

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Tuesday, February 20, 2007.

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, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Council Member Elba Romo.

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

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, February 5, 2007.

**Deny claims filed by the following and refer to the City's Insurance Administrator and the City Attorney:**

- 1) **Alfredo Pina Martinez, Date of Incident: November 15, 2006**
- 2) **Leidi Marin, Date of Incident: November 15, 2006**
- 3) **Josias Marin, Date of Incident: November 15, 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 February 20, 2007.

**Approve the Dance and Entertainment Permit for Mike Chvedine, dba Maxi's Restaurant** located at 6531 Rita Avenue. The Police, Community Development, and the Fire Departments have submitted approvals.

**Approve the Dance and Entertainment Permit for Jaime Reyes Claire, part owner of Salon Rivera.** The Police, Community Development, and the Fire Department have submitted approvals.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Minutes of the Traffic Authority Meeting held February 12, 2007.

Engineering Department status report on the City Wide Street Lighting Upgrades, Measure "L" Funded Project.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Noguez for discussion and/or regarding the City's in-lieu parkland fees. Planning Manager Gabriel Bautista distributed a parkland fee survey from various cities to City Council and briefed City Council on the City's method for creating the in-lieu parkland fees in residential properties which was established by a City ordinance. Mr. Bautista also stated that a flat fee per unit could be implemented by a City resolution. **There being no objection, Mayor Noguez directed staff to prepare an in-depth survey of residential in-lieu parkland fees, including condominiums.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Hernandez for discussion and/or action of Southeast Cities School Coalition Strategic Plan. Council Member Hernandez briefed City Council on the status of the Southeast Cities School Coalition Strategic Plan. Following a brief discussion, **no action was taken.**

Chief of Police Trevis requested approval of Amendment No. 5 to Agreement Designating Lopez Tow as Back-up Towing and Storage Service for the City of Huntington Park. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve Amendment No. 5 to Agreement Designating Lopez Tow as Back-up Towing and Storage Service for the City of Huntington Park**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

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: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Mario Gomez, and Mayor Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Council Member Elba Romo.

Mayor Noguez and City Council presented proclamations and City pins to the Los Angeles County Fire Department Stations No. 164 and No. 165. for their outstanding teamwork, exceptional service and resolute commitment to the residents of Huntington Park. Los Angeles County Fire thanked City Council for the recognition.

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.

Hokum Jeffrey, representing Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action, Integration & Immigrant Rights and Fight for Equality by Any Means Necessary (B.A.M.N.), addressed City Council on a civil rights movement to close all schools, government offices and workplaces on the Cesar Chavez Birthday Holiday and distributed a petition. Mr. Jeffrey urged City Council to close City Hall and to encourage the Los Angeles Unified School District to also close schools on March 30, 2007 in honor of Cesar Chavez Holiday.

Isomer Camacho, student at Boyle Heights High School representing Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action, Integration & Immigrant Rights and Fight for Equality by Any Means Necessary (B.A.M.N.), expressed the need to honor Cesar Chavez Holiday in schools as well as businesses. Ms. Camacho urged City Council to assist them in their endeavor and work together by supporting the closure of schools and businesses on the Cesar Chavez Holiday.

Michelle Macias, student at Huntington Park High School, addressed City Council in support of B.A.M.N.'s civil rights movement to close schools and business on the Cesar Chavez Holiday and asked City Council to get involved.

Adi Hoag addressed City Council in support of B.A.M.N. and asked City Council to honor the memory of Cesar Chavez by supporting the closure of schools and businesses on the Cesar Chavez Holiday.

Joe Bravo, owner of a property in the City, addressed City Council regarding the in-lieu parkland fee he is being asked to pay on his property. Mr. Bravo stated that the in-lieu parkland fee is excessive and it would create a financial hardship and asked City Council for assistance in this matter. Mr. Bravo was referred to City staff.

A gentleman addressed City Council in support of Mr. Bravo and asked City Council to re-evaluate his situation because Mr. Bravo was not aware that he had to pay a substantial amount in in-lieu parkland fees.

Council Member Gomez left his seat at 7:31 p.m.

The following addressed City Council regarding their problems with a Folklorico Instructor at Salt Lake Park: 1) Maria Luz Manzon; 2) Martha Robles; 3) Maria Garcia; 4) Guadalupe Martinez; 5) Olga Robles; 6) Rocio Sanchez; and 7) Martha Guerrero.

Council Member Gomez returned to his seat at 7:43 p.m.

Cole Pando addressed his concerns to City Council in regards to a notice he received in the mail advising residents of a refuse fee increase from Waste Management. Mr. Pando stated that the percentage of the said increase is excessive and asked City Council to look into this matter.

John Barmaan addressed City Council on behalf of business owners on Pacific Boulevard to request that special events take place somewhere other than Pacific Boulevard because it is affecting the businesses and is creating a financial hardship for both landlords and tenants. Mr. Barmaan asked City Council to look into other locations.

Jim Barmaan addressed his concerns to City Council in regards to special events on Pacific Boulevard. Mr. Barmaan stated that the Chamber of Commerce should consider another location to have their special events.

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

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented for discussion and/or action the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Circo Atayde Hermanos to conduct a circus at Westside Park, March 21 through 29, 2007. Fernando Lopez, representing Circo Atayde Hermanos, briefed City Council on the history of the circus and stated that the event is scheduled to take place at Westside Park from March 21, 2007 through April 1, 2007. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Circo Atayde Hermanos to conduct a circus at Westside Park, March 21 through 29, 2007**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-8. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING **THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ACCEPT ON BEHALF OF SAID DISTRICT THE TRANSFER AND CONVEYANCE OF THE STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS KNOWN AS MISCELLANEOUS TRANSFER DRAIN NO. 1683 IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK** FOR FUTURE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT, AND AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER AND CONVEYANCE THEREOF was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-8, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-9. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **ADOPTING AN AFFORDABLE RENT SCHEDULE FOR HOUSING PROJECTS THAT RECEIVE PUBLIC FUNDING ASSISTANCE** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-9, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-10. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK AMENDING RESOLUTION No. 2006-57 REGARDING THE **MEETING TIME FOR THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-10, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

ORDINANCE NO. 801-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, AMENDING TITLE 4 CHAPTER 8 OF THE HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO **PROCEDURES FOR THE SALE OF FIREWORKS** was read by title.

Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 801-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 801-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Gomez, and Mayor Noguez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo.

Mayor Noguez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m., in memory of the following: 1) Sister of Director of Field Services Neil Poole and 2) John Marderosian, former General Manager of H.P. Disposal.

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Juan R. Noguez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk