

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, March 6, 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, Council Member Mario Gomez, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: Council Member Elba Romo.

Council Member Romo arrived and took her seat at 6:31 p.m.

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action the appointment of Interim Chief of Police for the City of Huntington Park. Michael J. Trevis briefed City Council on his background and future goals with the City of Huntington Park. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, **to receive and file the City Manager report regarding the appointment of Michael J. Trevis as Interim Chief of Police for the City of Huntington Park**, 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** pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 for the following: 1) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, A) Name of case: Thomas S. Weselis vs. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No.: Unassigned; B) Name of case: William Diers vs. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No.: Unassigned; and C) Name of case: Ronnie Beason vs. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No.: Unassigned; and 2) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Name of case: Ioane Tua vs. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case Nos.: MON 0302288; MON 0302288. Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately at 6:38 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting recessed at 6:56 p.m.

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.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that this was the time for reorganization of the City Council.

Mayor Hernandez vacated her position as Mayor.

Vice Mayor Guerrero called for nominations for Mayor.

Motion by Romo to nominate Council Member Gomez as Mayor, DIED due to lack of a second. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Guerrero, to **nominate Council Member Noguez as Mayor**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Hernandez, Gomez, and Vice Mayor Guerrero; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: None.

Vice Mayor Guerrero vacated her position as Vice Mayor.

Mayor Noguez called for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Motion by Gomez to nominate Council Member Romo as Vice Mayor, DIED due to lack of a second. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Noguez, to **nominate Council Member Guerrero as Vice Mayor**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Hernandez, Guerrero, Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: None.

Mayor Noguez presented a plaque to Council Member Hernandez in recognition of serving a term as Mayor in 2005-2006. Council Member Hernandez thanked her colleagues, City staff, City residents, and her family for supporting her and stated that she will continue to serve the City of Huntington Park.

Vice Mayor Guerrero stated that she is grateful for the opportunity to serve as Vice Mayor again and that she will continue to work for the City of Huntington Park.

Mayor Noguez recessed the City Council meeting at 7:08 p.m. for a reception.

Following the reception, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 7:25 p.m. Present: Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez, Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez.

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.

Victor Caballero, President of MidValley Express Taxi, read a letter that was distributed earlier to City Council requesting to withdraw his application to obtain a Taxicab Owner's Permit to provide taxi service to the City of Huntington Park. Mr. Caballero thanked City Council for working with him in the past.

Council Member Hernandez arrived and took her seat at 7:26 p.m.

Enrique Murillo addressed City Council regarding his previous request for rent control in the City. City Attorney Leal informed Mr. Murillo that due to legal liabilities, the City cannot implement rent control in the City of Huntington Park.

Nick Ioannidis congratulated City Council on the outcome of their reorganization and asked City Council that if it is more cost effective, to consider the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to service the City. Mr. Ioannidis also addressed his concerns to City Council regarding trash in the streets as a result of carnivals in the City and recommended that they take place at City parks instead of the business district.

Alejandra Muñoz, representing Aspire Charter Schools, presented a petition on behalf of parents of the students attending the Aspire Charter Schools requesting that City Council approve the new school site project in order to open their school in the fall of 2006. Ms. Muñoz thanked City Council in advance for their efforts in this endeavor and encouraged them to visit their schools.

Alex Young, representing The Salvation Army, thanked City Council and staff for their support and consideration in granting Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to the Salvation Army.

Huntington Park Police Officers Rodriguez and Porras thanked City Council and staff for selecting Lieutenant Cosme Lozano as the Acting Chief of Police for the City of Huntington Park. Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Porras asked City Council to consider Lieutenant Lozano for the position of Chief of Police for the City of Huntington Park.

Maribel Galan, Principal at Aspire Schools, addressed City Council in support of parents and students at Aspire Schools to request that City Council support the opening of a new school site in Huntington Park. Ms. Galan recognized all the parents and students in attendance at the City Council meeting.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Manager at The Greater Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, congratulated Mayor Noguez and Vice Mayor Guerrero on their new posts and the rest of Council for their involvement in the community. Mr. D'Eramo also thanked City Council, Department Heads, and staff for supporting The Greater Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce Centennial Installation Dinner event on Thursday, March 2, 2006 and introduced their re-elected President Sharon Lee and Senior Vice President Ronald V. Garcia. Mr. D'Eramo stated that the Chamber of Commerce is a public service to the business community, churches, schools, and residents of Huntington Park including seminars for further education and activities for the community.

Sharon Lee, President of The Greater Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, thanked City Council and staff for supporting them in the past and stated that she looks forward to continue working with the City of Huntington Park and introduced Ronald V. Garcia.

Ronald V. Garcia, Senior Vice President of The Greater Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, thanked City Council for their continuing support of the community and all the activities that benefit businesses. Mr. Garcia also thanked City Council in advance for any contributions they can give to The Salvation Army.

A woman congratulated City Council on their new positions and addressed her concerns to City Council regarding poor street lighting and littering throughout the City and recommended police surveillance cameras to prevent further crimes.

Yvonne Correa congratulated City Council on their new positions and expressed her concerns to City Council regarding the poor quality and failure of the current street lighting system throughout the City. Ms. Correa also discussed the possibility of the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles taking over the Los Angeles Unified School District and recommended the City of Huntington Park consider taking control of our local schools.

Angelica Madrigal congratulated City Council on their new positions and informed them that she is an active member of a committee that assists other residents with finding solutions for various issues in the City. Ms. Madrigal asked City Council to work with the committee for the betterment of the City.

Richard V. Loya, Health and Education Commissioner, congratulated City Council on their reorganization and urged City Council on behalf of the Health and Education Commission to adopt the resolution on the agenda in support of citizen representation on the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Governing Board. Mr. Loya also addressed City Council regarding correspondence from the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) regarding payment of employee wages.

Joseph Baltazar, President of the Walnut Park Residents Association, congratulated City Council on their new posts and expressed the importance of the City of Huntington Park working together with the community of Walnut Park in regards to the new development on Florence Avenue and encouraged City Council to attend the meetings.

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

City Clerk Ramirez announced that this is the time and place set to consider an Application for a Taxicab Owner's Permit for MidValley Express Taxi. City Clerk Ramirez reported that one (1) written communication had been received in the Office of the City Clerk from MidValley Express Taxi requesting to withdraw their application.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to invite public comment on a proposed transaction, in which the Huntington Park Public Financing Authority will be a participant to finance the costs of certain capital projects of the City's Streetlight Replacement Program.

City Clerk Ramirez called the roll of Board of Directors of the Huntington Park Public Financing Authority. Present: Director Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Chairman Elba Guerrero, Director Mario Gomez, Director Elba Romo, and Chairman Juan R. Noguez. Absent: None.

Chairman Noguez declared the public hearing open for the Board of Directors of the Huntington Park Public Financing Authority and called for oral communications and hearing none, Chairman Noguez declared the public hearing closed.

Secretary Ramirez presented minutes of the special meeting of the Huntington Park Public Financing Authority held Monday, April 5, 2004. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Huntington Park Public

Financing Authority held Monday, April 5, 2004, carried as follows: Ayes: Director Hernandez, Vice Chairman Guerrero, Directors Gomez, Romo, and Chairman Juan R. Noguez. Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. PFA 2006-1. A RESOLUTION OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF CERTAIN **INSTALLMENT SALE FINANCING DOCUMENTS** RELATING TO THE **CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK'S STREETLIGHT REPLACEMENT PROJECT** AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. PFA 2006-1, carried as follows: Ayes: Director Hernandez, Vice Chairman Guerrero, Directors Gomez, Romo, and Chairman Juan R. Noguez. Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-18. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF CERTAIN **INSTALLMENT SALE FINANCING DOCUMENTS** RELATING TO THE **CITY'S STREETLIGHT REPLACEMENT PROJECT** AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS WITH RESPECT THERETO was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-18, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adjourn the Huntington Park Public Financing Authority meeting, carried as follows: Ayes: Director Hernandez, Vice Chairman Guerrero, Directors Gomez, Romo, and Chairman Juan R. Noguez. Absent: None.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, February 21, 2006.

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 March 6, 2006.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Approve two (2) Residential Revocable Encroachment Permits to Maria Madrigal for property located at **3037 Saturn Avenue**; and to **Oscar Benitez** for property located at **3041 Saturn Avenue**, in order to construct a fence within the public right of way adjacent to their aforementioned properties.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action regarding special event permit requirements for local businesses. Dante D'Eramo, Executive Manager of The Greater Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, informed City Council that flower shop business owners in the City are being charged a fee for having a sidewalk sale outside their businesses on St. Valentine's Day and Mother's Day and requested on behalf of The Greater Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce approval of the two (2) days as part of their annual sidewalk sale request. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee of Council Members Hernandez and Gomez to work with the Business Improvement District (BID), the Chamber of Commerce, and staff to review procedures regarding special event permit requirements for local businesses including fees associated with outdoor sales on holidays and report back to City Council,**

carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Hernandez for discussion and/or action regarding the take over of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles. Following a brief discussion concerning the possibility of a take over of the LAUSD by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, **motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to direct staff to draft a Joint Powers Agreement, mission statement, and goals regarding the schools in Huntington Park and report back to City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Noguez to authorize him to send a letter of support of urban park funding in the State's infrastructure bond package. **There being no objection, City Council authorized staff to send a letter of support of urban park funding in the State's infrastructure bond package and to request an increase of funds.**

Director of Finance Pruyn requested appropriation of \$1,500 from the Contractual Services Account for a one time membership fee to the Joint Powers Authority. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the appropriation of \$1,500 from the Contractual Services Account for a one time membership fee to the Joint Powers Authority for the California Statewide Communities Development Authority**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Assistant City Engineer Fu presented for discussion and/or action Measure "L" Ad-Hoc Committee recommendation to award the contract to City Light and Power for the rehabilitation of the City street lighting system; and authorize staff to prepare the necessary documents, subject to City Attorney approval. Tom Simmons, representing City Light and Power, thanked Council Members Gomez, Hernandez, City Manager Korduner, Assistant City Engineer Fu, and Director of Finance Pruyn for working with City Light and Power on the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for the rehabilitation of the City's street lighting system and introduced their Project Managers Rudy Galan and John Bayer. Jim Wagner, Vice President of Republic Electric, commended City Council and staff on the street lighting system process and stated that they look forward to working with the City. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **award the contract to City Light and Power for the rehabilitation of the City street lighting system and for staff to prepare the necessary documents to be executed by the Mayor, subject to City Attorney approval**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None. Mayor Noguez thanked City Light and Power and Republic Electric for working with the City of Huntington Park.

Council Member Gomez left the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of the following: 1) Ad-Hoc Committee funding recommendations for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public service programs for inclusion in the City's 2006-2007 Annual Action Plan; 2) termination of the Sub-recipient Agreements with the Firebaugh Children's Free Dental Clinic and the Southeast Rio Vista Family YMCA-School Age Program; and 3) CDBG Program Sub-recipient Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and The Salvation Army for its Southeast Communities Family Services program in the amount of \$15,000, and to authorize staff to amend the Memorandum of Understanding with the City's Parks and Recreation to increase funding its After-school Youth Program from \$60,000 to \$75,000. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Romo, to **approve the following Ad-Hoc Committee funding recommendations for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public service programs for inclusion in the City's 2006-2007 Annual Action Plan: 1) County of Los Angeles Public Library, Huntington Park Library- Homework Center \$15,000; 2) Steelworkers Oldtimers Foundation-Senior Nutrition Program \$34,000; 3) St. Francis Medical Center Foundation-Healthy Community Initiatives \$5,000; 4) City of Huntington Park Department of Parks and Recreation After-school Youth Program \$70,000 and Community Beautification Program-Graffiti Removal \$100,000; 5)**

Southeast Churches Service Center-SCSC Emergency Food Program \$10,000; and 6) The Salvation Army Southeast Communities-Family Services \$15,000, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval to change the Facility Use Policy to allow the Parks and Recreation Department to use private security for special events. Motion by Romo, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the change to the Facility Use Policy to allow the Parks and Recreation Department to use private security for special events**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Director of Field Services Poole presented for discussion and/or action a request from MAG Sweeping Inc. for a five (5) year contract extension for street sweeping services. Motion by Romo, seconded by Guerrero, to **direct the City Attorney to prepare an extension to the MAG Sweeping Inc. contract for street sweeping services for five (5) additional years and bring back to City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-19. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **IN SUPPORT OF CITIZEN REPRESENTATION ON THE LAUSD GOVERNING BOARD** was presented. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-19, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-20. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT** RELATING TO THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-20, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

ORDINANCE NO. 772-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP AND OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK.** was read by title. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Romo, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 772-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 772-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

ORDINANCE NO. 773-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, **AMENDING TITLE 4 CHAPTER 8 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO PROCEDURES FOR THE SALE OF FIREWORKS** was read by title. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Romo, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 773-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 773-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.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the closed session items:1) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Name of case: Huntington Park vs. 6208 Alameda Corporation, et al. Los Angeles Superior Court, Case #BC24217, this item was not addressed; 2) Public Appointment, Title: Interim Chief of Police, this item was not addressed; 3) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, A) Name of case: Thomas S. Weselis vs. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No.: Unassigned; B) Name of case: William Diers vs. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No.: Unassigned; and C) Name of

case: Ronnie Beason vs. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case No.: Unassigned, City Council authorized the Worker's Compensation Counsel to negotiate compromise and releases to settle cases with Thomas S. Weselis, William Diers, and Ronnie Beason; and 4) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Name of case: Ioane Tua vs. City of Huntington Park, WCAB Case Nos.: MON 0302288; MON 0302288, City Council authorized the Worker's Compensation Counsel to settle this matter.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Juan R. Noguez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk