

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, July 18, 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 Guerrero, seconded by Romo, 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.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, July 5, 2005.

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 date July 18, 2005.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Approve Third Amendment to License Agreement between the City of Huntington Park, the **Harbor Area Farmers Markets, and the First Congregational Church of Long Beach** to use Salt Lake Park for the purpose of conducting a certified Farmers Market for a term ending August 15, 2006.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – Received and filed.

Engineering Department **status report** and recommendation to **regulate news racks** within the public right-of-way.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action Employment and Labor Relations Attorney Services. Motion by Hernandez, seconded by Guerrero, for City Council

interview the top four (4) law firms for the Employment and Labor Relations Attorney Services, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Director of Community Development Gray requested authorization for Mayor Hernandez to sign and send letters to State and Federal legislative area representatives regarding Senior Citizen Affordable Housing. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to authorize Mayor Hernandez to sign and **send letters to the State and Federal legislative area representatives regarding the Senior Citizen Affordable Housing**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

Director of Community Development Gray presented for discussion and/or action the First Amendment to the Commercial Lease Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and El Gallo Giro on a month-to-month basis for the public right-of-way. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **approve the First Amendment to the Commercial Lease Agreement** between the City of Huntington Park and El Gallo Giro on a month-to-month basis for the public right-of-way located at the northeast corner of Florence Avenue and Pacific Boulevard, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

City Attorney Leal requested the City Council resolve into a **closed session** for Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation pursuant to California Government Code Subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9 (1). Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting resolved into a closed session at 6:40 p.m. City Clerk Ramirez was excused from the closed session.

Following the closed session the meeting was recessed at 6:58 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 Hernandez. Present: Council Member Juan R. Noguez, Vice Mayor Elba Guerrero, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: Council Member Mario Gomez.

Chief of Police Narramore introduced and presented new badges to the following Police Officers that were recently promoted to Lieutenants and Sergeants and a recently appointed Reserve Police Officer: Lieutenant Lee Alirez, Lieutenant Cosme Lozano; Sergeant Alvaro Murillo (not present); Sergeant Ronald Davis; Sergeant David Sanford (not present); Sergeant Joseph Settles (not present); and Reserve Officer Mario Bojorquez. Lt. Alirez and Lt. Lozano thanked Chief of Police Narramore and the City Council for their support and opportunity to serve the community.

Mayor Hernandez presented Certificates of Recognition to Gage Middle School students Julio Salazar and Esao Sanchez for winning 2nd Place in the Mathematics Engineering, Science Achievement Program (MESA) National Engineering Design Competition; and to their instructors Lawrence Lu, MESA Advisor and Enrique Salgado, CSULA MESA Director.

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 Olguin, representative of the Tenant Association of Huntington Park, presented a letter requesting City Council to enact a municipal code which would allow for no more than a 4% annual rent increase to assist senior citizens in the community.

Bill Floyd from Best Best & Krieger, LLP, addressed City Council and stated that he was pleased to be a finalist and looked forward to an interview with City Council for his company to provide the City with labor relations legal services.

Jeff Friedman from Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, addressed City Council and stated he looked forward to the opportunity to meet with City Council regarding his company's ability to provide the City with labor relations legal services.

Two (2) women requested City Council support and assistance regarding the many problems they have with their landlord who has increased their rent without making any repairs to their dwellings.

Nick Ioannidis addressed City Council and requested their support for Immigrant Day on October 28, 2005.

A man representing Casa Bonita, requested City Council to help the senior citizens by enacting a municipal code prohibiting any rent increase of more than 4 % per year.

A woman requested City Council assistance regarding the problems with her landlord who gave her an eviction notice.

Miguel Parades, Organizer of Community Outreach from the Los Angeles Unified School District, informed City Council of the next Middle School No. 3, south region, site selection meeting to be held on August 31, 2005.

Ric Loya, informed City Council that he just returned from a workshop at Children's Hospital and expressed the importance for the City to start a Health and Education Commission to look into the issues of children in danger due to being present during raids of homes that have methamphetamine labs.

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

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published Resolution, this is the time and place set to consider the 2005 Local Implementation Report for the Congestion Management Program (CMP), and adoption of a resolution certifying the City's conformance with all elements of the CMP. 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. 2005-36A. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE **CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT**, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089 was presented. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-36A, 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 announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider extending the time period of existing Urgency Ordinance 752-NS, placing a moratorium on the issuance of any entitlement relating to schools, vocational schools and trade schools within the Central Business District (CBD) Land Use Area. 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 758-NS. AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA EXTENDING URGENCY ORDINANCE 752-NS WHICH ESTABLISHES A **MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF ANY ENTITLEMENT RELATING TO SCHOOLS, VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND TRADE SCHOOLS** WITHIN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD) LAND USE AREA was read by title. Following a discussion, City Council so ordered this Ordinance be **continued to next City Council meeting.**

City Clerk Ramirez announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider extending the time period of existing Urgency Ordinance 753-NS, placing a moratorium on the issuance of any permit, license, or other entitlement relating to check cashing businesses throughout the City of Huntington Park. 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 759-NS. AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA EXTENDING URGENCY ORDINANCE 753-NS

ESTABLISHING A **MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMIT, LICENSE, OR OTHER ENTITLEMENT RELATING TO CHECK CASHING BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK** was read by title. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Urgency Ordinance No. 759-NS for first and final reading be waived; and that Urgency Ordinance No. 759-NS be introduced and approved for first and final reading and adopted, 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 announced that in accordance with published notice, this is the time and place set to consider extending the time period of existing Urgency Ordinance 754-NS, repealing Municipal Code Title 9 Chapter 12 concerning sign regulations and adopting a new Chapter 12, concerning regulation of signs on private property and on certain public property and declaring the urgency thereof. 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 760-NS. AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK EXTENDING THE TIME PERIOD OF EXISTING URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 754-NS, REPEALING MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 9 CHAPTER 12 CONCERNING **SIGN REGULATIONS** AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 12, CONCERNING REGULATION OF **SIGNS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND ON CERTAIN PUBLIC PROPERTY** was read by title. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Urgency Ordinance No.760-NS for first and final reading be waived; and that Urgency Ordinance No.760-NS be introduced and approved for first and final reading and adopted, 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 a request from Mayor Hernandez for discussion and/or action regarding a presentation from Nestor Traffic Systems. Julie Dixon, a representative from Nestor Traffic Systems, gave City Council an overview of the company's traffic system. Following a discussion, motion by Romo, seconded by Guerrero, to authorize the City to **prepare and issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to companies that provide a traffic monitoring system**, 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 presents for discussion and/or action a request from Mayor Hernandez for a community survey to be conducted by the residents of Huntington Park regarding the services given by all City departments. Following a discussion, the City Council appointed an **Ad-Hoc Committee of Mayor Hernandez and Council Member Romo** to work with staff and **create a survey for residents and employees to evaluate the services that are provided by all City departments.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-37. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA **SUPPORTING IN HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES (IHSS) PROVIDERS, SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND OPPOSING PROPOSED STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-37, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-38. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK **APPROVING AND ADOPTING NEW CLASS SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF MANAGEMENT ANALYST – RECREATION** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Romo, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-38, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-39. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK APPROVING AND ADOPTING NEW **CLASS SPECIFICATIONS** FOR THE POSITION OF **RECORDS/IMAGING CLERK** was presented. Motion by Guerrero, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-39, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Member Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

ORDINANCE NO. 761-NS. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA REPEALING ORDINANCE 741A-NS WHICH ESTABLISHED CHAPTER 10 OF TITLE 2 OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND **LIMITATIONS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS** IN ITS ENTIRETY was read by title. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, that reading in full of Ordinance No. 761-NS for first reading be waived, and that Ordinance No. 761-NS be introduced and approved for first reading, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: Council Member Romo; Absent: Council Member Gomez.

City Attorney Leal reported out that on the closed session item regarding Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation no action was taken.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk