

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, April 17, 2006.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Noguez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: None.

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, Name of case: Huntington Park vs. 6208 Alameda Corporation, et al. Los Angeles Superior Court, Case #BC24217; and for Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1). Mayor Noguez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:32 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 6:48 p.m. by Mayor Noguez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: None.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception that Council Member Romo abstained on the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 3, 2006, 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 Monday, April 3, 2006.

Deny claim filed by Maria Oliva, Date of Incident: October 6, 2005 and refer to 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 April 17, 2006.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Approve Facility Use Agreement Between the City of Huntington Park and Estrella Communications, Inc. for the Telemundo Sports Experience event at Salt Lake Park, May 5 through 8, 2006.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Community Development Department status report on proposed modifications to the City of Huntington Park Municipal Code relating to wall and fence development standards.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez 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, and hearing

none, declared oral communications closed.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Hernandez for the City to accommodate counseling classes for families, parents and the youth, at the former San Antonio Health Clinic facility. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez referred this item to the Police Department to investigate the feasibility of accommodating counseling classes for families, parents and the youth, at the former San Antonio Health Clinic facility and report back to City Council.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or action concerning Huntington Park Sister Cities' invitation for Sister City San Julian to attend the City's Centennial Celebration. **There being no objection, City Council authorized a formal invitation for Sister City San Julian to attend the City's Centennial Celebration.**

ORDINANCE NO. 3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING TITLE 3 AND TITLE 5 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE MODIFYING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS RELATING TO FLORIST SHOPS. There being no objection, Mayor Noguez referred this item back to the Ad Hoc Committee to meet again, inviting florists, regarding a proposed ordinance relating to special event permits for florist shops and to report back to City Council.

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 Noguez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: None.

Mayor Noguez presented a Proclamation designating April 22, 2006 as Earth Day in the City of Huntington Park to Joseph Rasmussen, Recycling Coordinator for the City of Huntington Park

Recycling Coordinator Joseph Rasmussen presented **Earth Day Poster Contest Awards** to the following: 1) Category 1-Kindergarten through Second Grade: 3rd Place-Jasmine Esparza, 2nd Grade student at San Antonio Elementary; 2nd Place-Mariana Yerena, 1st Grade student at Pacific Boulevard School; and 1st Place-Sylvia Gladin, 1st Grade student at Pacific Boulevard School; and 2) Category 2-Third Grade through Fifth Grade: 3rd Place-Joshua Rodriguez, 4th Grade student at St. Matthias Catholic School; 2nd Place-Kimberly Pineda, 4th Grade student at St. Matthias Catholic Church; and 1st Place-Arely Lome-Gonzalez, 5th Grade student at State Street New Elementary School #1. Mr. Rasmussen distributed Huntington Park T-shirts to City Council.

Norma Montero, Huntington Park Librarian, introduced Wendy Romano, Assistant Director of Public Services for the County of Los Angeles Public Library. Wendy Romano gave a brief presentation regarding Huntington Park library renovations and the Grand Opening on May 25, 2006. Ms. Romano invited City Council to attend the Grand Opening May 25, 2006 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and stated that they would have a soft opening as well on Saturday, May 20, 2006.

Mayor Noguez presented a proclamation designating April 2006 as Earthquake Preparedness Month in the City of Huntington Park.

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.

Enrique Murillo welcomed the Interim Chief of Police Trevis and stated that he will be in touch with the Police Department regarding criminal activity in the City, especially on Grand Avenue.

Nick Ioannidis displayed an American Flag in honor of his 31 years as an American Citizen. Mr. Ioannidis announced that October 28, 2006 is Immigrants' Day and invited everyone to join the celebration.

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

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider the adoption of an amendment to Title 9 of the Huntington Park Municipal Code to include procedures for the establishment of a Historic Preservation Commission and regulatory criteria relating to Historic Preservation. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Noguez declared the **public hearing** open and called for oral communications. Wally Shidler, resident of Walnut Park, addressed City Council in support of establishing a Historic Preservation Commission. Director of Community Development Gray introduced the following consultants working with the City's Community Development Department in the Historic Preservation Commission process: 1) Tara Jones; 2) Roger Brevoort; and 3) Debbie Able. Mayor Noguez acknowledged Tim Bergenstein, representing the County of Los Angeles Conservancy Department, who was present at the Council meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 774-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCLUDE PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND REGULATORY CRITERIA RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No.774-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No.774-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider the adoption of a General Plan Land Use Policy Map and official zoning map amendments and the approval of a development permit to allow the adaptive reuse of a building located at 2071 Saturn Avenue from an industrial use to a school use and the adoption of a mitigated negative declaration environmental assessment associated with the project. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Noguez declared the **public hearing** open and called for oral communications. Christine Romero, Pacific Charter School Project Manager, presented a status report regarding Pacific Charter School's permit application. Ms. Romero addressed concerns associated with the proposed school project and the basis for staff's recommendation to deny the project. Ms. Romero presented a copy of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for review. Glenn Pierce, President of Pacific Charter School Development Inc., thanked City Council, staff, parents, and students for their support throughout the process of opening a Charter School in the City and informed City Council that they will remain committed to working with the City to address any deficiencies. Laura Galvan, Principal at Huntington Park College Ready Academy High School, thanked City Council on behalf of parents and students for their support in allowing the Charter School project to move forward and pledged their commitment to a safe school environment. Maribel Galan, Principal at Antonio Maria Lugo Academy School, thanked City Council for their support in the permit application process. Renee Polk, Teacher at Aspire Charter School in Huntington Park, informed City Council of her decision for teaching at Aspire Charter School rather than a traditional school and statistics of academics. Ms. Polk asked City Council to support the school project. Ms. Razetti, Teacher at Huntington Park Ready Academy High School, addressed City Council in support of her students and asked City Council to allow them to move forward with the school project. Marial L. Sanders, Planning Commissioner for the City of Huntington Park, addressed City Council in support of the school project and asked City Council to continue to work with the Charter School staff to make this a positive for the community. The following individuals also addressed City Council in support of the Charter School project: 1) Jesus Rodriguez; 2) Eliannel Jimenez; 3) Susan Altitar; 4) Claudia Avila; and 5) Casey Garcia. Frank Gonzalez, Senior Project Manager at Pacific Charter School Development Inc., thanked City Council and staff for working with them on the school project and submitted for the record a copy of Condition No. 49 and asked that the language for Condition No. 49 be amended in the proposed resolution approving the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the amendments to the General Plan Land Use Map and Zoning Map and adopting the associated mitigation monitoring and reporting program.

The meeting recessed at 8:11 p.m.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 8:16 p.m. by Mayor Noguez. 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 announced that the request to amend Condition No. 49 was declined and declared the public hearing closed.

Council Member Hernandez arrived and took her seat at 8:18 p.m.

Motion by Romo, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve a development permit to allow the adaptive reuse of a building located at 2071 Saturn Avenue from an industrial use to a school use**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-27. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** FOR THE AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP AND ZONING MAP AND **ADOPTING THE ASSOCIATED MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-27, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-28. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PLAN LAND USE MAP** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-28, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 775-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA AMENDING **THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 775-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 775-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-29. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK STATE OF CALIFORNIA **GRANTING A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT IN CONNECTION WITH REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2071 SATURN AVENUE, HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-29, 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 a \$50,000 donation to the Huntington Park Library for a Teen Center. Wendy Romano, Assistant Director of Public Services County of Los Angeles Public Library, addressed City Council regarding their request for a \$50,000 donation from the City to the Huntington Park Library for an enhanced Teen Space at the library. Ms. Romano informed City Council that the donation would go towards furniture and popular reading materials for teens. **Following a discussion, City Council requested Ms. Romano work with City staff to prepare an itemized list for the Teen Space and report back to City Council. City Council also requested City staff verify the parameters for allocation of Asset Forfeiture Account funds and report back to City Council.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Hernandez for Council to approve a Bi-national Health Week in September 2006. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez referred this item to the Health and Education Commission.**

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from Yes on Prop 81 Campaign requesting City Council to support Proposition 81, the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006. Wendy Romano, Assistant Director of Public Services County of Los Angeles Public Library, briefed City Council regarding allocation of Proposition 81 Funds. **There being no objection, City Council received and filed this report.**

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of a Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Karen Warner Associates to provide administrative services for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, and other community development/redevelopment programs. Motion by Noguez to approve the Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Karen Warner Associates to provide administrative services for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, and other community development/redevelopment programs. Motion by Romo, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the Second Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Karen Warner Associates to provide administrative services for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, and other community development/redevelopment programs, for a term expiring December 2006**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of a Professional Services Agreement with Comprehensive Housing Services, Inc. to provide administrative services for the City's Residential and Commercial Rehabilitation Programs. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve a Professional Services Agreement with Comprehensive Housing Services, Inc. to provide administrative services for the City's Residential and Commercial Rehabilitation Programs for a term of three (3) years expiring April 17, 2009**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of a Risk Release Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Pacific Charter School Development Inc. regarding a proposed Charter School project at 2071 Saturn Avenue. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve a Risk Release Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and Pacific Charter School Development Inc. regarding a proposed Charter School project at 2071 Saturn Avenue**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Motion by Romo, seconded by Hernandez, to establish as "subsequent need" item, a collaborate march of the Southeast Cities to Salt Lake Park on May 1, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. regarding H.R. 4437, 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 Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez directed staff to investigate the feasibility of the City providing insurance coverage for a stage set up at Salt Lake Park on May 1, 2006.**

City Attorney 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, not addressed; and 2) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, status report and direction given by City Council to staff.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m., in memory of Marco

Antonio Firebaugh, former 50th District Assembly Member.

Juan R. Noguez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk