

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, January 16, 2007

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, December 18, 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 January 16, 2007.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Receive and file

Historic Preservation Commission report regarding the approved City Council Chambers remodel.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Director of Finance Pruyn requested approval of Purchase Order No. 000197 in the amount of \$52,015.74 to Sungard HTE Inc for the City's financial software annual maintenance. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve Purchase Order No. 000197 in the amount of \$52,015.74 to Sungard HTE Inc for the City's financial software annual maintenance**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

Director of Finance Pruyn requested approval of an urgent purchase of Sungard HTE

Parking Citation Software Module and approval of a 2007-2008 budget adjustment reallocating funds in the amount of \$53,000 from Account No. 229-7010-421.56-41 to Account No. 229-7010-421-74-10 for said purchase. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve an urgent purchase of Sungard HTE Parking Citation Software Module and approval of a 2007-2008 budget adjustment reallocating funds in the amount of \$53,000 from Account No. 229-7010-421.56-41 to Account No. 229-7010-421-74-10 for said purchase**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

Director of Finance Pruyn requested approval of a proposal by Bartel Associates, LLC for Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 45 Actuarial Study and authorize the issuance of a purchase order for an amount not to exceed \$13,000. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve a proposal by Bartel Associates, LLC for Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 45 Actuarial Study and authorize the issuance of a purchase order for an amount not to exceed \$13,000**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

Assistant City Engineer Fu requested that Project No. 07-008, Improvement of Alleys at Various Locations, be awarded to Kalban Inc. of Sun Valley in the amount of \$308,993.20. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **award Project No. 07-008, Improvement of Alleys at Various Locations, to Kalban Inc. of Sun Valley in the amount of \$308,993.20**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

Assistant City Engineer Fu requested that Project No. 04-001, Rehabilitation of Concrete Water Reservoir Nos.: 12 & 14, be awarded to Denboer Engineering and Construction Inc. of Palm Springs in the amount of \$434,000. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **award Project No. 04-001, Rehabilitation of Concrete Water Reservoir Nos.: 12 & 14, to Denboer Engineering and Construction Inc. of Palm Springs in the amount of \$434,000**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

Assistant City Engineer Fu requested approval of First Amendment to Agreement for Davis-Bacon Consulting Services between the City of Huntington Park and HBJ Associates. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to approve the **First Amendment to Agreement for Davis-Bacon Consulting Services between the City of Huntington Park and HBJ Associates**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

Assistant City Engineer Fu requested allocation of additional Gas Tax Funds for Street Resurfacing and Reconstruction at Various Locations, Project No. 06-025, in the amount of \$92,000 to complete the project. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve allocation of additional Gas Tax Funds for Street Resurfacing and Reconstruction at Various Locations, Project No. 06-025, in the amount of \$92,000 to complete the project**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

Assistant City Engineer Fu requested approval of an Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and the County of Los Angeles for the Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (TSSP). Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve Agreement by and between the City of Huntington Park and the County of Los Angeles for the Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (TSSP)**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval to purchase a patrol supervisor command vehicle; and appropriation to increase the Asset Forfeiture Fund 229-7010-421.74.10 by \$57,645 for the purchase of said vehicle and necessary equipment. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Gomez, to **approve a patrol supervisor command vehicle; and appropriation to increase the Asset Forfeiture Fund 229-7010-421.74.10 by \$57,645 for the purchase of said vehicle and necessary equipment**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero,

Council Members Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on any of the legislative items on the agenda, and hearing none, City Clerk Ramirez presented Resolution Nos.: 2007-1, 2007-2, 2007-3, and 2007-4 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-1. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2006-3.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-2. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE POLICE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2006-4.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-3. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2006-5.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-4. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE NON REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2006-6.**

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution Nos.: 2007-1, 2007-2, 2007-3, and 2007-4, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Mayor Noguez for staff to develop a program to consider property tax incentives of 1% for City employees and Police Officers who reside in the City of Huntington Park. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez so ordered staff to research the possibility of developing a program to consider property tax incentives of 1% for City employees and Police Officers who reside in the City of Huntington Park and report back to City Council with recommendations.**

City Manager Korduner requested City Council to form an Ad Hoc Committee to further review rates and levels of customer service of the two (2) solid waste contracts for Huntington Park. Mayor Noguez announced that that this was the time for anyone in the audience to address the City Council on this item, and hearing none and **there being no objection, Mayor Noguez formed an Ad Hoc Committee of Vice Mayor Guerrero and himself to look into the basis for refuse fee increases and initiate proactive community outreach including the importance of recycling.**

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 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; and 3) Pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9, Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Name of case: Huntington Park Police Officers Association vs. City of Huntington Park and Randy Narramore, Case No. BS 093614. Mayor Noguez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:41 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session for all the closed session items except for item No. 1.

Following the closed session, the meeting recessed at 6:50 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 Noguez. Present: Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Mario Gomez, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez and Council Member Elba Romo.

Mayor Noguez presented a proclamation designating January 16, 2007 as Communities for a Better Environment Day. A representative from Communities for a Better Environment and a group of students thanked City Council for the recognition and informed City Council regarding projects they have worked on in the past including advocating for the removal of La Montana; and that they are currently working on opposing the proposed power plant in the City of Vernon.

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.

Chris Candelaria, representing Huntington Park Library, invited City Council to attend the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for their new teen area at the Huntington Park Library on Saturday, February 17, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. and distributed flyers.

Ben Escobedo, Field Deputy Representative for Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, introduced himself to City Council and stated that he is the new representative for the City of Huntington Park.

Sam Perdomo, Senior Government Affairs Manager for Waste Management, addressed City Council to clarify a notice that was sent to residents regarding a Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate increase in refuse fees. Mr. Perdomo stated that the rate increase included a 2.9% disposal fee and a 4.3% annual CPI rate increase totaling up to 7.2%. Mr. Perdomo also stated that Waste Management inherited the contract from the previous refuse company who serviced the City of Huntington Park and that they had not requested a rate increase for two (2) years. Mr. Perdomo also informed City Council of their fully automated waste collection, discounts to seniors and bulky item pick-up.

City Manager Korduner requested City Council to form an Ad Hoc Committee to further review rates and levels of customer service of the two (2) solid waste contracts for Huntington Park. **Mayor Noguez stated that an Ad Hoc Committee of Vice Mayor Guerrero and himself was formed to look into the basis for refuse fee increases and initiate proactive community outreach including the importance of recycling.**

Enrique Murillo stated that the trash fees that the residents pay is too high and that the 10% senior discount should be advertised. Mr. Murillo introduced the new President and Vice President of the Huntington Park Sister City Association, Andy Molina and Joseph Baltazar respectively.

Jeanette Marquez, Business Improvement District (BID) Manager, thanked City Council and everyone who assisted in the Three Kings Event on January 6, 2007, especially the Police, Community Development, and Field Services Departments.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Director/CEO of The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, informed City Council of the success of the 56th Annual Christmas Lane Parade which was dedicated to the City's Centennial. Mr. D'Eramo stated that the event won them the Presidential Award trophy and presented the trophy to City Council. Mr. D'Eramo also informed City Council that he has copies of the parade on DVD for Council.

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 regarding the scheduled meeting for reorganization of the Planning and Historic Preservation Commissions from the first meeting in January to the first meeting in March of each calendar year. 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 and hearing none, Mayor Noguez declared the public hearing closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 800-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 9 CHAPTER 1, SECTIONS 104(1)(F) AND 104(3)(F) OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE, REGARDING THE SCHEDULED MEETING FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE PLANNING AND HISTORIC

PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS FROM THE FIRST MEETING IN JANUARY TO THE FIRST MEETING IN MARCH OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Gomez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 800-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 800-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Members Hernandez and Romo.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the closed session items: 1) Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (1), a status report was provided to City Council and no formal action was taken; 2) 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, Special Counsel provided a status report and no formal action was taken; and 3) Existing Litigation, Name of case: Huntington Park Police Officers Association vs. City of Huntington Park and Randy Narramore, Case No. BS 093614, Special Counsel provided a status report and no formal action was taken.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m., in memory of Eva Marie Held, longtime resident of the City of Huntington Park and mother of Hope Gamble, former Secretary to the City Manager.

Juan R. Noguez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk