

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, March 21, 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 Gomez, seconded by Loya, 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, March 7, 2005.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated March 21, 2005.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Romo presented for discussion and/or action a request from Vice Mayor Hernandez for the City to proclaim the month of April 2005 as Children's Month and to honor the month by celebrating it every weekend in a different park throughout the City. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, to **approve the request from Vice Mayor Hernandez for the City to proclaim April 2005 as Children's Month and to honor the month by celebrating it every weekend in a different park throughout the City; and to authorize an amount not to exceed \$500 for this event**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

City Manager Korduner requested authorization to conduct an orientation for the New City Council Members on Monday, March 28, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Noguez, to **authorize an orientation meeting for the New City Council Members on Monday, March 28, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-8. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK RECITING THE FACT OF **THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005 DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-8, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-9. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK GIVING NOTICE OF ITS INTENTION TO **APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK** was presented. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-9, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-10. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **IN SUPPORT OF THE EXISTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM** was presented. Motion by Loya, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-10, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-11. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR THE POSITION OF CITY CLERK** was presented. Motion by Loya, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-11, carried as follows: Ayes:

Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

ORDINANCE NO. 742-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ADDING CHAPTER 26A TO TITLE 5 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE **REGULATION OF CABLE SYSTEMS OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Loya, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 742-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 742-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

ORDINANCE NO. 743-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING TITLE 4 CHAPTER 8 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING THE **SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS** IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 743-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 743-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, LOST as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez and Council Member Gomez; Noes: Council Member Loya and Mayor Noguez; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

ORDINANCE NO. 744-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AUTHORIZING AN **AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM** was read by title. Motion by Loya, seconded by Gomez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 744-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 744-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

The meeting recessed at 6:53 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 Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Richard V. Loya, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Council Member Edward Escareño.

Mayor Noguez presented a proclamation designating March 28, 2005 through April 3, 2005 as Community Development Week to Director of Community Development Gray.

Mayor Noguez presented a proclamation celebrating April 10 through April 16, 2004 as National Library Week to Huntington Park Librarian Norma Montero. Huntington Park Librarian Norma Montero and Reference Librarian Francisco Ibarra introduced the Huntington Park Library staff and invited City Council to attend the Children's Month event at the park.

Mayor Noguez stated that a Plaque of Recognition will be given to former Mayor and Council Member Edward Escareño (not present) for serving his term on the City Council for the City of Huntington Park since March 20, 2001 to March 21, 2005.

Mayor Noguez presented a Plaque of Recognition to former Mayor and Council Member Richard V. Loya for serving his terms on the City Council for the City of Huntington Park since September 16, 1991 to March 21, 2005. Council Member Loya thanked his wife, City staff, and all the people who helped and supported him through the years. Council Member Loya also briefed everyone of his long history with the City of Huntington Park.

Mayor Noguez and Vice Mayor Hernandez presented a Plaque of Recognition and flowers to Elba Guerrero for her dedication as an Arts and Culture Commissioner in 2003-2005.

Mayor Noguez and Vice Mayor Hernandez presented a Plaque of Recognition and flowers to Elba Romo for serving her term as City Clerk in 2003-2005.

Mayor Noguez and Vice Mayor Hernandez presented a Plaque of Recognition and flowers to Rebecca Avila for serving her term as City Treasurer in 1998-2005.

City Manager Korduner requested that City Council approve the following appointments: 1) Chief Deputy City Clerk Rosanna Ramirez as City Clerk; 2) Director of Finance Donald Pruyn as City Treasurer; and 3) Accounting Supervisor Elba Padilla as Assistant City Treasurer. Motion by Loya, seconded by Hernandez, to approve appointment of the following: 1) **Chief Deputy City Clerk Rosanna Ramirez as City Clerk**; 2) **Director of Finance Donald Pruyn as City Treasurer**; and 3) **Accounting Supervisor Elba Padilla as Assistant City Treasurer**, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

Mayor Noguez administered the Oath of Office to City Clerk Rosanna Ramirez and City Treasurer Donald Pruyn and presented them with a certificate of appointment.

Following clarification by the City Attorney of ORDINANCE NO. 743-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING TITLE 4 CHAPTER 8 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING THE SALE AND USE OF FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK. Motion to reconsider by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 743-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 743-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Members Gomez, Loya, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Escareño.

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 congratulated Elba Romo and Elba Guerrero on the election results and thanked City Council Member Loya for serving the community. Mr. Murillo also thanked City Manager Korduner and Interim Director of Parks and Recreation Putnam for considering remodeling the restrooms at the Senior Park.

Elisa Rudolph thanked City Council Member Loya for the many years he dedicated to the community and stated that she will continue to support him in his future endeavors. Mrs. Rudolph acknowledged City Clerk Ramirez for her commitment to the City of Huntington Park.

Maria Elena Arreola read and distributed a copy of a letter to City Council and asked Council Member Gomez to publicly apologize for accusing her of illegal activity during the City's General Municipal election. Ms. Arreola requested that her statement be part of the minutes.

A woman thanked City Council especially Vice Mayor Hernandez and City Council Member Loya for being involved in the Education Ad-Hoc Committee and asked City Council to continue pursuing better education for the children and to support another high school in the City.

Mario Hernandez, representing Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Community Outreach, thanked Council Member Loya for serving on the Education Ad-Hoc Committee and for working with LAUSD on the construction of new schools in the City. Mr. Hernandez stated that he looks forward to working with the new City Council and invited everyone to attend a public meeting regarding the South Region High School #7 Project at Huntington Park High School on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and a community meeting to discuss various school projects at Middleton Elementary School on Wednesday, March 30, 2005 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Glen Baker, Assistant Principal at Paramount High School, congratulated Elba Romo on her new post.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Manager at The Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, congratulated Elba Guerrero, Elba Romo, City Treasurer Donald Pruyn, and City Clerk Rosanna Ramirez on their new post; and thanked Mayor Noguez, Vice Mayor Hernandez, Council Member Loya, and former City Treasurer Rebecca Avila, for working with the Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce over the years. Mr. D'Eramo invited City Council to attend a Hispanic/Korean culture event at Leonardo's on Tuesday, March 22, 2005.

Ana Rosa Peña thanked City Council Member Loya for his many years of service to the community. Ms. Peña expressed her concerns to City Council regarding dishonest conduct among campaigns and asked City Council to change the laws of the City to improve

campaigning in the future.

Yvonne Correa addressed City Council in support of Maria Elena Arreola. Ms. Correa stated that she will miss City Council Member Loya and congratulated Elba Guerrero and Elba Romo on the outcome of the election.

A representative of California Congress of Racial Equality stated that he is present to support Elba Romo and that he looks forward to working with her and the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to acquire better education for children in the City.

Cristobal Tixie addressed his concerns to City Council regarding graffiti and lack of street lighting in the City and asked City Council to find a solution.

Guadalupe Crystal Morales thanked City Council Member Loya for his service to the community and for being there for her and Mrs. Loya for supporting her. Ms. Morales congratulated the elected City Council candidates.

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

Mayor Noguez thanked City Council, City staff, The Greater Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, the Business Improvement District (BID), and the community for supporting him and working with him in the past.

The meeting recessed at 8:10 p.m.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 8:25 p.m. by Mayor Noguez. Present: Vice Mayor Ofelia Hernandez, Council Member Mario Gomez, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Council Member Edward Escareño and Council Member Richard V. Loya.

City Clerk/Elections Official Ramirez administered the Oath of Office to Newly Elected Members of the City Council Elba Guerrero and Elba Romo. Mayor Noguez presented Certificates of Election to each of them. Council Member Guerrero thanked her family, Mayor Noguez, Vice Mayor Hernandez, and everyone who helped her in her campaign. Council Member Romo thanked her family, Council Member Gomez, the community, and her campaign volunteers.

Mayor Noguez vacated his position as Mayor.

Vice Mayor Hernandez presented a Plaque of Recognition to Juan R. Noguez for serving his term as Mayor for the City of Huntington Park in 2004-2005.

Vice Mayor Hernandez called for nominations for Mayor and vacated her position as Vice Mayor.

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **nominate Council Member Hernandez as Mayor**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Guerrero, Hernandez, Gomez, and Romo; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Mayor Hernandez called for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Motion by Romo, seconded Gomez, to nominate Council Member Gomez as Vice Mayor. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to nominate Council Member Guerrero as Vice Mayor.

The original motion to nominate Council Member Gomez as Vice Mayor, LOST as follows: Ayes: Council Members Gomez and Romo; Noes: Council Members Noguez, Guerrero, and Mayor Hernandez; Absent: None.

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **nominate Council Member Guerrero as Vice Mayor**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Guerrero, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Manager Korduner requested that the City Council select two (2) Members of the City Council to serve on the Budget Committee to review the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget and make budget recommendations to the full City Council. There being no objection, Council

Member Romo and Council Member Gomez volunteered to **serve on the Budget Committee to review the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Budget and make budget recommendations to the full City Council.**

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval of the Ad-Hoc Committee funding recommendations for proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) eligible Public Service projects for inclusion in the City's 2005-2006 Annual Action Plan. There being no objection, Vice Mayor Guerrero and Council Member Gomez volunteered to **serve on the CDBG Ad-Hoc Committee to make recommendations to City Council regarding the proposed CDBG eligible Public Service projects for inclusion in the City's 2005-2006 Annual Action Plan.**

Mayor Hernandez allowed additional public comment.

The following individuals congratulated the new City Council Members and encouraged them to work together for the Community: 1) Efren Martinez; 2) Ana Rosa Peña; 3) Carmen Murgana; 4) Nick Ioannidis; 5) Marial Sanders; 6) Maricela Talamantes; 7) Antonio Reynoso; 8) Ana Hein; and 9) Joseph Baltazar.

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

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m., in memory of Aleeya Haylene Rodriguez, daughter of Huntington Park Police Officer Carlos Rodriguez.

Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk