

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, April 4, 2005.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 6:35 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez.

City Manager Korduner introduced Luis Ayala, Field Representative from Supervisor Gloria Molina's Office. Mr. Ayala congratulated Council Member Romo and Vice Mayor Guerrero on their new posts and informed City Council that he is the new contact for the City and distributed business cards.

Council Member Gomez arrived and took his seat at 6:37 p.m.

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception that the item regarding the proposal from Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP to perform a Financial Audit of the Huntington Park Police Department for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 be removed from the consent calendar; and with a modification to page 47.223, paragraph 1 in the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 21, 2005 from "asked City Council to change the laws of the City to improve campaigning in the future" to "asked City Council to make laws that City Council Members could follow", carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, March 21, 2005.

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

- A. **Brazil Salamanca**, Date of Incident: September 2, 2004.
- B. **Victor Manuel Carrillo**, Date of Incident: September 18, 2004
- C. **Gerardo Cano**, Date of Incident: February 21, 2005.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated April 4, 2005.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Approve Purchase Order No. 21795 to Dell Government Leasing, 305 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48084, for the amount of \$18,316.07 for the purchase of existing computers at the end of the current lease agreement with Dell Marketing, L.P.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Fourth Amendment to Agreement for Furnishing of Towing and Storage Service and Designation as an Official Police Garage for the City of Huntington Park by and between the City and Huntington Park Tow Service to increase tow fees from \$95 to \$98 and storage fees from \$20 to \$25 per day.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Reject all bids for "Reconstruct Parking Lot at West Recreation Building", (Project No. 05-013), and authorize staff to re-design and re-bid the project within the budgeted amount of \$250,000.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Approve agreements between the City of Huntington Park and the following for the Annual Independence Day Celebration at Huntington Park High School: 1) **Pyro Spectaculars, Inc.** for a Fireworks Display in the amount of \$15,000 and 2) **EZ Event Productions** for a sound system, stage, and personnel, in the amount of \$3,000.

FIELD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Award contract to HI Standard, 1110 W. Barkley Avenue, Orange, 92868 and **approve Agreement for Purchase & Installation of Specialized Equipment on Emergency Response Vehicles** (Police Patrol Units) Proposal M-105, in the amount not to exceed \$56,852.88 Proposal M-105, subject to City Attorney approval.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed

Community Development Department Draft Five year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Year 2005-2010 and the Draft Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez requested appointment of City Council Members to the Independent Cities Lease Finance Authority (ICLFA) and Independent Cities Risk Management Authority (ICRMA). Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **appoint Council Member Gomez as the delegate and City Manager Korduner as the alternate to the ICLFA**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **appoint Council Member Gomez as delegate and City Clerk Ramirez and Deputy City Clerk De La Mora as alternates to the ICRMA**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6 for CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, Agency designated representative: City Manager, Employee organizations: General Employees' Association, Police Officers' Association, Police Management Association, and Non-Represented Employees' Association and for CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL–ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (2). Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 6:44 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

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 Hernandez. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: None.

Mayor Hernandez presented a Proclamation designating April 2005 as Fair Housing Month to Director of Community Development Department Gray.

Mayor Hernandez 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.

Sam Peña, Mayor of the City of Maywood, addressed City Council to request that the City nominate him as the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board Member seat representing the Southeast area. Mr. Peña congratulated Mayor Hernandez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, and Council Member Romo on their new posts.

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action a request from Gateway Cities Council of Governments regarding possible nomination of a Council Member to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Board Member seat representing the Southeast area. Sam Peña, Mayor of the City of Maywood, informed City Council that he needs to obtain majority votes from the Southeast cities in order to be appointed to the MTA Board which will take place at the Bellflower City Hall on Friday, April 15, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **support Sam Peña for the Los Angeles County MTA Board Member seat representing the Southeast area**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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Alberto Tovar, Senior Executive of Pacific Charter School Development, Inc., updated City Council regarding the status of the Charter School process and stated that the construction of the charter school at 2071 Saturn Avenue is scheduled to begin soon. Mr. Tovar expressed the need to improve the academic level of students in the City and congratulated Vice Mayor Guerrero and Council Member Romo on their new posts.

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

City Clerk Ramirez requested appointment of City Council Members to various committees and/or organizations. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to appoint Council Members to the following committees and/or organizations: 1) **League of California Cities** – Hernandez member and Gomez alternate; 2) **California Contract Cities Association** – Noguez director and Guerrero, Gomez, Romo, and Hernandez alternates; 3) **Budget Committee** – Noguez, Guerrero, Gomez, Romo, and Hernandez; 4) **Education Ad-Hoc Committee** – Hernandez and Romo; 5) **Mission & Community Hospitals Committee** – Hernandez and Gomez; 6) **CDBG Ad-Hoc Committee** – Guerrero and Gomez; 7) **Southeast Water Coalition** – Gomez member and Romo alternate; 8) **Central Basin Water Association** – Gomez member and Romo alternate; 9) **Arts & Culture Commission** – Guerrero; 10) **JADE** – Hernandez member and Guerrero alternate; 11) **Independent Cities Association** – Noguez director and Gomez alternate; 12) **L.A. County Sanitation District No. 1** – Hernandez member and Noguez alternate; 13) **L.A. County Children's Planning Council Service Planning Area 7** – Romo member and Hernandez alternate; 14) **Five Cities Committee on Aging** – Gomez representative and Romo alternate; 15) **CA Cities Home Ownership Authority** – Noguez delegate and Gomez alternate; 16) **Gateway Cities Council of Governments** – Guerrero delegate and Noguez alternate; 17) **L.A. County Library District** – Hernandez director and Romo alternate; 18) **Orange Line Development Authority** – Guerrero delegate and Noguez alternate; 19) **Parks and Recreation Commission** – Romo;

20) **HUB Cities Consortium** – Hernandez member and Gomez alternate; 21) **HP Sister City Association** – Noguez; 22) **Southeast Community Development Corp.** – Gomez member and Hernandez alternate; 23) **Chamber of Commerce** – Guerrero liaison and Hernandez alternate; 24) **Youth Commission** – Gomez liaison and Noguez alternate; 25) **L.A. County Vector Control District** – Romo member and Gomez alternate; 26) **I-710 Committee** – Guerrero member and Noguez alternate; and 27) **Centennial Task Force** – Hernandez, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from Margarita Jones Mexican Restaurant requesting authorization to use five (5) parking spaces in front of Margarita Jones Restaurant located at 6431 Pacific Boulevard. Hector Perez-Pacheco and Cuauhtemoc Garcia, representing Margarita Jones Restaurant, asked City Council to authorize Margarita Jones Restaurant to use 5 parking spaces in front of their restaurant to provide parking for customers. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **refer Mr. Perez-Pacheco and Mr. Garcia to Director of Community Development Gray regarding this matter**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Gomez regarding the need for City Council Members to obtain Blackberry devices. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **authorize City Council to obtain blackberry devices**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: Council Member Gomez; Abstain: Council Member Romo; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Gomez regarding parameters of operation for **City Commissions**. Interim Director of Parks and Recreation Putnam stated that a report will be prepared to inform City Council regarding the Arts and Culture Commission duties and current projects. Victor Caballero, Arts and Culture Commissioner, updated City Council regarding the City's Centennial celebration and the Business Man and Business Woman of the Year Award events.

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to establish as "**subsequent need**" item, the ticket amount that the Arts and Culture Commission is charging to raise funds for the Business Man and Business Woman of the Year Award, as the item arose after the posting of the agenda, necessitating City Council's immediate consideration and/or action, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None. **There being no objection, City Council so ordered staff to present any City Commission recommendations to the City Council for final approval prior to initiation of an event.**

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action an invitation from the Oldtimers Foundation for the City to co-host a Smart Growth Policy Luncheon on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Oldtimers Foundation Family Center. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **approve the request from the Oldtimers Foundation for the City to co-host a Smart Growth Policy Luncheon on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Oldtimers Foundation Family Center**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray presented a recommendation from the Business Improvement District (BID) Advisory Board to remove three (3) BID Board Members and appoint one (1) new BID Board Member to a three (3) year term expiring June 1, 2008. Sharon Lee, representing the BID Advisory Board, addressed City Council regarding the importance of appointing members who will be active in the community. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **remove the following BID Board Members: 1) Marilena Soto; 2) Frank Maclean; and 3) Ramin Saedi; and to appoint Alex Navarrete to the BID Board to a three (3) year term expiring June 1, 2008**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Community Development Gray requested to schedule a Special Meeting on April 25, 2005 for the purpose of holding a scoping session jointly with the Planning Commission for the Northwest Area Specific Plan and its Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Motion by Romo, seconded by Noguez, to **schedule a Special Meeting on April 25, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a scoping session jointly with the Planning Commission and the City Council for the Northwest Area Specific Plan and its EIR**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Assistant City Engineer Fu presented for discussion and/or action the acquisition of the Southern California Water Company services area and assets within the City of Huntington Park. Motion by Romo, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the acquisition of the Southern California Water Company services area and assets within the City of Huntington Park; and to authorize staff to advertise for a Request for Qualifications for a feasibility report**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Interim Director of Parks and Recreation Putnam presented for discussion and/or action applications requesting appointment to the Arts and Culture Commission to fill an unexpired term ending September 2, 2006. **There being no objection, City Council continued this item to the next City Council meeting.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-12. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK DECLARING THE **WEEDS** NOW GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN LOTS AND PARCELS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 39560 *ET SEQ.* AND FIXING A TIME FOR HEARING PROTESTS AND ORDERING THE ABATEMENT OF SUCH NUISANCES was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-12, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-13. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDEPENDENT CITIES LEASE FINANCE AUTHORITY** AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 88-31 AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2004-19 was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-13, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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 Noguez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 743-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 743-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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 Gomez, seconded by Noguez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 744-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 744-NS be approved for second reading and adopted, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Attorney Leal reported that in closed session, no action was taken and a status report was provided by staff.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk