 741A-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 741A-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Escareño, Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: Council Member Loya; Absent: Vice Mayor Hernandez.

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); Mayor Noguez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 7:30 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 8:28 p.m. Present: Council Member Edward Escareño, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session on the matter regarding Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation, Council instructed the legal counsel to settle the matters; and the matter regarding Conference With Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation, on one matter involving the Amador case, the following actions were taken: 1) reject a reconsideration motion submitted by the Police Department; 2) terminate services of Liebert, Cassidy & Whitmore law firm immediately; and 3) authorize the hiring of a

consultant to undertake an organizational and financial audit of the Police Department.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Juan R. Noguez, Mayor

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