

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, January 17, 2006.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez and Council Member Elba Romo.

Council Member Gomez arrived and took his seat at 6:31 p.m.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 3, 2006.

Deny claim filed by Christina Avila, Date of Incident: June 24, 2005 and refer to the City Attorney and the City's insurance administrator.

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

Approve the Payroll Demands dated January 17, 2006.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Romo arrived and took her seat at 6:35 p.m.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Noguez for discussion and/or action to enact an ordinance to make nonpayment of wages a crime. **There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez directed the City Attorney to research the feasibility of enacting an ordinance to make nonpayment of wages a crime and report back to City Council.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Mayor Hernandez regarding a scheduled "Enjoyable Family Walk Through the City" for residents on Saturday, February 4, 2006 at 6:00 a.m. **There being no objection, City Council approved an "Enjoyable Family Walk Through the City" for residents on Saturday, February 4, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.**

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action applications from Marial L. Sanders and Alfred Bravo, Sr. requesting reappointment to the Planning Commission. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **reappoint Marial L. Sanders and Alfred Bravo, Sr. to four (4) year terms on the Planning Commission with terms expiring January 16, 2010**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray requested discussion and/or action regarding an amendment of current firework stand regulations regarding maximum space rental amounts for firework stands. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, to **direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary documents to amend the current firework stand regulations regarding maximum space rental amounts for firework stands**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Chief of Police Narramore requested approval of City of Huntington Park Part-time Traffic Officer Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Lionel Mora to correct the hourly rate from \$38.00 to \$38.50. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the City of Huntington Park Part-time Traffic Officer Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Lionel Mora to correct the hourly rate from \$38.00 to \$38.50**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to establish as "**subsequent need**" item, a closed session item for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1), as the item arose after the posting of the agenda, necessitating City Council's immediate consideration and/or action, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for the following: 1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1); 2) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Agency designated representative: City Manager, Employee organizations: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees' Association; 3) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Alfonso Amador, Fredo Dwyer, Humberto Lozano, Robert Valencia vs. City of Huntington Park, Randy Narramore, Stephen Peeler, Case No. BC345283; and 4) pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Elena Arreola vs. The City of Huntington Park, Case No. BC 331079. Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into a closed session to be held immediately at 6:46 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called

to order in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: None.

PowerPoint Presentation by Sergeant Bonzer regarding clean-up of 6302 Hood Avenue due to the uninhabitable conditions of this property and the criminal history resulting in the abatement of nuisance in the property.

Council Member Gomez left the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Presentation of film highlights of the 9th Annual Dia De Los Reyes Magos Event held January 6, 2006 by Business Improvement District Manager Jeannette Marquez. Mrs. Marquez acknowledged the following event sponsors: Huntington Park Lions Club; Fotorama; El Aviso Magazine; El Café Café; SouthEastOne Media; Folklorico Lluvia De Estrellas; Mexicana de Aviacion; Oorale USA Magazine; Crowne Plaza Hotel and Casino; Mexican Consulate; Pacific Arcade; El Gallo Giro; Gina Min; The Home Shop; JC Penney; Pollo Mania; Waikie Restaurant; El Super; Superior Warehouse; Carreon Bakery; Rosita Bakery; La Estrella Bakery; Kalifornia Cuisine; and La Flor Del Oto. Mrs. Marquez also thanked the following for supporting the event: Joshua Hernandez and students of Gage Middle School; Arts and Culture Commissioners Diane Spalding and Dante D'Eramo; Parks and Recreation Commissioners Yvonne Correa and Betty Davis Gonzalez; Olivia Segura, Business Development Supervisor; Carlos Arevalo, Planning Intern; Cindy Martinez, Event MC; and City officials.

Mayor Hernandez 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.

Julie Gomez, parent of two (2) students at Aspire School in Huntington Park, stated that according to a study, the students at Aspire Public School far exceeded their grade level's academic standards compared to other schools. Ms. Gomez asked City Council to consider opening a new Aspire Public School site in the City of Huntington Park.

Adrian Kirk, Director of Community Relations of Aspire Public Schools, thanked City Council for their consideration in allowing Aspire Public Schools to open a permanent location in the City to relieve overcrowding in the schools. Mr. Kirk expressed Aspire School's commitment to the community and its students and encouraged City Council to visit their current location.

Elena Martin addressed City Council to clarify her statement on the minutes of the City Council meeting held December 5, 2006 and read a letter regarding her living conditions. Ms. Martin stated that she is being evicted from her building and asked City Council to assist her regarding this matter.

Enrique Murillo, President of American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), asked City Council to honor their promise to help senior citizens and assist Ms. Martin in finding affordable and adequate housing.

Billy Valdivia, Co-Owner of SouthEastOne Media, thanked City Council and the Business Improvement District (BID) for allowing him to produce the Dia De Los Tres Reyes Magos Event held January 6, 2006. Mr. Valdivia informed City Council of various events he has produced in the past including the production of The Greater Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce's 55th Annual Christmas Parade; and stated that SouthEastOne Media just opened an office in the City.

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

Assistant City Engineer Fu presented for discussion and/or action the plans for the remodel of the City Clerk's Office and City Hall Lobby. Cliff Neiman, representing the Neiman Group, displayed a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the plans for the remodel of the City Clerk's Office, City Hall Lobby, and a portion of the Community Development Department. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the plans for the remodel of the City Clerk's Office, City Hall Lobby; and a portion of the Community Development Department**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented for discussion and/or action a request from Telemundo to host a Sports Exposition at Salt Lake Park in April 2006. Victor Franco, Vice President of Public Affairs for Channel 52 Telemundo, stated that they have been

a good partner to the City and have a positive history of involvement with the community. Mr. Franco asked that City Council consider allowing them to use Salt Lake Park to conduct a "Sports Experience" event, which will be free to the public. Andrew Barnett, Vice President of Sales with Channel 52 Telemundo, informed City Council that the purpose of this event is to promote physical and competitive sports in families and addressed the parking and security aspects of the event. Mr. Barnett asked City Council to authorize the use of the soccer field, baseball diamonds, and basketball courts at Salt Lake Park to conduct a "Sports Experience" in April 2006 and stated that in gratitude, Channel 52 Telemundo is offering to improve the skate park and the soccer field after their event. Motion by Romo, seconded by Noguez, to **approve in concept the request from Channel 52 Telemundo to use the soccer circle, baseball diamonds, and basketball courts at Salt Lake Park to conduct a "Sports Experience" in April 2006; and directed staff to work with Channel 52 Telemundo regarding the details**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ESTABLISHING FEES PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 726-NS FOR THE **REGULATION OF TAXICABS AND LIMOUSINES** WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF HUNTINGTON PARK was presented. Jorge Morales, representing Fiesta Taxi, addressed City Council on behalf of Fiesta Taxi drivers to request that City Council accept the Los Angeles County driver permit in-lieu of the City's proposed livescan and background review and to reduce the Annual Vehicle Inspection Fee & Application Fee for a Public Transportation Vehicle Permit. Raul Masariegos, in support of Fiesta Taxi drivers, asked City Council to consider lowering the annual vehicle inspection fees. Council Member Noguez left his seat at 8:23 p.m. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Romo, to **adopt Resolution No. 2006-1 with the noted corrections to Page 1, Section 1,(B)-1, to reduce the Application Fee from \$60 to \$30; (B)-2, to reduce the Annual Vehicle Inspection Fee from \$60 to \$30; and (C)-2, to accept the Los Angeles County Taxi Operator Permit in-lieu of the City's livescan and background review**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Noguez and Gomez.

Council Member Noguez returned to his seat at 8:25 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 769-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 3-9.15 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING UTILITY USER TAX REFUNDS AND ESTABLISHING SECTION 3-9.16 REGARDING SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS OF THE **UTILITY USERS TAX** was read by title. Motion by Romo, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 769-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No.769-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Mayor Hernandez announced her goals for the City of Huntington Park during 2006 include: Emergency Preparedness Citywide and Downtown Redevelopment.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Agency designated representative: City Manager, Employee organizations: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees' Association; 2) Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Alfonso Amador, Fredo Dwyer, Humberto Lozano, Robert Valencia vs. City of Huntington Park, Randy Narramore, Stephen Peeler, Case No. BC345283; and 3) Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Elena Arreola vs. The City of Huntington Park, Case No. BC 331079. Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into a closed session to be held immediately at 8:44 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 8:56 p.m. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez.

City Attorney Leal reported out that a status report was provided to City Council on the following closed session items: 1) Conference With Labor Negotiators; 2) Conference With Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation, Name of case: Alfonso Amador, Fredo Dwyer, Humberto Lozano, Robert Valencia vs. City of Huntington Park, Randy Narramore, Stephen Peeler, Case No. BC345283; and 3) Conference With Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation, Name of case: Elena Arreola vs. The City of Huntington Park, Case No. BC3310179.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m., in memory of Eva Alice Ramirez, mother of Jessica R. Maes, former Mayor and Council Member for the City of Huntington Park.

Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk