

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, April 18, 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.

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

City Manager Korduner introduced new Assistant to the City Manager Alan Shear and new Director of Parks and Recreation Josette Marie Espinosa.

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to approve the Consent Calendar, 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, April 4, 2005.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated April 18, 2005.

Adopt the City of Huntington Park Statement of Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 as required by the California Government Code Section 53646.

Approve a business license for Dealership in Used Motor Vehicles to Leonel A. Linares dba State Auto Sales at 8020 State Street, pending Fire Department approval. The Police and Community Development Departments have no reason to deny the permit.

Accept the City of Huntington Park Financial Statements for fiscal year 2003-2004, audited by Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Approve Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for installation of catch basin trash excluders.

FIELD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Approve Countywide Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection Program Siting Liability Agreement by and between the County of Los Angeles, County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County, and the City of Huntington Park to host a Roundup on Saturday, July 16, 2005 at 6900 Bissell Street; and authorize the Director of Field Services to execute the agreement.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Approve transfer of \$154,000 from Police Asset Forfeiture Account 229-7080-421.73-10 to 229-7080-421.74-10 and **approve Purchase Order No. 22835 to Electrocorp LTD**, 595 Portal Street, Suite A, Cotati, 94931, for the total amount of \$4,660.16, for the purchase of three (3) portable air filtration systems designated for evidence storage areas.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Director of Finance Pruyn requested approval of the final documentation for the

Pension Obligation Bond. Edward De La Rosa and John Solarczyk from E.J. De La Rosa & Co., Inc., displayed a presentation regarding the Pension Obligation Bond. Motion by Romo, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the final documentation for the Pension Obligation Bond including the following: 1) Official Statement; 2) Bond Indenture; 3) Purchase Contract; and 4) Interest Rate Collar Agreement**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-14. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **CONFIRMING AUTHORIZATION OF ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO REFUND CERTAIN PENSION OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BONDS, APPROVING OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-14, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

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 Elba Romo, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez.

Council Member Gomez arrived and took his seat at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Hernandez and Recycling Coordinator Mark Patti presented Earth Day Poster Awards to the following: 1) Category 1-Kindergarten through Second Grade: 3rd place, Carolina Falcon from Maywood Christian Elementary; 2nd place, Eric Camacho from Maywood Christian Elementary; 1st place, Hilda Coleman from Maywood Christian Elementary; 2) Category 2-Third Grade through Fifth Grade: 3rd place, Andrew Navarro; 2nd place, Angie Ortiz; and 1st place, Rosaura Valdez; and 3) Honorable Mentions: Melissa Velasquez from St. Matthias School and Neylin Perez from Maywood Christian Church.

Council Member Gomez presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Anthony Gomez for being "Down to Earth" and caring for his fellow classmates during the Earth Day Celebration.

Mayor Hernandez presented a proclamation designating April 22, 2005 as Earth Day to Recycling Coordinator Mark Patti.

Frank Espinoza introduced two (2) Huntington Park residents: World Flyweight Champion Martin "El Gallito" Castillo and World Bantamweight Champion Israel Vasquez and Mayor Hernandez presented each champion with a Certificate of Recognition.

Director of Community Development Gray presented Certificates of Appreciation to the following members of the Downtown Huntington Park Task Force: Eddie Benitez; Dante D'Eramo; Rosalinda Huerta; Sharon Lee; Andy Molina; Frank Ruiterman; Marilena Soto (not present); Mayor Hernandez; and Council Member Gomez. Director of Community Development Gray thanked City Manager Korduner, Business Development Supervisor Olivia Segura, and City staff for working with the Downtown Huntington Park Task Force.

Elisa Rudolph introduced Matilda Gonzalez representing the American Cancer Society. Ms. Gonzalez thanked the City for their commitment and participation in various American Cancer Society events. Mayor Hernandez presented a proclamation designating April 17 through 23, 2005 as National Minority Cancer Awareness Week to Elisa Rudolph and acknowledged Former Mayor and Council Member Richard V. Loya for his many years of involvement with the American Cancer Society.

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.

Pedro Ezequiel Olguin, representing the Los Angeles Community Legal Center, on behalf of senior citizens residing in Casa Bonita, informed City Council that effective May 1, 2005 Casa Bonita will increase the rent to its residents and that the majority will be evicted because they cannot afford to pay the new rent. Mr. Olguin distributed a petition and urged City Council to place a moratorium on Casa Bonita to prevent seniors from being evicted.

Atuf expressed his support towards the adoption of the Strategic Plan for Downtown Management.

The following individuals addressed their concerns to City Council regarding rent increases at Casa Bonita and asked that a moratorium be placed to stop rent increases and prevent them from getting evicted: 1) Maria Pleites; 2) Heverto De La Rocha; 3) Pedro Guillen; 4) Jose Hernandez; 5) Antonio Bonilla; 6) Nina Castañeda; and two (2) more individuals.

A gentlemen 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 presented a request from Mayor Hernandez for discussion and/or action regarding the rent increases at senior citizen housing projects. Pedro Ezequiel Olguin, representing Los Angeles Community Legal Center, informed City Council that the persons living at Casa Bonita are low income retired senior citizens. Mr. Olguin asked that City Council hold a meeting to possibly find a solution before the rent increase becomes effective May 1, 2005. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **call a special City Council meeting prior to May 1, 2005 to discuss and/or take action regarding rent increases at senior citizen housing projects**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Council Member Noguez left his seat at 8:16 p.m.

Council Member Gomez left his seat at 8:18 p.m.

Council Member Romo left her seat at 8:19 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 8:19 p.m.

The meeting was called to order in the Council Conference Room at 8:25 p.m. by Mayor Hernandez. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Elba Romo, Council Member Mario Gomez, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider the adoption of a Negative Declaration (Environmental Assessment) associated with the establishment of Underground Utility District No. 13. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Hernandez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Hernandez declared the public hearing closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-15. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, **ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 13** FOR THE UNDERGROUNDING OF EXISTING ELECTRICAL, TELEPHONE AND CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE CABLES ALONG ALAMEDA STREET BETWEEN SLAUSON AND GAGE AVENUES, AND ALONG SLAUSON AVENUE BETWEEN WILMINGTON AVENUE AND THE ALLEY EAST OF SANTA FE AVENUE was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-15, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to determine whether public necessity, health, safety or welfare requires the formation of Underground Utility District No. 13. The City Clerk reported that no written

communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Mayor Hernandez declared the public hearing open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Mayor Hernandez declared the public hearing closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-16. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **CREATING AND ESTABLISHING UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NUMBER 13** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-16, 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 Vice Mayor Guerrero for City Council to adopt a policy regarding City Council Liaisons with City Commissions. Vice Mayor Guerrero stated that she would like staff to establish a way for Liaisons to keep City Council informed and to amend current policy that if a City Council Member serving as a Liaison has three (3) consecutive absences from a Commission meeting, they will be replaced.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Gomez for discussion and/or action regarding the necessity of City Council Liaisons for various City Commissions.

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, for discussion on the two (2) items presented regarding City Council Liaisons and Commissions. Following a discussion, motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, to **appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee of Vice Mayor Guerrero and Council Member Gomez to explore the roles of City Commission Liaisons including the best reporting mechanisms and policy on absences from commission meetings**, 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 the **Youth Commission Survey on Teen Needs**. The Youth Commission displayed a Powerpoint presentation regarding a survey on Teen Needs and suggested future events.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Hernandez for discussion and/or action regarding the feasibility of a City newsletter. **There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez directed staff to incorporate a City newsletter into the City's budget, conduct a feasibility study, and report back to City Council.**

Director of Community Development Gray requested approval and adoption of the Strategic Plan for Downtown Management as a result of a Consumer Marketing Survey and Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats Analysis (SWOT). Business Development Supervisor Olivia Segura displayed a Powerpoint presentation on the Strategic Plan for Downtown Management. Sharon Lee, member of the Downtown Huntington Park Task Force, informed City Council that the Strategic Plan process was successful. Andy Molina, member of the Downtown Huntington Park Task Force, asked City Council to approve the Strategic Plan as presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, to **approve and adopt the Strategic Plan for Downtown Management**, 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 for discussion and/or action the Draft Five Year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Year 2005-2010 and the Draft Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2005-2006. Karen Warner displayed a Powerpoint presentation regarding this item. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to **receive and file the Draft Five Year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Year 2005-2010 and the Draft Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2005-2006**, 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 approval of the Ad-Hoc Committee funding recommendations for proposed Community Development Block Grant

(CDBG) eligible Public Service projects for inclusion in the City of Huntington Park's 2005-2006 Annual Action Plan. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to approve the following Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) eligible Public Service projects for inclusion in the City of Huntington Park's 2005-2006 Annual Action Plan: 1) **Huntington Park Homework Center \$15,000**; 2) **Miles Avenue Reading Library Program \$10,000**; 3) **Y.M.C.A. School Age Program \$15,000**; 4) **Oldtimers Senior Age Program \$40,000**; 5) **St. Francis Medical Center Foundation \$5,000**; 6) **Huntington Park Parks and Recreation After School Youth Program \$60,000**; 7) **Graffiti Removal Program \$110,000**; 8) **Southeast Churches Services Center Emergency Food Program \$10,000**; 9) **Middleton Elementary Mariachi Cielo Nuevo \$5,000**; and 10) **Firebaugh's Children Free Dental Clinic \$15,000**, 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 requested approval of the artwork to be installed in the children's section of the Huntington Park Library; authorize the expenditure of \$5,000 from the City Art Fund for the mural; and authorize staff to enter into agreements with the artists and Los Angeles County for the creation and installation of the mural, subject to City Attorney approval. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to approve the following: 1) **the artwork to be installed in the children's section of the Huntington Park Library**; 2) **the expenditure of \$5,000 from the City Art Fund for the mural**; and 3) **staff to enter into agreements with the artists and Los Angeles County for the creation and installation of the mural**, subject to City Attorney approval, 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. Motion by Romo, seconded by Gomez, to **appoint Dante D'Eramo to the Arts and Culture Commission to fill an unexpired term ending September 2, 2006**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None. Dante D'Eramo thanked City Council for appointing him to the Arts and Culture Commission and briefed City Council regarding his future plans as a commissioner.

Council Member Noguez left his seat at 9:50 p.m. and returned at 9:52 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-18. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF REVENUE COLLECTIONS SUPERVISOR was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-18, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-19. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE DOWNTOWN HUNTINGTON PARK BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-19, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-17. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT DESMOND J. FITZGERALD IS DISABLED AND INCAPACITATED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF POLICE SERGEANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISABILITY RETIREMENT was presented. **There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez continued this item to the next City Council meeting.**

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

ORDINANCE NO. 745-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 6-1.215 OF CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 6 OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO **FEEES FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 745-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 745-NS be introduced and approved for first reading with the noted modification on Page 2, Section 1 (6), changing 25% to **50%**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m., in memory of the following: 1) Richard Thomas, parishioner and active member of the Choir of Saint Matthias Catholic Church; 2) Lucy Sanchez, wife of Lazaro Sanchez active member of the Huntington Park Community; 3) Rose Franklin, Aunt of City Manager Gregory D. Korduner; and 4) John Paul II, 264th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church.

City Attorney Leal stated that closed session subjects will be postponed to the next City Council meeting.

Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk