

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, April 16, 2007.

Following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the meeting was called to order in the Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. by Vice Mayor Gomez. Present: Council Member Ofelia Hernandez, Vice Mayor Mario Gomez, and Council Member Juan R. Noguez. Absent: Council Member Elba Romo and Mayor Elba Guerrero.

Vice Mayor Gomez stated that Mayor Guerrero could not attend the meeting due to her attendance at a conference in Sacramento for City business.

City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to the following Huntington Park High School students who participated in the City's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Student Government Day: Jonathan Diaz; Carlos Galdamez; Herminia Mazariegos; Alex Oliva; William Ramirez; Yurby Rivas; and Christian Vazquez. The Huntington Park High School students thanked City Council and City staff for allowing them to participate in the City's Student Government Day.

Vice Mayor Gomez presented a Proclamation declaring April 22, 2007 as Earth Day in the City of Huntington Park to Joseph Rasmussen, Recycling Coordinator for the City of Huntington Park.

Recycling Coordinator Joseph Rasmussen presented Earth Day poster Contest Awards to the following: 1) Category 1-Kindergarten through Second Grade: 3rd Place-Leilani Celis, 1st Grade student at Pacific Boulevard Elementary; 2nd Place-Victor Rios, 2nd Grade student at San Antonio Elementary School; and 1st Place-Ashley Mejia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade student at San Antonio Elementary School; 2) Category 2-Third Grade through Fifth Grade: 3rd Place-Stephanie Bonilla, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade student at Miles Avenue Elementary School; 2nd Place-Juan Carlos Robles, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade student at Middleton Elementary School; and 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Joshua Rodriguez, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade student at St. Matthias Elementary School; and 3) Honorable Mention-Jasmine Galdamez, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade student at Hope Street Elementary School.

Chief of Police Trevis presented awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) to Huntington Park Police Officers Jose Mares and Martin Magallanes and displayed a plaque issued by MADD to the Huntington Park Police Department in recognition of their 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of apprehensions.

Council Member Noguez presented a Certificate of Recognition to John Wesley Community Health Institute (JWCH) for their outstanding teamwork, exceptional service and resolute commitment to the residents of Huntington Park. Executive Director of JWCH thanked City Council for the recognition and informed City Council that they are currently looking for a school site in the City.

Vice Mayor Gomez 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.

Richard V. Loya, Chairman of the Health and Education Commission, addressed City Council in efforts to create awareness regarding the crystal methamphetamine epidemic and encouraged everyone to attend a meeting with the Los Angeles Department of Health Services to educate the community regarding the health hazards caused by crystal methamphetamine at Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 721, on Tuesday April 17, 2007 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Elisa Rudolph-Perez, Legislative Ambassador for American Cancer Society, informed City Council that the annual educational forum associated with the National Multicultural

Cancer Awareness Week will take place at the City of Bell Community Center on Saturday, April 21, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Rudolph-Perez stated that she is currently lobbying for better health care and services from the State of California.

Betty Retama addressed her concern to City Council regarding a prior request to eliminate decorative lighting in the City. Ms. Retama also stated that the annual carnivals are an inconvenience to the community and asked City Council to reconsider allowing these events.

Zaira Miranda and Jacob Delgado, college students, addressed City Council to request assistance for fundraising to study abroad in Shanghai, China.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requested approval of a facility use agreement with Huntington Park Sister Cities Association for a Cinco de Mayo celebration at Salt Lake Park on Saturday, May 5, 2007, subject to City Attorney approval; and waiver of fees for the rental of the facility. Andy Molina, representing Huntington Park Sister Cities Association, addressed City Council to request approval of an agreement to have a Cinco de Mayo celebration at Salt Lake Park on Saturday, May 5, 2007 and waiver of fees associated with the event. Following a discussion, motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve a facility use agreement with Huntington Park Sister Cities Association for a Cinco de Mayo celebration at Salt Lake Park on Saturday, May 5, 2007 and for the City to co-sponsor the event, and waiver of fees, subject to City Attorney approval**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo and Mayor Guerrero.

Enrique Murillo, representing Huntington Park Sister Cities Association, addressed City Council regarding a Cinco de Mayo celebration and invited everyone to attend the event.

Vice Mayor Gomez 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 approval of the City of Huntington Park Analysis of Impediments for fair housing choice. The City Clerk reported that no written communications had been received in the Office of the City Clerk. Vice Mayor Gomez declared the **public hearing** open and called for oral communications and hearing none, Vice Mayor Gomez declared the public hearing closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-22. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **ADOPTING THE ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-22, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo and Mayor Guerrero.

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

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, April 2, 2007.

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 April 16, 2007.

**Adopt the City's Investment Policy Statement for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.**

**Authorize staff to issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for Auditing Services.**

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Guerrero to send a letter of support for Assembly Bill 178, promote equity in California Public Schools. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Gomez, to **authorize staff to send a letter of support for Assembly Bill 178, promote equity in California Public Schools**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo and Mayor Guerrero.

City Manager Korduner requested discussion and/or action to reschedule the City Council Meeting of Monday, May 21, 2007 to Monday, June 4, 2007. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Noguez, to **reschedule the City Council Meeting of Monday, May 21, 2007 to Monday, June 4, 2007**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo and Mayor Guerrero.

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging call for nominations for honorees to participate in the 42nd Annual Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) Awards Program on Wednesday, May 30, 2007. **There being no objection, City Council unanimously nominated Elena Arreola as the City's honoree for the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) Awards Program on Wednesday, May 30, 2007**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo and Mayor Guerrero.

Director of Community Development Gray presented a recommendation by the Business Improvement District (BID) to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$26,081.59 from the BID fund for the purchase, installation, and removal of decorative banners throughout the BID and in the Civic Center along Miles Avenue. **Following a discussion, Vice Mayor Gomez so ordered this item be continued.**

Assistant City Engineer Fu requested that Project No. 07-001, Salt Lake Park Improvement of: Tennis, Basketball and Volleyball Courts, be awarded to Malibu Pacific-Tennis Courts Inc. of Westlake Village in the amount of \$243,140. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **award Project No. 07-001, Salt Lake Park Improvement of: Tennis, Basketball and Volleyball Courts, to Malibu Pacific-Tennis Courts Inc. of Westlake Village in the amount of \$243,140**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo and Mayor Guerrero.

Chief of Police Trevis requested appointment of Youth Commissioners. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Gomez, to **appoint the following individuals to the Youth Commission for a one (1) year term expiring April 16, 2008: 1) Carlos Gomez; 2) Ellie Argueta; 3) Marian Gutierrez; 4) Andrea Mora; and 5) Ryan Perez**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo and Mayor Guerrero.

Chief of Police Trevis presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from the Community and Senior Services of Los Angeles County requesting a letter of support of Adult Protective Services (APS) Program by increasing State funding. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Hernandez, to **approve the request from the Community and Senior Services of Los Angeles County for the City to send a letter in support of Adult Protective Services (APS) Program by increasing State funding**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo and Mayor Guerrero.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-23. 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 Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-23, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo and Mayor Guerrero.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-24. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING FINAL PARCEL MAP NO. 68024** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-24, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo and Mayor Guerrero.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-25. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **FIXING THE RATE OF TAXES TO PAY THE COST OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 AND LEVYING TAXES FOR SAID RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2007** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Hernandez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-25, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo and Mayor Guerrero.

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-26. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPOINTING A HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONER AND DESIGNATING THE APPOINTMENT TERM FOR ALL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS** was presented. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Gomez, to adopt Resolution No. 2007-26, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo and Mayor Guerrero.

City Attorney Leal requested City Council to approve a settlement agreement for Case Name: Venegas v. City of Huntington Park, as listed in **closed session**: pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, EXISTING LITIGATION: Name of case: Venegas v. City of Huntington Park. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to approve a **settlement agreement for Case Name: Venegas v. City of Huntington Park**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Noguez, and Vice Mayor Gomez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Romo and Mayor Guerrero.

Vice Mayor Gomez declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m., in memory of Jesus Contreras, uncle of City of Huntington Park Mayor Elba Guerrero and Felix Rubalcava, longtime resident of the City of Huntington Park.

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Mario Gomez, Vice Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk