

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, February 22, 2005.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 6:30 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.

Motion by Loya, 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 Monday, February 7, 2005.

Deny claim filed by Carmen H. Rapan, Date of Incident: July 29, 2004 and refer to the City Attorney and the City's insurance administrator.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated February 22, 2005.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Award contract to Nobest, Inc., P.O. Box 874, Westminster, 92684, in the amount of \$405,000 **for Street Resurfacing and Reconstruction at Various Locations, (Project No. 05-001)**. This will be funded from the Gas Tax Fund Account 221-4010-431.73-10-SR0501.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Korduner requested discussion and/or action regarding the status of West Side Park Community Building. Motion by Loya, seconded by Hernandez, to **authorize staff to send a letter to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation requesting a response to what the process entails to either relocate or demolish the Westside Park Community Building**, 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 Cable System Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications Entertainment LLC, subject to City Attorney approval and insertion of municipal code numbering and an effective date subsequent to the effective date of the new ordinance. City Manager Korduner introduced Susie Evans, General Director of Governmental Affairs at Charter Communications Entertainment LLC; and Michael Friedman, Vice President at Telecommunications Management Corp. Motion by Loya, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve a Cable System Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications Entertainment LLC, subject to City Attorney approval and insertion of municipal code numbering; and an effective date subsequent to the effective date of the new ordinance**, 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 Vice Mayor Hernandez regarding a letter of support for in-kind services for the proposed hands-on Visual and Media Arts Academy at Huntington Park High School. Duane Baker, Teacher at Huntington Park High School, informed City Council that Huntington Park High School is proposing to convert the Auto Shop into a Visual and Media Arts Academy to the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and asked City Council for support. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to **send letters of support for the proposed hands-on Visual and Media Arts Academy at Huntington Park High School to all the appropriate parties**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño. There being no objection, **Mayor Noguez appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee of Vice Mayor Hernandez and Council Member Gomez to work with Huntington Park High School to finalize letters of support for distribution.**

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Mayor Noguez for the City to authorize and

co-sponsor the Huntington Park Lions Club 2nd Annual Community Health Fair on Sunday, April 17, 2005 at 3100 Florence Avenue; and approve in-kind services and waiver of any permit fees associated with the event. Dr. Dina Lopez, President of the Huntington Park Lions Club, introduced some members of the Huntington Park Lions Club that were in attendance and informed City Council that the Huntington Park Lions Club will be donating bags of food to the community at this event. Motion by Loya, seconded by Hernandez, to **authorize and co-sponsor the Huntington Park Lions Club 2nd Annual Community Health Fair on Sunday, April 17, 2005 at 3100 Florence Avenue; and approve in-kind services and waiver of any permit fees associated with the event**, 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 a Pension Obligation Bond Issue issued on a variable auction rate basis employing an interest rate “collar” with a maturity of 30 years. Edward De La Rosa and John Solarczyk from E.J. De La Rosa & Co., Inc., displayed a presentation of options regarding Pension Obligation Bonds. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve a Pension Obligation Bond Issue issued on a variable auction rate basis employing an interest rate “collar” with a maturity of 30 years**, 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 and Council Members presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following sponsors and volunteers of the 8th Annual Dia de los Reyes Magos event held January 6, 2005: 1) Jaime Mendez (not present); 2) Sharon Lee; 3) Alex Navarrete; 4) Marilena Soto; 5) Pepe Barreto; 6) Channel 22; 7) La Raza-SBS Radio; 8) El Sol-SBC; 9) Radiovisa 830 AM; 10) K-Earth 101; 11) Super Estrella 107.1-Entravision Radio; 12) El Sol 96.3 FM; 13) Mariachi Cielo Nuevo-Middle Street Elementary School; 14) Huntington Park Lions Club; 15) Superior Super Warehouse; 16) The Home Depot; 17) Starbucks Coffee; 18) Rosita’s Bakery; 19) J. Mendoza’s Bakery; 20) La Estrella Bakery; 21) La Reyna Bakery; 22) Café de Olla; and 23) El Gallo Giro.

Chief of Police Narramore introduced the following newly appointed Huntington Park Police Officers and presented them with a badge: 1) Abigail Ceballos; 2) Christopher Wasik; 3) Juan Porras; 4) Kevin Kirkreit; 5) Elsa Arzate; and 6) Arturo Guizar Jr.

Dante D’Eramo, Executive Manager at The Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, thanked the City and City Council for their support of the 8th Annual Dia de los Reyes Magos event and introduced Pepe Barreto, Television and Radio Personality representing El Sol 96.3 FM.

Mayor Noguez and City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Pepe Barreto for volunteering at the 8th Annual Dia de los Reyes Magos event held January 6, 2005. Pepe Barreto thanked the City and City Council for allowing his participation in this event and spoke of his long history of involvement with the City.

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.

Estela Gomez, Chair of the American Cancer Society 2005 Southeast Cities Relay for Life, informed City Council of a newsletter that will be available to inform the community regarding upcoming events related to Relay for Life and encouraged everyone to participate in the Relay for Life at Huntington Park High School on June 4 and 5, 2005.

Alberto Tovar, Senior Executive of Pacific Charter School Development, Inc., made himself available to answer any questions regarding a proposed charter school in the City.

Enrique Murillo thanked Chief of Police Narramore for requesting construction of a new building in the City to be used as a senior center.

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

City Clerk Romo presented a request from Vice Mayor Hernandez regarding an **update from the Los Angeles Unified School District concerning new schools in Huntington Park**. Rod Hamilton, Regional Development Manager for the Los Angeles

Unified School District (LAUSD), updated City Council regarding new school developments in the Southeast Region. Mr. Hamilton informed City Council that LAUSD is currently in the process of finalizing Phase III of the new school constructions and that a community meeting will take place soon. Esther Guzman addressed her concern to City Council regarding the lack of junior high and high schools in the City and stated that parents are not satisfied with LAUSD constructing new junior high schools in other cities. Ms. Guzman asked City Council to focus on the needs of students in the City and to analyze the statistics instead of debating on the colors of the school buildings. Carmen Morgana informed City Council that she supports Ms. Guzman's statement and that the academic level of students in the City is at a much lower level than it should be. Mr. Hamilton informed City Council that constructing new facilities is only part of the program and that LAUSD is also working to improve education. Mr. Hamilton also stated that it takes 4 to 6 years to build a new school.

Director of Finance Pruyn requested discussion and/or action regarding selection of the City's Cellular company. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to **approve Nextel Communication to be the primary cellular company for the City of Huntington Park and authorize the Finance Department to coordinate the transition**, 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 Mid-year adjustments for fiscal year 2004-2005 City Budget. Director of Finance Pruyn displayed a PowerPoint presentation of the Mid-year adjustments for fiscal year 2004-2005 City Budget. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, to **approve the Mid-year adjustments for fiscal year 2004-2005 City Budget**, 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 presented for discussion and/or action consideration of the Charter School concept and that City Council reserve any consideration and/or action regarding any required site specific entitlements until all applications have been fully processed. Alberto Tovar, Senior Executive of Pacific Charter School Development, Inc., addressed City Council regarding the application process for a proposed charter school in the City and stated that he will notify City Council of upcoming community meetings and events. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, to **approve staff recommendations for City Council to support the concept of Charter Schools as a viable alternative to the local public schools and that City Council reserve any consideration and/or action regarding any required site specific entitlements until all applications have been fully processed**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

Assistant City Engineer Fu presented a request from Blockbuster Fireworks to lease City-owned property at the northwest corner of Salt Lake Avenue and Florence Avenue for firework sales by the Huntington Park High School Sports Club. There being no objection, Mayor Noguez so ordered this item continued to the next City Council meeting and directed staff to report back to City Council regarding possible precedence and the City's exposure related to the **potential lease of City-owned property for firework sales**.

Chief of Police Narramore requested approval to proceed with a feasibility study concerning the construction of a new senior center and approval to continue with the remodeling of the Police Annex facility. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to **authorize staff to proceed with a feasibility study concerning the construction of a new senior center and approve the continuation of the remodeling of the Police Annex facility**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

Chief of Police Narramore requested approval to donate two (2) surplus computers to the International Police Museum. There being no objection, **Mayor Noguez approved the donation of two (2) surplus computers to the International Police Museum**.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-7. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CITIZEN AND INTERNALLY GENERATED COMPLAINTS was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-7, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

Council Member Gomez left his seat at 9:12 p.m. and returned at 9:13 p.m.

Assistant City Attorney Dominguez requested the City Council resolve into a **closed**

session 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 9:45 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 9:54 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.

Assistant City Attorney Dominguez reported out that in closed session, City Council received an update and on a 4-0 vote directed staff to enter into an agreement with Hirsch & Associates to provide a site design analysis regarding La Montaña property for a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m., in memory of the following: 1) Albert Loya, father of Council Member and former Mayor Richard V. Loya; 2) Fred Lind, father of City Building Official/City Engineer Wes Lind; and 3) Francis E. Martinez, Aunt of City Treasurer Rebecca Avila.

Juan R. Noguez, Mayor

Elba Romo, City Clerk