

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, June 16, 2014.

Following the Invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Amber Rodriguez, 1<sup>st</sup> grade student at Lucille Roybal-Allard Elementary School. The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Perez. Present: Council Member Valentin Palos Amezcua, 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 Amber Rodriguez for leading the flag salute.

Mayor Perez and City Council announced that Chief of Police Cisneros awarded a \$250 Scholarship to Roxane Villareal, recipient of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce Youth Scholarship Program.

Theresa Bagues, Co-President of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, presented a \$5,000 check to Jackie Ornelas, Chair of the American Cancer Society Southeast Cities Relay for Life. Ms. Ornelas thanked City Council for their support and the Chamber for the donation. Ms. Ornelas invited everyone to attend this year's Relay for Life on June 21, 2014 at Salt Lake Park.

Yesenia Acosta, Esq. with the Law Offices of Scott Warmuth representing Liga Legal, and Regina Bory, displayed a PowerPoint presentation regarding various events and seminars in efforts to build relationships/create success in conjunction with the City and community. Ms. Acosta thanked Mayor Perez, City Council, City Manager Bobadilla, former Mayor Andy Molina, City staff, and everyone who has partnered with Liga Legal. Ms. Acosta informed City Council that the Law Offices of Scott Warmuth is celebrating its first anniversary in the City of Huntington Park.

Mayor Perez announced June 26, 2014 would be City Manager René Bobadilla's last day with the City. Mayor Perez and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Bobadilla for his achievements and improvements in the City of Huntington Park.

Mayor Perez, City Council, and City Manager Bobadilla presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Rocio Martinez, Sr. Deputy City Clerk, and wished her well in her new job.

Interim City Attorney Litfin announced City Council will be recessing to a closed session to discuss 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: (2)

13.2 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.

13.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (4)

13.4 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957:

### **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT**

Title: Interim City Manager

13.5 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT  
Title: Interim Finance Director

13.6 Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT  
Title: Interim City Clerk

At approximately 6:30 p.m. Mayor Perez recessed into closed session.

At approximately 7:26 p.m. Mayor Perez reconvened into open sessions with all Council Members present.

Interim City Attorney Litfin reported one reportable action taken in closed session: Council voted 5-0 to initiate litigation on item 13.1.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Perez opened public comment.

Andy Molina thanked City Manager Bobadilla for his dedicated contributions to the City. Mr. Molina stated that Mr. Bobadilla was the “perfect fit” for the community and that he would be greatly missed. Mr. Molina wished Mr. Bobadilla success in his professional move. Mr. Molina also thanked Senior Deputy City Clerk Rocio Martinez and wished her well in her move from the City of Huntington Park.

Nick Alexander (Nick Alexander Imports) thanked Mr. Bobadilla for his service to the City. Mr. Alexander asked that Council look to Mr. Julio Morales, Director of Finance, to continue with what Mr. Bobadilla has done in moving the City forward.

A representative of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce thanked Mr. Bobadilla for the partnership he has created with the business community and wished him well, and added that he looked forward to working with Mr. Julio Morales.

City Manager Bobadilla thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their efforts in improving the businesses in the City and encouraged them to move forward in working for the benefit of the businesses.

Theresa Bagues, Co-President of The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce, invited everyone to attend the State of the City Address which would be held on Thursday, June 19.

Richard Santillan, Sr. Volunteer for Reynoso’s Hit N’ Walk, stated that the organization serves the seniors and youth of the community and asked for the City’s support of the August 16 event and that Council waive the fees associated with the event.

Alfonso Lua, student at Linda Marquez High School and Youth Advisor for Reynoso’s Youth Board, stated that the Youth Board’s focus is mentoring community youth who need academic guidance. Mr. Lua invited Council to participate in their efforts, and requested approval to use Salt Lake Park in their upcoming event.

The president of Reynoso’s Youth Board requested approval to use Salt Lake Park for their 4<sup>th</sup> annual community fair and stated that Council’s approval would allow publicity expansion for community businesses as well as enhance outreach efforts to the struggling youth of the community, as well as promote local businesses and healthy lifestyles.

Daniel Collazo, L.A. Misioneros FC Soccer Academy, stated that Reynoso's Hit N' Walk has given L.A. Misioneros exposure in the community and requested Council's support of Reynoso's Hit N' Walk upcoming event.

Alex Reynoso, Reynoso's Hit N' Walk, thanked Council, City Manager Bobadilla and Deputy City Clerk Martinez for their efforts. Mr. Reynoso especially thanked Council Member Hernandez and Parks and Recreation Director Josette Espinosa for their support in Reynoso's efforts in serving the community. Mr. Reynoso requested Council's support in the use of Salt Lake Park for their upcoming event.

Collin Chambers, Huntington Park resident, expressed concern for the City. Mr. Chambers stated that he had reported to Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and Primestor (City consultant) regarding the excessive merchandise displays on Pacific Boulevard sidewalks. Mr. Chambers thanked Council and the Code Enforcement Division for their efforts in addressing the issue and stated that he hoped their actions would bring a bright future to Pacific Boulevard and improve Huntington Park's reputation as the place to shop. Mr. Chambers suggested that the City form a committee to include the Chamber and City merchants to address the issues affecting local businesses. Mr. Chambers added that signage, parking, and traffic and pedestrian control need to be addressed.

Wally Shidler, Walnut Park resident and former Commissioner of the Historic Preservation Commission, congratulated Council for the improvements on Pacific Boulevard and stated that the City is on the right track to beautifying Pacific Boulevard. Mr. Shidler added that he hoped that the Council and future Council members will set aside their self-interests and join together with one common goal in mind – the betterment of Huntington Park. Mr. Shidler encouraged Council members to work together as a team.

Balle Machuca talked about the parking problem for community residents. Mr. Machuca stated that businesses are here to make money and that residents are here to stay. Mr. Gallo added that residents need help with the parking situation and need to be respected.

Sandra Orozco, community resident, stated that outdoor merchandise was not in compliance with Health Department regulations nor were ADA compliant. Ms. Orozco requested that the Chief of Police address an issue regarding labels being posted on poles, specifically at Slauson and Carmelita Avenues. Ms. Orozco announced that she had been appointed to an advisory committee for the City of Cudahy. Ms. Orozco stated she wanted transparency in the appointment of the City Manager and that RFPs should be issued for the City Manager and Director of Finance positions. Ms. Orozco stated that at the last City Council meeting, Council Member Mario Gomez said something about Council Member Karina Macias which was to be included in the agenda for discussion and asked Council Member Gomez why it had been pulled from the agenda.

Francisco Rivera thanked Council for their efforts in making Pacific Boulevard look nicer. Mr. Rivera stated that in addition to USA Taxi, another taxi service was operating in the City and asked that City officials look into taxi services in the City. Mr. Rivera requested that the City move forward to make Pacific Boulevard and the City look nicer for the benefit of the citizens.

Interim City Attorney Litfin stated that at the last Council meeting the Mayor directed City Attorney's office to facilitate more help to the Chief of Police in pursuing prosecution in the addressed matter.

Curacao store manager, Robert Lima, spoke in support of Council appointing Director of Finance Julio Morales for the City Manager position. Mr. Ruiz stated that Mr. Morales was instrumental in assisting them with additional customer parking and shuttle service for employees during "Black Friday," which resulted in one of the highest grossing Black Fridays in the company's history. Mr. Lima thanked Council for their continued support of the store.

Rodolfo Cruz, City resident, addressed the water run-off situation near Slauson and Miles Avenues, the City's poor financial state, and the "abuse" of money by the City through high property taxes.

Mayor Perez closed public comment.

## **6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Council Member Gomez, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias, to approve the Consent Calendar, Motion carried 5 to 0 by the following vote: Ayes: Council Member Amezcua, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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

**6.1** Approved minutes of the following City Council meetings:

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

**6.2** Approved 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**

**6.3** Approved Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants dated June 16, 2014.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**6.4 Resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application for the lead-based paint hazard control grant program**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Adopted Resolution 2014-19 authorizing the submittal of a grant application for the lead-based paint hazard control grant program offered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control; and
2. Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute the application documents, standard agreement, and all other documents required for the participation of the program.

### **OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

**6.5** Adopted 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.

### **OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

**6.6 Approval of the extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Huntington Park and General Employees' Association (GEA)**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approved the Extension of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Huntington Park and the General Employees' Association.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**6.7 Cancellation of the Promissory Note executed pursuant to the Purchase and Sale Agreement for a portion of 65<sup>th</sup> Street between Wilson Street and Alameda Street**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approved the cancellation of the Promissory Note between the City of Huntington Park and Leonardo M. Lopez and Iris A. Lopez, Trustees of the Leonardo M. Lopez and Iris A. Lopez Living Trust, dated July 2, 2012, executed pursuant to the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the portion of 65<sup>th</sup> Street between Wilson Street and Alameda Street.

**6.8 Approve Professional Services Agreement with HF&H Consultants, LLC for professional services in support of the development and analysis of a Request for Proposals for Solid Waste Services**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorized the additional fee for the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with HF&H Consultants, LLC for professional services in support of the review of proposals for solid waste collection services for an additional not-to-exceed fee of \$41,300.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**6.9 First Amendment to contract with Unified Nutrimeals for food provider services for City's Youth Nutrition Program**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approved the first amendment to the contract with Unified Nutrimeals for food provider services for the City of Huntington Park's Youth Nutrition Program.

**6.10 Approve US Soccer Foundation, Inc. Field Enhancement Grant Agreement**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approved the Field Enhancement Grant Agreement with United States Soccer Foundation, Inc. (USSF) for Lighting Grant; and
2. Approved the agreement between the City of Huntington Park and United States Soccer Foundation, Inc.

**END OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

City Manager Bobadilla requested, and Mayor Perez approved, to move Item 10.1 for consideration.

**10. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA**

**10.1 Employment Agreement for the position of Interim City Manager between the City of Huntington Park and Julio Morales**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Approve the Employment Agreement with Julio Morales to serve as Interim City Manager.

Interim City Attorney Litfin stated that the terms of the agreement are the same as the terms of the agreement with City Manager Bobadilla, but for minor changes. The proposed agreement with Mr. Morales has a maximum term of

one year with a six-month severance pay, and allowance for Mr. Morales to buy-out up to 120 hours of vacation time.

Mayor Perez asked what would happen if Mr. Morales decided to leave before the contract was over, and Mr. Litfin replied that Mr. Morales could leave at any time upon giving notice and would not get severance pay.

**Motion** by Council Member Gomez to approve the Employment Agreement with Julio Morales to serve as Interim City Manager.

Vice Mayor Macias stated that she had reservations appointing Mr. Morales because he does not have city manager experience and that although it is an interim appointment, the City needs an experienced person for the position. Ms. Macias motioned to nominate Paul Phillips for Interim City Manager. Ms. Macias stated that Mr. Phillips was the former City Manager for the City of West Covina with years of experience.

Council Member Gomez stated that Mr. Morales was a great Finance Director and has already been doing “a lot of City Manager” work. Mr. Gomez stated that he believes in continuity and that he understood that it could be a very short interim period.

**Motion** seconded by Council Member Hernandez to approve the Employment Agreement with Julio Morales to serve as Interim City Manager.

Interim City Attorney Litfin reported that if Mr. Morales is still with the City at the end of the one-year term, he would revert back to the Finance Director position. Mr. Litfin advised that public comments be open on the item prior to taking a vote on the motion.

Council Member Amezcua stated that he agreed with Vice Mayor Macias that an experienced city manager is necessary, especially because of the challenges the City is facing. Mr. Amezcua stated that appointing someone without city manager experience would not be prudent.

Mayor Perez opened public comment.

Rodolfo Cruz stated that the City needed an experienced city manager that would help make the City better.

Linda Caraballo came forward and stated that Finance Director Julio Morales does not have the experience needed for the city manager position and recommended that Council look to Contract Cities or Independent Cities to recruit an experienced city manager.

Sandra Orozco asked Council to work in unity and listen to the residents' concerns. Ms. Orozco agreed with the other speakers that Finance Director Julio Morales is not experienced to hold the city manager position. Ms. Orozco stated that Council needs to look elsewhere for an experienced city manager.

Andy Molina spoke in support of the interim appointment of Julio Morales for City Manager.

Balle Machuca stated that the City needs a manager who will support the residents, and Julio Morales is not the person to appoint.

Mayor Perez closed public comment.

Council Member Hernandez reiterated her support for Julio Morales as Interim City Manager.

Mayor Perez stated that Julio Morales is a great leader who would do a great job as a city manager and expressed her support for his appointment to the Interim City Manager position.

The motion to approve the Employment Agreement with Julio Morales to serve as Interim City Manager, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: Council Member Amezcuita and Vice Mayor Macias; Absent: None.

## **7. HEARING**

### **7.1 Public hearing to consider the adoption of the City of Huntington Park's Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Open the public hearing to consider comment.
2. Close the public hearing and include any comments received during the 30-day public review period and during this evening's hearing.
3. Adopt the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan.
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute subrecipient agreements with the public service agencies and all required documents for transmittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD).

Mayor Perez opened the item up for public hearing. There being no comments, Mayor Perez closed the public hearing.

**Motion** by Council Member Amezcuita to adopt the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan; and authorize the City Manager to execute subrecipient agreements with the public service agencies and all required documents for transmittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD), seconded by Council Member Gomez, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

## **8. REGULAR AGENDA**

### **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

#### **8.1 Facility Use Fee Waiver Application for "El Grito" Event and Reynoso's Hit N' Walk Community Fair**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Review Facility Fee Waiver Application for the use of the Salt Lake Park Ball Diamonds for the "El Grito" event.
2. Review Facility Fee Waiver Application for the use of the Salt Lake Park Social Hall for Reynoso's Hit N' Walk 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Fair.

Parks and Recreation Director Espinosa introduced Francisco Moreno, cultural activist, who displayed a promotional video of the "El Grito" event.

Mayor Perez expressed her concern that the City is not in the financial position to approve the requested fee waiver. After a discussion, Mayor Perez opened public comments.

Sandra Orozco stated that she agreed with Mayor Perez that the City was not in the financial state to waive fees associated with the event.

Balle Machuca stated that the event affects the community in different ways, such as increased traffic in the area, and threatens the public safety.

**Motion** by Council Member Gomez to continue to a special City Council meeting the consideration of a Facility Fee Waiver Application for the use of the Salt Lake Park Ball Diamonds for the “El Grito” event, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias, carried unanimously.

Mayor Perez opened public comments on the request by Reynoso’s Hit N’ Walk for a facility fee waiver.

Linda Caraballo expressed her support for Mr. Reynoso’s program. Ms. Caraballo stated that City fees are too high and requested that Council conduct a City fee study.

Sandra Orozco agreed that the fees charged for these events are very high.

**Motion** by Council Member Hernandez to approve a Facility Fee Waiver Application for the use of the Salt Lake Park Social Hall for Reynoso’s Hit N’ Walk 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Fair, seconded by Vice Mayor Macias, carried unanimously.

## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

### **8.2 City of Huntington Park Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Discussion regarding the City’s Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget.

Julio Morales, Director of Finance, displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed City’s Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget.

### **8.3 Authorization to negotiate termination agreement with Al Perez dba Mag Sweeping, Inc.**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate agreement to terminate contract with Al Perez dba Mag Sweeping, Inc.

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Macias to authorize the City Manager to negotiate agreement to terminate contract with Al Perez dba Mag Sweeping, Inc., seconded by Council Member Gomez, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

### **8.4 Authorization to enter into a Parking Management Agreement with Parking Company of America for the parking structure located at 7015 Rita Avenue**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Parking Company of America to operate the parking structure located at 7015 Rita Avenue.

**Motion** by Council Member Gomez to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Parking Company of America to operate the parking structure located at 7015 Rita Avenue, seconded by Council Member Hernandez, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Amezcuita, Vice Mayor Macias, Council Members Hernandez, Gomez, and Mayor Perez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

### **8.5 Designation of vehicles as surplus and authorization to sell via auction**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Designate a proposed list of vehicles as surplus and authorize to sell via auction.

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Macias to designate a proposed list of vehicles as surplus and authorize to sell via auction, seconded by Council Member Gomez, carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**8.6 Approve changes in work for the Salt Lake Park Artificial Turf Soccer Field Project**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Find that the requested Changes in Work have no significant effect on the environment and approve the changes and revisions to the construction contract amount totaling \$66,991. The contract amount with Asphalt, Fabric & Engineering, Inc. (AF&E) increases from \$386,244.11 to \$453,235.11.
2. Approve the increased cost to FieldTurf for the increased area of synthetic turf. The Purchase Order amount with FieldTurf increases from \$321,171 to \$338,449.
3. Approve the Revised Total Project Budget as presented.

Public Works Director/City Engineer James Enriquez summarized the request for Changes in Work for the subject project.

Motion by Council Member Gomez, seconded by Council Member Hernandez, to find that the requested Changes in Work have no significant effect on the environment and approve the changes and revisions to the construction contract amount totaling \$66,991. The contract amount with Asphalt, Fabric & Engineering, Inc. (AF&E) increases from \$386,244.11 to \$453,235.11; and approve the increased cost to FieldTurf for the increased area of synthetic turf. The Purchase Order amount with FieldTurf increases from \$321,171 to \$338,449, and approve the Revised Total Project Budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**8.7 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) for collecting and reporting data for the National Transit Database (NTD) for reporting year 2012**

RECOMMENDATION OF ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and all related documentation in order to qualify for the reimbursement from LACMTA.

Motion by Council Member Hernandez to authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and all related documentation in order to qualify for the reimbursement from LACMTA, seconded by Council Member Gomez, carried unanimously.

**9. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA - None**

**11. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS - None**

## **12. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Parks and Recreation Director Espinosa invited everyone to attend the City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at Salt Lake Park; and reported that 130 children are signed up for Summer Camp which would be starting soon.

Director of Finance Morales thanked Public Works staff for their work on the installation of a parklet on Pacific Boulevard, and Mr. Bobadilla for his vision and guidance in the installation of string lighting along Pacific Boulevard.

Mr. Morales requested that Council recess to closed session to discuss an issue in connection with Closed Session item 13.2.

Mayor Perez called for Council Communications before closed session.

Chief of Police Cisneros reported that Part 1 crime rate was 6 percent below from last year, the lowest number since 1978. Chief Cisneros stated that Mexico would be playing Brazil tomorrow in the World Cup games, and wished everyone a safe and enjoyable game. Chief Cisneros added that police presence would be made during the event.

### **12.1 Mayor Rosa E. Perez**

Mayor Perez thanked staff for their efforts in improving Pacific Boulevard and thanked Finance Director Morales for his willingness in continuing to help the City. Ms. Perez invited everyone to participate in the American Cancer Society-Southeast Cities Relay for Life event starting Saturday, June 21, 9:00 a.m. through Sunday, June 22, 9:00 a.m.

### **12.2 Vice Mayor Karina Macias**

Council Member Macias thanked Chief of Police Cisneros for the Police Department Open House.

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

Council Member Hernandez stated that the wrong message is being sent to the community with Pacific Boulevard closures and high Police presence. Ms. Hernandez thanked City Manager Bobadilla for his service to the City of Huntington Park and Finance Director Morales for accepting to continue to serve the City.

### **12.4 Council Member Valentin Palos Amezquita**

Council Member Amezquita addressed the upcoming personnel changes and stated that change is an opportunity to make continued improvements. Mr. Amezquita asked if additional holiday lighting would be installed on Pacific Boulevard.

Mayor Perez directed staff to include in the next Council agenda discussion of budgeting for Christmas lighting/decorations.

Council Member Amezquita expressed interest in the development of a volunteer program for community members to serve

Mayor Perez directed staff to research the cost of implementing a volunteer program and bring back to Council for discussion.

### **12.5 Council Member Mario Gomez**

Council Member Gomez stated that he would want police presence on Pacific Boulevard during the World Cup soccer events but not closure of the street. Mr. Gomez stated that closure of Pacific Boulevard would hurt

businesses, and added that any future proposed closures of Pacific Boulevard be agendaized for City Council consideration.

Interim City Attorney Litfin announce City Council will recess to a closed to discuss the following:

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

**13.2 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.

Following the closed session, Interim City Attorney Litfin reported no reportable action was taken.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 10:10 p.m. Mayor Perez adjourned the meeting to the next Regular City Council Meeting on Monday, July 7, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Yesenia Gomez, Acting Jr. Deputy City Clerk