

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Huntington Park held Monday, August 15, 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 Mario Gomez, Council Member Elba Romo, and Mayor Ofelia Hernandez. Absent: None.

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Mayor Hernandez for a **status report** concerning the disposition of **Community and Mission Hospitals**. Joe Englanoff, M.D., informed City Council that the Community and Mission Hospitals are currently under negotiations. Edward Rubin, M.D. from Karykeicon, Inc. stated that he anticipates that the hospitals will be open for business by November 2005 offering the same services and that he will return to City Council with an update.

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 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 at 6:46 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 7:06 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.

Presentation by Martha Soto, Housing Coordinator from Fair Housing Foundation on available programs and services. Ms. Soto invited everyone to attend three (3) workshops to assist landlords and tenants in the City at the Huntington Park Library on September 1, 14, and September 27, 2005.

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.

Agustin Barajas, a representative from Oldtimers Foundation, addressed City Council in support of programs for tenants in the City living in substandard homes.

Pedro Olguin, representative of the Tenant Association of Huntington Park, asked City Council to look into different options to reduce rent increases for senior citizens in the City and modify the rental inspection program.

Delia Albor addressed her concerns to City Council regarding the uninhabitable conditions at her residence and displayed pictures. Mayor Hernandez referred Ms. Albor to Code Enforcement.

Rosa Meza informed City Council regarding a prior request to remove trash and a foul odor in the alley between Saturn and Florence Avenues and distributed pictures to City Council. Mayor Hernandez referred Ms. Meza to Code Enforcement.

Enrique Murillo requested status of new restrooms at the Senior Citizen Park. City Manager Korduner reported that the design for the Senior Citizen Park is on this agenda for approval.

Dante D'Eramo, Executive Manager of The Huntington Park Chamber of Commerce, invited City Council, City Staff, and the community to attend the City's Centennial Kickoff celebration at the Civic Center Park on Thursday, September 1, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, 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 special meeting of the City Council held Monday, August 1, 2005.

Approve minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held Monday, August 1, 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 August 15, 2005.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**Authorize staff to complete detail design of the Huntington Park Community Center Project with the Restroom for the Senior Citizen Park, Project No. 06-014, and authorize staff to solicit bids.**

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

City Clerk Ramirez presented for discussion and/or action a request from the League of California Cities for appointment of a Member of the City Council as a voting delegate and alternate for the 2005 Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, October 8, 2005 at the San Francisco Moscone Convention Center West. There being no objection, Mayor Hernandez **appointed Council Member Noguez as a voting delegate and Council Member Gomez as the alternate for the 2005 Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, October 8, 2005 at the San Francisco Moscone Convention Center West.**

City Clerk Ramirez presented a request from Vice Mayor Guerrero for discussion and/or action to initiate appointments to the Health and Education Commission. Following a discussion, motion by Guerrero, seconded by Romo, to **open up the application period for the Health and Education Commission**, 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 a request from Mayor Hernandez for discussion and/or action regarding Senior Citizen Affordable Housing and rent increases. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Romo, to **direct staff to investigate the feasibility of restrictions on rent increases of State and Federal funded buildings in the City and report back to City Council**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action the Amendment to the Agreement for Lobbying Services between the City of Huntington Park and Legislative Advocacy Group, Inc. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the Amendment to the Agreement for Lobbying Services between the City of Huntington Park and Legislative Advocacy Group, Inc.**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

City Manager Korduner presented for discussion and/or action correspondence from the League of California Cities regarding the City's participation in the 2005 Annual Conference City Flag Display, October 6, 2005, in the City of San Francisco, and designation of a City official. **There being no objection, Council Members Noguez and Gomez**

**volunteered to represent the City at the 2005 Annual Conference City Flag Display, October 6, 2005, in the City of San Francisco.**

Director of Community Development Gray requested discussion and/or action regarding implementing Rental Housing Programs. Marial Sanders, Planning Commissioner, stated that if tenants, landlords, and the City work together the Rental Housing Programs will work. Motion by Romo, seconded by Gomez, to **approve the implementation of Rental Housing Programs**, 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 requests that Project No. 05-013, Reconstruct Parking Lot at West End of Recreation Building, be awarded to Nobest, Inc. in the amount of \$190,000.00. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Guerrero, to **award contract to Nobest, Inc. in the amount of \$190,000 for Project No. 05-013, Reconstruct Parking Lot at West End of Recreation Building**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa presented for discussion and/or action a letter from Diane Spalding requesting reappointment to the Arts and Culture Commission, in addition to two (2) applications on file from Efren Martinez and Christina Toro. Motion by Noguez, seconded by Gomez, to **reappoint Diane Spalding to the Arts and Culture Commission to fill a (4) four year term expiring September 2, 2009**, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Member Noguez, Vice Mayor Guerrero, Council Members Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: None.

Director of Parks and Recreation Espinosa requests approval of a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Meta 2000 to conduct "El Grito" on September 15, 2005, subject to City Attorney approval. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Romo, to **approve a Facility Use Agreement between the City of Huntington Park and Meta 2000 to conduct "El Grito" on September 15, 2005, 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-42. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2002-91 AND AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2002-53 **PERTAINING TO MEETING DAYS AND TIME FOR THE YOUTH COMMISSION** was presented. Motion by Gomez, seconded by Noguez, to adopt Resolution No. 2005-42, carried as follows: Ayes: Council Members Noguez, Gomez, Romo, and Mayor Hernandez; Noes: None; Absent: Vice Mayor Guerrero.

City Attorney Leal reported the following on the closed session items: 1) the matter regarding Conference with Labor Negotiators, no action was taken and a status report was provided by staff; and 2) the matter regarding Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, no action was taken.

Mayor Hernandez declared the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m., in memory of Yung-Lin Fu, Father of Assistant City Engineer Patrick Fu.

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Ofelia Hernandez, Mayor

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Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk