

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, February 7, 2005.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 6:37 p.m. by Mayor Noguez. Present: Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Council Member Edward Escareño and Council Member Mario Gomez.

Council Member Gomez arrived and took his seat at 6:38 p.m.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, January 18, 2005.

Deny claim filed by Celso Villegas-Nunez, Date of Incident: May 12, 2004 and refer to the City Attorney and the City's insurance administrator.

Deny claim filed by Johanna Soto, Date of Incident: July 2003 until June 2004 and refer to the City Attorney and the City's insurance administrator.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated February 7, 2005.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Approve the First Amendment to City of Huntington Park Agreement for Professional Services by and between the City and Revenue Experts, Inc. for the City's Administrative Citation Program.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM- Received and filed

Minutes of the Traffic Authority meeting held January 25, 2005.

Community Development Department Annual Report of the Residential Presale Records and Inspection Program.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Romo presented for discussion and/or action a request from Mayor Noguez

for the City to co-sponsor the 2005 South East Los Angeles Classic Health Fair and Softball Tournament at Salt Lake Park on February 19, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **authorize the City to co-sponsor the 2005 South East Los Angeles Classic Health Fair and Softball Tournament at Salt Lake Park on February 19, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Council Member Gomez for discussion and/or action regarding an **application to the Metropolitan Water District for a Synthetic Turf Grant** through the Parks and Recreation and Field Services Departments. Following a report by Interim Director of Parks and Recreation Putnam, it was decided that it is not in the City's best interest to pursue this grant and **no action was taken**.

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Council Member Gomez for discussion and/or action regarding painting the curbside red next to the driveway approach for senior residents. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Loya, to **approve the painting of the curbside red next to the driveway approach for residents upon request**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

City Clerk Romo presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from Danza Mexica Cuauhtemoc requesting approval to use Westside Park to conduct their annual ceremony in honor of Cuauhtemoc on Saturday, February 26, 2005 and waiver of fees associated with the event. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the request from Danza Mexica Cuauhtemoc to use Westside Park to conduct their annual ceremony in honor of Cuauhtemoc on Saturday, February 26, 2005 and waiver of fees associated with the event, subject to complying with the requirements of the Special Event Permit process**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

City Clerk Romo presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce requesting approval of Proposed Retail Promotional and Special Events for Calendar Year 2005; and consideration of a five (5) year approval for presentation of two (2) major festivals, "Carnaval Primavera" and "Sabor De Mexico Lindo" and the "Huntington Park Christmas Lane Parade". Motion by Noguez, seconded by Loya, to **approve The Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce Proposed Retail Promotional and Special Events for Calendar Year 2005; and approve a five (5) year period to present the following annual events: two (2) major festivals, "Carnaval Primavera" and "Sabor De Mexico Lindo" and the "Huntington Park Christmas Lane Parade"**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

City Manager Korduner requested the following: 1) approve the agreement with the Camden Group and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement, subject to City Attorney approval to begin Phase I of the process to maintain Mission and Community Hospitals to serve the Hub cities; and 2) authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$12,000 for Phase I of the hospitals study. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, to **approve the agreement with Camden Group and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement, subject to City Attorney approval to begin Phase I of the process to maintain Mission and Community Hospitals to serve the Hub cities; and authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$12,000 for Phase I of the hospitals study, subject to financial contribution from the Doctors LLP group in the amount of \$5,000 towards the consultant**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

City Manager Korduner requested approval of a Study Workshop for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 City Budget. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve a Study Workshop for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 City Budget**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

Director of Finance Pruyn requested approval of the scope of services and audit procedures for the Huntington Park Police Department and authorization to solicit proposal from Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. based upon the scope of services. Motion by Loya, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the scope of services and audit procedures for the Huntington Park Police Department and authorization to solicit proposal from Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. based upon the scope of services**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

Director of Community Development Gray requested appointment of an Ad-Hoc Committee to make recommendations to the City Council regarding CDBG Public/Social Services for the 2005-2006 Program Year Annual Action Plan. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez appointed Council Members Loya and Gomez to the Ad-Hoc Committee to make recommendations to the City Council regarding CDBG Public/Social Services for the 2005-2006 Program Year Annual Action Plan**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

Director of Community Development Gray requested City Council approval of a Promissory Note to authorize a loan in the amount of \$2,705,000 from the City's Economic Development Fund to the Community Development Commission. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve a Promissory Note to authorize a loan in the amount of \$2,705,000 from the City's Economic Development Fund to the Community Development Commission**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

Chief of Police Narramore presented for discussion and/or action the feasibility of implementing an overnight **parking permit ordinance** and development of permit administrative procedures for implementation pending funding authorization. There being no objection, City Council requested this item **be placed on unfinished business** until the completion of community outreach at Neighborhood Improvement/Block Watch Program meetings.

Assistant City Engineer Fu requested City Council approve the formation of Underground Utility District No. 13 and set a public hearing date for Monday, April 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the formation of Underground Utility District No. 13 and set a public hearing date for Monday, April 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-5. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 61084** was presented. Motion by Loya, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-5, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-6. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANALYST** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-6, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

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 Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Council Member Edward Escareño.

Mayor Noguez presented proclamations to Sharon Lee representing the Business Improvement District (BID) and to Dante D'Eramo representing The Greater Area Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce. Sharon Lee, President of the BID and Dante D'Eramo, Executive Manager of The Greater Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce thanked the City for allowing them to serve the community and displayed a video of the "Dia De Los Reyes Magos" event on January 6, 2005.

Mayor Noguez presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Elsa Avalos, City Representative on the South Central Los Angeles County Enterprise Community Oversight

Committee (ECOC).

Mayor Noguez presented a Certificate of Appreciation to HSBC Credit Center for awarding \$5,000 grants to five (5) local non-profit organizations. Larisa Sespedes and Hugo Flores informed City Council of the success of their Community Activity Day event on January 22, 2005 and thanked City Council for the opportunity of helping local community groups.

Mayor Noguez and Chief of Police Narramore presented Detective Ricardo Curiel with an Outstanding Award and Certificate of Congressional Recognition for his leadership and invaluable service to the East Los Angeles Women's Center.

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.

Mario Hernandez, representing Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Community Outreach, updated City Council on Phase II of the new school site construction on Gage Avenue and Alameda Street, and informed City Council that he has been working closely with the City's Education Ad-Hoc Committee. Mr. Hernandez thanked City Council and the Education Ad-Hoc Committee for allowing him to be part of the planning process.

Elisa Rudolph, President of Board of Director of American Cancer Society Los Angeles Central Unit, informed City Council that April 2005 is the National Hispanic Cancer Awareness Month and that she is currently working on an event supported by the American Cancer Society that will educate the community on the prevention of cancer. Mrs. Rudolph recognized members in the audience that have volunteered for the Relay for Life.

Hermelinda Gonzalez, representing Advocacy Community Network, informed City Council that she has spoken to legislators to get quality education in the City and urged City Council to expedite the process to allow a new Charter School to open by September 2005

Rosa Meza asked City Council to do what is best for the children in the community and consider approving a charter school.

Yvonne Correa addressed her concerns to City Council regarding political signs at public schools and graffiti. Ms. Correa gave City Council a notice regarding political signs that she obtained from the Office of the City Clerk and encouraged City Council to get a copy of it. Ms. Correa stated that she will monitor candidate's campaigns.

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

Council Member Gomez left his seat at 7:41 p.m. and returned at 7:42 p.m.

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action a report on the history, concerns, and time schedule for a requested Zone Change and General Plan Amendment for the purpose of establishing a charter school within the City at 2071 Saturn Avenue; and approve Amendment to an agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Willdan to provide environmental and outsource planning services. Alberto Tovar, Senior Executive of Pacific Charter Schools Development, addressed City Council regarding a potential Charter School at 2071 Saturn Avenue and distributed a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment and Traffic Study for The Saturn Avenue Charter School in Huntington Park. Mr. Tovar informed City Council that Pacific Charter Schools Development will give a tour of schools to parents and have an open house to see the potential charter school location on February 22 and 23, 2005. Steve Bright, representing Environmental Audit Inc., answered questions for City Council regarding the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment report provided by Mr. Tovar. The following urged City Council to grant the necessary permits to allow a Charter School in the City: 1) Carmen Morgana; 2) Maricela Perez; and 3) Esther Guzman. Bruce Bertz expressed his concerns and disapproval with the location of the potential Charter School in the City. Mr. Bertz stated that it would be hazardous to allow a school in a commercial area due to the amount of freight trucks going in and out of businesses. Parker Hudner, representing Alliance for College Ready School, stated that there is a great demand for the Charter School due to the overcrowding of Huntington Park High School. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to **direct staff to report back to City Council regarding the Charter School concept**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, to **approve the Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Environmental/Historical Consulting Services between the City of Huntington Park and Willdan to provide environmental and outsource planning services**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to obtain views and opinions regarding the City's Housing and Community Development needs, and priority Non-Housing Community Development needs for the City's 2005-2006 Consolidated Plan-Annual Action Plan. The Chief Deputy 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. Dr. Ruiz, representing Children's Free Dental Clinic and a group of dentists in the community, asked City Council to consider granting them funds to continue with the Children's Free Dental Clinic in the City. Nancy Montgomery on behalf of the Children's Free Dental Clinic, distributed photographs to City Council of children with untreated teeth, invited City Council to visit the clinic, and asked for funding support. Mayor Noguez called for any other oral communications, and hearing none, Mayor Noguez declared the public hearing closed. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, to **receive and file a report including comments made during the public hearing for inclusion in the 2005-2006 Annual Action Plan Submission**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

Chief Deputy City Clerk Ramirez announced that this is the time and place set to consider any protest or public comment regarding the California Citizens Option for Public Safety (California COPS) funding for 2004-2005. The Chief Deputy 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. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, to **accept 2004-2005 California Citizens Option for Public Safety (California COPS) funding in the amount of \$100,000**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Carlos Parra, David Lopez, Alfonso Amador, Humberto Lozano, LaRanna Taylor, Chris Lisner, Carlos Rodriguez, Steve Castro, and Robert Valencia v. Chief Randy Narramore, Kenneth Rulon, Bob Lien, Lee Alirez, Ronnie Beason, Mark Basset, Stephen Peeler, the City of Huntington Park and Does 1-100, United States District Court for the Central District of California, Case No. CV03-3772FMC (PLAx). Mayor Noguez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 9:30 p.m. City Clerk Romo was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 9:53 p.m. Present: Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Council Member Edward Escareño.

City Attorney reported out that in closed session, a status report was given to City Council and no action was taken.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m., in memory of Ernesto Benitez, father of Planning Commissioner Eddie Benitez.

Juan R. Noguez, Mayor

Elba Romo, City Clerk