

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, May 2, 2005.

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

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

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 18, 2005.

**Deny claim filed by Jesus Cardenas**, Date of Incident: February 21, 2005 and refer to the City Attorney and the City's insurance administrator.

#### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Approve the Payroll Demands dated May 2, 2005.

**Accept City of Huntington Park Single Audit and Financial Statements of the Community Development Commission (CDC)** by Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. LLP.

#### ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**Award contract to Sully-Miller Contracting Co.**, 1100 E. Orangethorpe Avenue, Suite 200, Anaheim, 92801, in the amount of \$305,234 **for Improvement of Alleys at Various Locations**, (Project No. 05-002). This will be funded from the Gas Tax Fund Account 221-4010-431.73-10.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**Approve Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Kids Coaster Amusements**, to use the field portion of City's Municipal Park located at Westside Park, 2061 East Gage Avenue, for the purpose of conducting a Carnival from May 26 through May 30, 2005.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Council Member Romo for discussion and/or action regarding the possible closure of the City of Angels School. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, **to authorize staff to send a letter to the Board of Education opposing the closure of the City of Angels School**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Council Member Romo that expenditures exceeding \$5000 be placed on the agenda under "Regular Items" and not "Consent Calendar" with the exception of payroll demands. **There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez so ordered that expenditures exceeding \$5000 be placed on the agenda under "Regular Items" with the exception of payroll demands.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from Mayor Hernandez for the use of Westside Park to conduct a fundraiser on Saturday, May 28, 2005 by Francisco Mendoza from Porvenir Latino Newspaper and waiver of fees associated with the event. **Mayor Hernandez requested this item be continued to the next City Council meeting.**

City Attorney Leal 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); and pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION, Name of case: Name of case: Elena Arreola vs. The City of Huntington Park, Case No. BC 331079. Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the Planning Conference Room at 6:47 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, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez and Council Member Elba Romo.

April Shuck, Coordinator of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), presented plaques for service against DUI violators in the City to Police Officer Jesus Verdiell and Police Officer Carlos Garcia; and a special presentation to the Huntington Park Police Department.

Presentation by Raymond Cordova of the California State Board of Equalization regarding Homeowners/Renters Assistance Program. Mr. Cordova briefed City Council regarding the program and encouraged senior citizens to apply for the Homeowners/Renters Assistance. Mr. Cordova expressed his willingness to work with the community and distributed Homeowner and Renter Assistance Claim booklets.

Council Member Romo arrived and took her seat at 7:09 p.m.

Council Member Gomez arrived and took his seat at 7:10 p.m.

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.

Enrique Murillo urged City Council to help the senior citizens from Casa Bonita with their rent increases.

Norma Montero, Librarian at the Huntington Park Library, presented Vice Mayor Guerrero and Council Member Romo with a VIP library card and invited City Council to attend a Cinco De Mayo celebration with music and poetry at the Huntington Park Library on Saturday, May 7, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.

Nancy Ahlswede, Executive Director of Apartment Association, commended City

Council for following the City Attorney's recommendation in regards to the Casa Bonita rent matters.

Ronald Garcia, representing the Salvation Army Southeast Corps, invited City Council to tour the Salvation Army facility on Friday, May 24 or Sunday, May 26, 2005. Mr. Garcia informed City Council of the meals served daily at the Salvation Army.

Jorge Morales, representing Fiesta Taxi, encouraged City Council to contact State Assembly Member Fabian Nuñez's office to obtain information regarding assistance programs available to residents from Casa Bonita.

Don Brabant addressed City Council on behalf of the Casa Bonita property owner to thank City Council for their decision in regards to the Casa Bonita rent matters.

Estela Gomez, Chair of the American Cancer Society 2005 Southeast Cities Relay for Life, encouraged everyone to participate in the Relay for Life at Huntington Park High School on June 4 and 5, 2005. Mrs. Gomez also invited everyone to attend the Southeast Cities 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gala for Life Charity Ball at Leonardo's on Tuesday, May 17, 2005.

Monica Cobia, property owner in Huntington Park, thanked City Council for not establishing rent control in the City.

Lazaro Sanchez addressed his concerns to City Council regarding lack of parking on streets and the trash collection schedule. Mr. Sanchez asked City Council to consider issuing parking permits and to change current signage to read from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. instead of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to reflect the new schedule for trash collection. Mayor Hernandez referred Mr. Sanchez to Director of Field Services Poole.

Dr. Dina Lopez, President of the Huntington Park Lions Club, informed City Council of the success of the Huntington Park Lions Club 2nd Annual Community Health Fair and thanked them for their support.

Angel Nieves, representing the Huntington Park Sister Cities Association, thanked Mayor Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Dante D'Eramo, Executive Manager of the Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce for inviting him to the Carnaval Primavera. Mr. Nieves also thanked Council Member Gomez, and Assistant Chief of Police Peeler for donating vehicles and computers to the Sister Cities. Mr. Nieves requested release of the vehicles and a location where the Huntington Park Sister Cities Association can do business in the City.

Norma Bolivar, addressed City Council to request approval to use Salt Lake Park to feature a short film.

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

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Annual Action Plan. 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. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to **adopt the Fiscal Year 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan and Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Annual Action Plan**, 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 Mayor Hernandez to establish an Education Commission and a Health Commission. A doctor expressed his interest in the Health Commission and stated that Dr. Englanoff is also interested since he has been involved in keeping the Community and Mission Hospitals in the City. Linda Guevara expressed her concerns regarding the establishment of a Health and Education Commission. Following a discussion, motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **establish a Health and Education Commission and direct staff to prepare the necessary documents**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: Council Members Gomez and Romo; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested acceptance of the Preliminary

Hospital Analysis by The Camden Group as completion of Phase I of the hospital study; and for the Hospital Ad-Hoc Committee to explore the City's continued involvement in the hospital issue and report findings and recommendations to the City Council. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **accept the Preliminary Hospital Analysis by The Camden Group as completion of Phase I of the hospital study; and for the Hospital Ad-Hoc Committee to continue to monitor the hospital issue and report findings and recommendations to the City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-20. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, **SUPPORTING VOLUNTARY, QUALITY PRESCHOOL FOR ALL 4-YEAR OLDS IN CALIFORNIA** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-20, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-21. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 26384** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-21, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-22. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 1222 REMOTE AIR POLLUTION SENSING PROGRAM FOR RAILROAD LOCOMOTIVES (JONES); ASSEMBLY BILL 888 RAILROAD-YARD EQUIPMENT EMISSION REDUCTION PROGRAM (DE LA TORRE); AND SENATE BILL 459 LOCOMOTIVE AIR POLLUTION MITIGATION PROGRAM (ROMERO)** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Guerrero, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-22, 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 **FEES FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES** was read by title. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 745-NS for second reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 693-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 requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957 for PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE. Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into closed session to be held immediately in the adjoining conference room at 8:29 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 9:08 p.m. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez.

City Attorney Leal reported out the following on the closed session items: 1) the matters regarding Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, no action was taken; 2) the matter regarding Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation, a status report was provided; and 3) the matter regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, direction was given to the City Manager.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m., in memory of James Charles Chavez, Brother-in-law of Yazmin Chavez, Secretary.

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Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk