

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, September 5, 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.

There being no objection, City Council **approved to establish as “subsequent need” item, a closed session pursuant to subdivision (b) of California Government Code Section 54956.9 for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, (1)** as the item arose after the posting of the agenda, necessitating City Council's immediate consideration and/or action.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to subdivision (b) of California Government Code Section 54956.9 for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, (1); and pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (a) of 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. Mayor Noguez declared the meeting resolved into a closed session to be held immediately at 6:37 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 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.

Mike Goodman, representing the Huntington Park Kiwanis Club, thanked City Council for recognizing their organization in the past and acknowledged the Key Club from Huntington Park High School. Cynthia Miranda, Student Advisor at Huntington Park High School, informed City Council that she was a member of the Key Club when she attended Huntington Park High School and introduced current President of the Key Club at Huntington Park High School Yerbie Rivas who briefed City Council regarding the Key Club's involvement in the community.

Mayor Noguez and City Council presented a Proclamation to the Huntington Park High School Key Club.

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.

Nick Ioannidis congratulated the City of Huntington Park on their 100 year anniversary and addressed his concern to City Council regarding graffiti on the windows of businesses in the City of Huntington Park. Mr. Ioannidis encouraged all interested organizations to contribute to the Annual Immigrants Day Celebration.

Brett Drugge, Teacher at Henry T. Gage Middle School, addressed City Council to request the City's assistance in bringing the Concierto Para Mendez Pancho Villa's Trumpet Player concert currently paying at the L.A. Opera to Henry T. Gage Middle School for students as well as the general public to enjoy in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month. Mayor Noguez referred Mr. Drugge to meet with Assistant to the City Manager Shear regarding this request and report back to City Council.

Valentin Amezcuita commended City Council and City staff for the design of the new cross streets but asked that something be done regarding fences surrounding residential properties in the City of Huntington Park. Mr. Amezcuita asked City Council to consider banning fences around residential properties to improve the aesthetics of the City.

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

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, 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.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, August 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.

Deny claims filed by the following and refer to the City's Insurance Administrator.

A. **Matthew Kim**, Date of Incident: August 10, 11, 2006.

B. **Juan De La Cruz**, Date of Incident: June 22, 2006.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated September 5, 2006.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Hernandez for discussion and/or action a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) for the Southeast Local Educational Authority. City Attorney Leal presented a status report to City Council regarding the City's participation and involvement in regards to the JPA for the Southeast Local Educational Authority. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the Southeast Local Educational Authority by and between the City of Bell, the City of Cudahy, the City of Huntington Park, the City of Maywood, the City of South Gate, and the City of Vernon**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented for discussion and/or action a proposal by the Human Services Association and requests authorization for staff to enter into a Facility Use Agreement for the use of Salt Lake Park "Muni" building to offer a "Pasitos" School Readiness Program. PowerPoint presentation by the Human Services Association regarding services to the community. Motion by Romo, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Human Services Association and the City of Huntington Park for the activities related to the Human Services Association First 5 LA "Pasitos" School Readiness Pre-Kindergarten Academy Program**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of the Arts and Culture Commission recommendation for the appointment of Sonia Bautista and Carlos Gutierrez to the Arts and Culture Commission. Dante D'Eramo, Arts and Culture Commissioner for the City of Huntington Park, briefed City Council on the Arts and Culture Commission's method and strategy for selecting the best suited candidate for appointment by City Council. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero to **appoint Sonia Bautista and Carlos Gutierrez to the Arts and Culture Commission to fill an unexpired term ending September 2, 2007**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Council Member Gomez left his seat at 7:37 p.m. and returned at 7:40 p.m.

Director of Finance Department Pruyn requested approval of Purchase Order No. 22975 to CDW Government Inc., to purchase hardware and software to upgrade City Hall and Parks and Recreation servers and back-up system. Motion by Romo, seconded by Gomez, to approve Purchase Order No. 22975 to CDW Government Inc., to **approve Purchase Order No. 22975 to CDW Government Inc. for the purchase of hardware and software to upgrade City Hall and Parks and Recreation servers and back-up system**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-66 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE INDEPENDENT CITIES LEASE FINANCE AUTHORITY AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-66, carried as

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-67 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK CALIFORNIA **IN SUPPORT OF THE TOBACCO TAX ACT OF 2006** was presented. Elisa Rudolph, representing the American Cancer Society, introduced the individuals that are going to Washington D.C. on September 19 and 20, 2006. Ms. Rudolph acknowledged and commended Chris Boatman for her many years of involvement in the community, especially for her support and fight against cancer. Ms. Rudolph asked City Council to support the Tobacco Tax Act of 2006 and thanked the Huntington Park Community Hospital for allowing the American Cancer Society to use their facilities to conduct a health community workshop every Saturday. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-67, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-68. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING AND ADOPTING NEW **CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF PERSONNEL SUPERVISOR** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-68, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-69. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING CHANGES IN COMPENSATION FOR GENERAL EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2006-69, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 789-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. 789-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 789-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal reported out that in closed session for 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, City Council by 5-0 vote approved a final settlement for Dwyer and also instructed Personnel Counsel to pursue further mediation on the remaining part of the case; and for Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, (1), City Council on a 5-0 vote instructed the Personnel Counsel to pursue and finalize negotiations on remaining issues regarding Mr. Narramore and Mr. Peeler.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m., in memory of Marsha Christina Boatman, Community Service Officer for the City of Huntington Park.

Juan R. Noguez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk